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By Yusufu S. Bangura

With funding from Shared Vision Organisation based in the United Kingdom, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) have called on all political parties to award them symbols to contest the June 24th general elections.

They made the call on Saturday, 18th March, during the launch of the Persons with Disabilities Agenda for the 2023 Multitier Elections at Campbell Street in Freetown.

The said agenda captures what persons with disabilities desire political parties to include in their manifestos before, during and after the 2023 elections.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan G. Koroma

One of the leading GSM providers in the country, Africell, last Friday, presented cash prize of NLe75, 000 to three lucky winners of their ongoing 'win kopo' promotion. The three lucky winners received NLe25, 000 each.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony at the Wilberforce Village Head Office, Assistant Communications Manager, Abdul Aziz Kamara, stated that the promotion has daily, weekly and monthly draws, noting that points are calculated from every recharge done by a subscribers.

He stated that the more a subscriber recharges, the more chances they have in the daily electronic draw. He explained that when a subscriber recharges he or she will receive a questioner SMS from Africell and that they can participate by answering the question or dial *4888# or send start to 4888 for only Nle80 cents daily,

He said the promotion has a weekly draw of NLe5, 000, monthly of NLe25, 000, and a grand prize of NLe250, 000 at the end of the promotion.

Speaking after receiving the cheque of NLe25, 000, one of the winners Saliue Koroma, who identified himself as a traffic warden, said he

Africell doles out over NLe 75,000 to winners of 'win kopo' promo



couldn't believe when he first received the call from Africell that he had won such money.

"Even when I told my friends that I have won from the Africell 'win kopo' promotion they didn't believe me.

They told me the call was faked and it comes from 419ers but this is reality," he said.

PWDs lobby political parties for party symbols

From Cover

"As disability organisations in Sierra Leone, we are calling on all political parties to award symbols to us in winnable areas. Also, political parties should make commitment for the appointment of PWDs in cabinet and other parastatals after the 2023 elections, to make the inclusion and participation of PWDs in all political parties visible," they pleaded.

Speaking to pressmen during the launch, Executive Director for Shared Vision Organisation, Mohamed Sanusie Sesay, said the organisation was set up to assist building the capacity of disable people in Sierra Leone.

He added that his organisation works with smaller charities and social enterprises that consider sourcing of funds to help disables achieve their mission.

He cited political violence and discrimination meted against PWDs in Sierra Leone and called for action that would stop or minimise discrimination.

Sesay said Sierra Leone is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and one section of the law

speaks against discrimination of PWDs.

He continued that both the former and present government have done a lot to make sure that persons with disabilities are respected; adding that without the implementation of the PWD Act, discrimination against disable people would still continue to hinder their progress.

"Discrimination against persons with disabilities is still flourishing in our country despite the fact that laws have been enacted to minimize it. We want to give reason why they have failed to implement the laws on discrimination because the National Commission that was set up to take that responsibility is under-resourced and under-funded," he said.

He said they have also failed to implement the laws because there was conflict among leaders of the disable community.

"I am calling on all Sierra Leoneans, government, political parties and development partners to support our PWD manifesto agenda for people to take our demand to end

discrimination seriously because you can be born as a man and remain so for the rest of your life, but there is no grantee that you can be born as able body and die without experiencing disability," he noted.

Speaking on the gains and challenges PWDs experienced over the years in the implementation of the PWDs Act of 2011, Acting President of Sierra Leone Union on Disability Issues (SLUDI), Saliue Turay, said the government has introduced livelihood support with direct cash transfers to PWDs, includes disability issues into the Mid-Term Development Plan document, among others.

He said PWDs are still faced with challenges that are yet to be resolved wherein the governance process is not disability inclusive, as nobody with disability is appointed into ministerial or ambassadorial and other parastatals.

He continued that PWDs lack permanent Disability Certificate to prove their disability which is a violation of section 7(1) (a) 2011, as they continue to struggle to benefit from the free health care services as



provided for in section 17 of the PWD Act of 2011.

SLUDI's Acting President added that in Section 14 (1) of the PWDs Act of 2011 dictates that, all persons with disabilities in tertiary institutions should be entitled to free tertiary education, but noted that such has not been fully achieved as only tuition fees and other charges from the tertiary institutions are paid.

"We are proffering the following recommendations for all political parties' manifestoes commitments that permanent Disability Certificate be given to all PWDs as evidence of their disabilities, to create disability units in all government ministries, as provided for in Section 39 of the PWDs Act of 2011 among others," he recommended.



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LOCAL NEWS Afro International organizes raffle for four lucky MoneyGram customers

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Afro International has on Saturday, 18th March, 2023, conducted its grand raffle draw for their customers, who send and receive money through MoneyGram and presented prizes to the luck winners.

The grand draw title "Win Big Campaign" took place at Afro International, Rawdon Street, attracted a host of customers who had won initial prizes before, and qualified to take part in the grand raffle draw and some members of the public as well.

Explaining more about the draw, the Manager at Afro International, Mayur Jadhvani said the essence of the raffle is to motivate their customers who are sending and receiving money through Money Gram.

The draw, he said, started three months ago, but "today is the grand draw, where people have the opportunity to win freezers and televisions, prior to what they have been winning.

As a company operating in the

country, Mr Jadhvani said they wanted to give back to the people and by organizing such a raffle, it had benefited some families, as they planned to continue with such promotion in order to add value to their customers.

One of the winners of the "32 inches LG Plasma Television" Pastor

Deborah Godwin started by thanking God for such a win.

According to her, she has been using money Gram to send and receive money all these years, and as a result of that, she has been rewarded through the work of God, by winning a plasma television.

"I'm very happy for the win, and to be the first woman that has woman," she said.



The four lucky Money Gram customers

Mohamed Sheriff, happened to be one of the winners, that won the freezer. He thanked Afro International and Money Gram for giving him such an opportunity to have won a fridge.

Mr. Sheriff said he has family members oversea, who have been sending money for him through Money Gram, and also he has been making use of the platform by also sending money to other people

abroad.

He described the process as fair and transparent one, wherein the lucky person will be chosen and have the opportunity to spin the board. This is not the first time I'm winning, but today is the first to winner a freezer."

Four lucky winners, who had been sending and receiving money from Afro International and Money Gram, happened to win, two plasma televisions and freezers.

Man remanded for receiving a stolen military ambulance

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Thirty-Seven-year-old Prince Kamara, an auto mechanic, made his first appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road Court No.1 in Freetown on one count charge of receiving stolen goods contrary to section 33 (1) of the Larceny Act 1916. According to the particulars of offence, on Monday 26th September 2022, at Waterloo, the accused did receive a Military Toyota Land Gusher Ambulance with registration

number 70SL79 valued three million, three hundred thousand Leones (3,3000,000) from Josy Koroma, knowing same to have been stolen, property of the Sierra Leone Armed Forces.

Umaru Kekekura Turay, a military officer attached at the 34 Military Hospital as transport officer, testified in court.

He testified that he only recognized the accused standing in the dock in respect of the case and also recalled on the 26 September 2022 when he was

at the above said hospital he received a call from his boss.

He said his boss asked him to assist with an ambulance for a certain government minister whose name was never mentioned in court.

He testified that his boss gave his number to the said minister and that they spoke and he told him to buy 130 liters of fuel.

He said he gave the ambulance to one Koroma SI, a military driver and that he later received a call from the driver

that the ambulance had been hijacked at Waterloo.

He said upon hearing that information he contacted his boss and informed him about what had happened and that they went to the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) to make report.

He said they were referred to the cybercrime unit where they traced the accused and arrested him.

The accused was remanded in custody at the Male Correctional Centre at Pademba Road in Freetown and the matter was adjourned to the 3rd of April 2023 for further hearing.

Top 10 happiest countries in Africa

Once again, the list of the world's happiest countries has been released shedding light on the nations where people enjoy the highest levels of well-being and satisfaction with their lives.

The World Happiness Report, a publication of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, has used statistical analysis to determine the world's happiest countries.

The ranking considers a range of economic, social, and environmental factors, and offers insights into what makes a country a great place to live.

A CNN report on this year's release indicates that benevolence is about 25% higher than it was pre-pandemic.

"Benevolence to others, especially the helping of strangers, which went up dramatically in 2021, stayed high in 2022," John Helliwell, one of the authors of the World Happiness Report, said in an interview with CNN.

And global happiness has not taken a hit in the

three years of the Covid-19 pandemic. Life evaluations from 2020 to 2022 have been "remarkably resilient," the report says, with global averages basically in line with the three years preceding the pandemic.

In this article, we will delve into the latest findings focusing on the top 10 happiest countries in Africa.

Find below the top 10 happiest countries in Africa:

1. MAURITIUS
2. LIBYA
3. IVORY COAST
4. SOUTH AFRICA
5. GAMBIA
6. ALGERIA
7. LIBERIA
8. CONGO
9. MOROCCO
10. MOZAMBIQUE



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LOCAL NEWS

By Alfred Koroma
 "Good road network improves and gives access to a community," the words of an indigene in Hill-Top Community as he gladly appreciates a donation of nearly a dozen bags of cement, cash and other items from Musa Sankoh, aspirant for the symbol of APC Parliamentary Seat in Constituency 117.

Mr Sankoh or Fidel Castro, as he is also popularly known, made the donation during the weekend on the 19th March as support to the Hill-Top road construction, a project entirely undertaken by the people in the community. Fidel Castro's latest donation follows a similar one he made in Kuntorloh Community the week before and much other support he has given to various community development projects within Constituency 117.

While receiving the donation from the aspirant on Sunday, New Site Community Chairman, Dauda Kamara described Mr. Sankoh's support to Hill-Top Community road project as a legacy that will live on to benefit even the upcoming generations.

"This donation is a legacy that will go a long way to benefit this community. It will benefit even the children born today, he said. "They will grow up and meet a paved road, enjoying the benefit of a support received from Mr. Sankoh. This is the best way to help an entire

APC parliamentary aspirant supports community road projects

community, he added, praying for continued elevation of the aspirant.

The New Site Community Chairman further disclosed that Fidel Castro has not only been supporting road projects, he is also one of the philanthropists strongly supporting the construction of their mosque. "We feel very happy to have him and May God continue to elevate him for us."

"This is a very big boost to our community project. This cement and water will take us far in this project," added another stakeholder in the Community, Abdulai Dumbuya, Chairman, Hill-Top Ataya Base.

"We call on authorities in charge of awarding symbols to look at candidates who are ready to work with their communities and those who the people want as representatives. Imagine man like Mr Sankoh has not got any public position and he is willingly helping the community. These are the kinds of people we want as representatives in governance," Dumbuya explained.

Hill Top is a very deprived community in the East of Freetown. Apart from the poor road network, the community is also challenged with access to water, electricity and healthcare

facilities.

But one of the residents, Mustapha J Conteh, who is serving as project committee coordinator for the construction of their road believes having a better road network will eventually open up their community to further development.

"We are having electricity and water constrains. But maybe if we have a good road network, we might have more people coming in to help with those other amenities, he said: "Good road network improves and gives access to a community."

As a community, he said good road network is what they really want, the reason they came together to construct the road while hoping for support from any philanthropist.

"This road project will push our community forward," he stated, thanking Mr Sankoh his donation and saying: "We trust him and we are always willing to work with him."

Musa Sankoh or Fidel Castro, the aspirant for the Parliamentary seat of the main opposition party All People's Congress as is a comfortable public speaker that is speedily gaining the trust of the people of Constituency 117, especially the youth. For him, supporting the



youth and community development is a fundamental civic responsibility.

He is also passionate about quality representation in the legislative house which he believes can enhance accountability and promote effective economic and social development in the country. It brings about truthful leadership and a lot of other things that have to do with community progress, he told Concord Times in an interview over a week ago.

While presenting his donation to Hill-Top Community, Sankoh called for more support to the community road project. To do good, he said does not require one to get much. "You just need to squeeze out of the little you have and do something for your community. As I have always said, this is a civic responsibility."

A lot of accident has taken place along the Hill Top community road as a result of the bad nature of the road, he added, emphasizing the need for more support to construct the road.

By Alusine Sesay



President Julius Maada Bio on Saturday, March 18th, officially performed the kick-off ceremony of the grand finale of Leone Rock's 2023 "One Nation Tournament" which was contested between Western Rural and North West Region at the Bo Mini Stadium.

North-West Region emerged as the winner of the tournament and bagged home the prestigious "One Nation Football Tournament" trophy, plus NLE 100,000 as grand prize, while the Western Rural received NLE 75,000 as runners up.

The objective of the tournament, according to the company, was to continue helping to develop the skills and cooperation of young people in Sierra Leone and to preach oneness across the various regions in the country through sports.

Guests including President Maada Bio, First Lady, Fatima Bio, the Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Minister of Sports, Deputy Director of the Sierra Leone Football Association, CEO - Leone Rock Metal Group (LRMG), Gilbert Zhao, among others, graced the occasion.

The event also featured exciting entertainments from the Confucius Institute, University of Sierra Leone and other musical performances, creating a professional yet entertaining atmosphere. In his speech, the CEO -LRMG, Gilbert Zhao said it was the very first time in Sierra Leone to have three government agencies - the ministry of sports, the national sports authority, and the Sierra Leone Football Association coming together to organize a football tournament.

"Again, it is very rare to see Mining Companies invest and or engage in football but Leone Rock Metal Group is a company that gives back to the people of Sierra Leone in any form and shape that promotes development and foster peace and unity in accordance with the laws that governs the

North-West Region wins Leone Rock's 'One Nation Tournament', bags home NLE 100,000



country, and Football has demonstrated its impact in building national cohesion hence the need for the "One Nation Tournament," he said.

The minister of Sports, Ibrahim Nyelekeh acknowledged the efforts of the company in building national cohesion and the human capital development of the country.

"The tournament had a of 150 players, 25 for each of the six teams that participated in the group stage, quarter final and the final with each team playing a total of two matches in all the stages amounting to 12 matches in total which is very key in creating employment opportunity for youth in Sierra Leone. And as a ministry we recently received NLE 30,000 from LRMG, which is a huge boost for the ministry's activities. Myself and the government of Sierra Leone are very proud of your presence in the country and all the many successful projects your company has implemented in the country. We are hoping for more sustainable engagements and cooperation like this. Thank you, Leone Rock, thank you!" he said.

The Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Wang Qing, explained how the tournament has preached oneness and its significance in the fourth coming multi-tier election.

"Raping up the tournament here today is a symbolic event, as we have seen in our previous matches the north hosting the South, the West hosting the East and so on which is very much instrumental in showcasing unity across the country. It is a plus not just for LRMG but for the people of Sierra Leone. As we entertain ourselves today, with North West region and Western Area Urban locking heads. Let's keep in mind the essence of this tournament which is to promote national cohesion. Best wishes to us all," he said.

He noted that LRMG has been really supportive to the Embassy in ensuring both Chinese and Sierra Leonean staff are fairly treated and realise same opportunities



where necessary.

The game started with a kickoff by the President, Julius Maada Bio and the CEO of LRMG, after they had symbolically examined the medals and trophies that were customized by LRMG for deserving players and regional teams.

All the regions that participated in LRMG's 'One Nation Tournament' thank the management and staff of the company for promoting sports, oneness, and sustainability in the country.

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South Africans march, calling for president Ramaphosa to resign



Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) members protest on the street in Tsakane township, east of Johannesburg, South Africa, Monday, March 20, 2023. Copyright © africanews Themba Hadebe/Copyright 2023 The AP. All rights reserved.

South Africa's leftwing opposition launched strikes and rallies under heavy security on Monday (Mar. 20) in a bid to force out President Cyril Ramaphosa over his handling of the country's economy and crippling energy crisis.

Several thousand protesters gathered at a square in the capital Pretoria preparing to march to the Union Buildings, the seat of government, where police and troops were on patrol.

Thousands of others gathered in other parts of the country, according to footage on local media.

Eighty-seven protesters were arrested for violence-related offences overnight, according to the police.

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), the country's third-largest party, has called for a "national shutdown" of walkouts and protests, sparking fears of a repeat of unrest that turned deadly two years ago.

In Pretoria's Church Square, a huge poster made from white fabric, with "Ramaphosa must go" written in red paint, was tied to a fence.

"Clearly this government is failing," said Carl Niehaus, a former official of the ruling ANC who joined the mainly EFF supporters for the rally.

"The damage that the Ramaphosa government is causing is so terrible that we cannot tolerate it any longer. They must go now," he told AFP.

Trade unionist Trevor Shaku was among the protesters calling on the ANC government to go.

"The decision to demand the resignation of Ramaphosa must be expanded to include the entire African National Congress in Congress in government because clearly it has mismanaged this country," he said.

High alert

The authorities said they were on high alert to maintain security, with nearly 3,500 troops available to assist police.

"We hope that those that will be marching, as long as they will be doing so peacefully, we have no reason to interfere with them," Police Minister Bheki Cele told reporters in Johannesburg.

He added that private security companies were also helping police.

Gabon arrests 33 after ferry disaster

Thirty-three people have been arrested under a criminal investigation into a ferry accident off Gabon last week that claimed 24 lives, rescue coordinators said Sunday.

Rescue teams are looking for another 13 listed as missing after a small passenger boat, the Esther Miracle, sank off the capital Libreville on March 9 with 161 onboard.

Those detained include officials at the ministry of transport, the merchant marine and the vessel's owner, Royal Cost Marine, according to the public prosecutor Andre Patrick Roponot.

Transport Minister Brice Paillat stepped down on Thursday following an outcry by relatives and civil society groups.

Most shops across the country protectively pulled their shutters down, and one Pretoria auto dealership had removed all vehicles from its display.

The protest rekindled memories of clashes in July 2021 that saw the worst violence since the end of apartheid and advent of democracy in 1994.

At least 350 people were killed when protests sparked by the jailing of ex-president Jacob Zuma spiralled into riots and looting.

Ramaphosa ordered law enforcement agencies to prevent any repeat of the unrest and warned against coercion.

People have the freedom to demonstrate, but "no-one should be forced, threatened or intimidated into joining that protest," Ramaphosa said on Monday in his weekly newsletter.

The EFF has told protesters their actions "must be militant and radical" but to behave peacefully and watch out for provocateurs. It accuses the authorities of risking excessive force and intimidation by deploying the army.

South Africa's problems

The party is demanding Ramaphosa quit over his handling of the economy, chronic electricity shortages and high unemployment.

The 70-year-old president has hit back, accusing the EFF of instrumentalising South Africa's problems to gain traction ahead of general elections next year.

For the first time since January 2, the country on Sunday – and most of Monday – was spared scheduled power cuts, something that the EFF claimed was due to the pressure of the strike call.

In Pretoria, EFF member Gift Boquopane, 42, joined the protest with his wife and children.

He carried a sign reading "Down with loadshedding," a reference to the deeply unpopular outages.

The power shortages have deeply amplified resentment in a country battered by stratospheric unemployment and soaring inflation. In the last three months of 2022, economic growth tumbled below pre-pandemic levels.

Four other officials in the merchant marine and maritime affairs administration have also been suspended.

The Esther Miracle began service last November, shuttling between Libreville and the oil city of Port-Gentil farther south.

It started taking on water during an overnight trip and sank around 10 kilometres (six miles) off the coast.

Many survivors said they received negligible help or guidance from the crew.

Some spent hours at sea clinging onto inflatable rafts before they were rescued by a flotilla of motorised canoes and a supply barge for the oil industry.

Kenya: Police make arrests as opposition leads anti-government protests



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At least three Kenyan legislators and several protesters have been arrested in protests in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, organised by the opposition demanding the resignation of President William Ruto.

In the impoverished neighbourhood of Kibera, protesters burnt tires in the streets and threw rocks at police as they tried to disperse crowds with water cannon.

Hundreds of demonstrators spread across the city, have not managed to reach the designated meeting point in the central business district as police dispersed them with tear gas through the morning.

The opposition called for protests against Ruto who they say was not validly elected in the August 2022 elections.

They are also blaming Ruto's administration for the rising cost of living.

Nairobi police boss Adamson Bungei said those arrested in the protests would be released after paying cash bail.

Bungei had over the weekend said police had denied the opposition permission to hold their protests and

that any congregation would be illegal.

Opposition leader Raila Odinga on Sunday insisted that protests would proceed as planned and demonstrators would march to State House, the official residence of the president.

Odinga said Kenyan citizens have a constitutional right to demonstrate and the role of the police is to protect them after they issue a notification in advance.

Police have been heavily deployed to State House with motorists and pedestrians being stopped from accessing the road there.

Most shops in Nairobi's central business district closed on Monday as business owners feared looting.

The leaders who have been arrested include the senate minority leader Stewart Madzayo and members of parliament Opiyo Wandati and Amina Mnyazi.

Other legislators who had turned up at the designated meeting point in the city were dispersed by the police with teargas.

Kenya's opposition has in the past held violent demonstrations in which people have died.

Lagos governor re-elected in victory for Nigeria ruling party

Lagos governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu was in an early lead Sunday evening in his bid for re-election, as Nigeria counted votes following local elections marred by violence and vote buying.

Governors are powerful positions in Nigeria, with some controlling state budgets larger than those of several African nations.

Saturday's election for 28 governors and more than 900 state assembly lawmakers took place three weeks after the governing party won a presidential race that opposition groups said was rigged.

Outsider Peter Obi of the Labour Party (LP) caused a stir on February 25 by winning the most votes in Lagos, considered the fiefdom of president-elect Bola Tinubu of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC).

But nationwide Obi came in third position, after Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) – both are contesting the results in courts.

They key question on Saturday was whether Obi's growing popularity, especially with Nigeria's youth, would translate at the local polls.

As results were gradually announced by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Sunday, putting Sanwo-Olu ahead in Lagos, the LP candidate for governor in the state, Gbadebo Rhodes-Vivour, took to social media.

"I am convinced beyond any doubt that the results being released by INEC do not represent the wishes of majority of peaceful Lagosians," Rhodes-Vivour said on Twitter.

So far, the APC has won the governorship races in Ogun, Kwara, Jigawa, Gombe and Yobe, while the PDP has won in Oyo and Akwa Ibom.

Other competitive contests where results are still pending took place in southern Rivers and northern Kano, while northeast Adamawa could see the election of Nigeria's first woman governor.

With President Muhammadu Buhari stepping down in May after two terms, many hoping for change were disappointed in the way the voting was conducted last month, a sentiment that could have impacted the local contests.

Voters and opposition parties claimed that technical mishaps allowed for ballot manipulation, which the electoral commission has denied.

After observing Saturday's poll, the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) noted in parts of the country "a sense of discouragement that due to the unfavourable outcome of the presidential

election 'there is no point' of coming out to vote".

Despite signs of low turnout, observer group Yiaga Africa said it had recorded "significant improvement in the management of election logistics" on Saturday.

Polling units mostly opened on time and both the biometric registration machines and online portal to view results functioned relatively well, both observer groups said.

-Beatings and arrests-

Violence was recorded across several states however, with thugs showing up at polling units to intimidate voters and in some cases destroying electoral material.

In southeast Imo State, where armed separatist groups are active, a group of ad hoc electoral staff were taken hostage on Saturday morning, and while they were quickly rescued, election material went missing.

In Lagos, "in the Lagbasa and Ado primary school in Ajah, there were reports of voters being flogged", according to the CDD.

Amnesty International warned that these tactics were being "used to scare people from voting".

"Many ended up with severe injuries... This is unacceptable and must be investigated thoroughly," the rights group said on Twitter.

As a result of tensions, voting was postponed in some sites – in Eti Osa district of Lagos and in Asari-Toru and Degema districts of Rivers State – and were scheduled to take place on Sunday.

"Processes were disrupted by actors over whom we have little or no control," said INEC official Festus Okoye, who condemned the violence on Sunday evening.

He also said that "allegations of voter inducement, harassment and manipulation of results will be reviewed and addressed."

Instances of vote buying was more rampant than during the presidential election, observers reported earlier in the day.

Party agents were seen giving out 1,000 naira (about two dollars) in exchange for votes, as well as provisions of spaghetti, fabric and alcohol, Yiaga Africa said.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission said on Saturday that it had arrested "no fewer than 65 persons... for alleged voter inducement".

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Interconnection Project (CLSG)

COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (ESMPs) FOR CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEA (CLSG) INTERCONNECTION PROJECT
SIERRA LEONE

Sector: Energy

Financing: CLSG ESMP Budget

Réf. REOI: CS/ESMP/001/2023

Publication date: 28/02/2023

Submission deadline: 20/03/2023

The Governments of Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Guinea have received funding from the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and KfW, and also bring the Capital to contribute to the financing of the CLSG Interconnection Project. According to the Financing Arrangements, Governments have lent these funds to TRANSCO CLSG in order to implement the said project. TRANSCO CLSG intends to use part of these funds for the recruitment a **Consulting Firm to carry out the compliance audit of the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPS) in Sierra Leone.**

The general objective of the ESMP completion audit is to assess the level of compliance of the project with the applicable environmental and social requirements. Specifically, the ESMPs implementation audit must achieve the following objectives:

- Verify the effective implementation of the Donors environmental and social requirements in particular the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and KfW in the ESMPs implementation for the Construction Phase;
- Identify the lessons learned from the ESMPs implementation process, taking into account the views of stakeholders (National and local committees, national environmental protection agencies, national forestry development agencies, TRACTEBEL, Contractors, populations);
- Verify TRANSCO's existing Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and capacity to implement the activities foreseen for the ESMPs for Construction Phase, Occupational Health and Safety Plan, including Community Health and Safety, communication with communities;
- Verify the organization of TRANSCO CLSG, in implementing the ESMPs for the Construction Phase purposes;
- Verify the level of achievement of the objectives of the ESMP implementation process conducted on the basis of its key indicators;
- Identify the existing environmental and social impacts on the sites before the start of work by the EPC contractors (Identify the residual environmental and social impacts)
- Assess the degree of effectiveness of the implementation of the ESMPs by each EPC Contractor;
- Evaluate the degree of effectiveness of the Owner's Engineer in monitoring the implementation of ESMPs by EPC contractors and Owner's Engineer;
- Check the relevant KPI for each of the Environmental and Social Components that have affected the Project during the Construction Phase;
- Verify the efficiency of waste management, biodiversity, pollution, working, Health and Safety and employment conditions, etc;
- Check the effectiveness of management systems relating to the health and safety of workers and work sites;
- Check the status of the workers and external grievances and their implementation, including logging of complains and their solutions (if any);
- Check the status of the resettlement activities, as stated in the Resettlement Action Plan;
- Present the full compliance audit report on the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plans as part of the implementation and completion of the construction phase of the CLSG Project.

This assignment will be conducted in the four CLSG countries (Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea). A consulting firm can apply for one or a combination of several countries subject to the qualification of the firm.

DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Duration of the assignment is **twelve (12) weeks for the first step** of the assignment and **ten (10) weeks for the second step** (Ref. the TOR of the assignment). The Consultant shall commence the services within a week after signing of the contract.

TRANSCO CLSG now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services through the documentation, references to similar services, proof of experience in similar assignments, availability of qualified personnel, etc.

The eligibility criteria, the establishment of the shortlist and the selection process will be consistent with the Least Cost Selection method as per the "Tender Code" of TRANSCO CLSG.

The Consultants that implemented the ESMP assignment of the CLSG Project for a given country are not eligible to participate to the audit of the ESMP of that country.

The requirements are:

The Consultant (Firm) must have extensive experience in the implementation and / or audit of Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) and Health and Safety Plans according to local legislation and Applicable International Standards.

The selected firm must have the following Key Experts in its team:

1. **A Team Leader, Expert in Environmental and Social Audit:** Masters Degree in Environmental Science / Natural Science, Biodiversity, Social Sciences or other related disciplines. At least 10 years of confirmed post-qualification experience in environmental and social auditing and / or in the preparation and implementation of environmental and social safeguard documents with respect to the donor's safeguard policies such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, KfW and / or international standards in this area. In addition, he/her must have an excellent understanding of the principles of Environmental and Social auditing in the construction of linear infrastructure (Energy transport, roads etc.) supported by the completion of at least five (5) similar studies.

2. **A Hygiene, Health and Safety Expert:** Masters Degree in health and safety or other related discipline, must be ISO 45001:2018 or equivalent certified. At least 5 years of confirmed experience in Hygiene, Health and Safety (HHS) audit with reference to the Donors HHS policies of such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, KfW and / or international standards in this area. In addition, he/her must have an excellent understanding of the principles of Health Safety audit in the construction of linear infrastructure (energy transport, roads etc.) supported by the performance of at least three (3) similar missions.

Further information (Terms of Reference of the assignment) can be obtained at the address below during office hours from *Monday to Friday between 09:00 AM and 05:00 PM during working days*. Or can be obtained upon request, by writing an email to: mkeita@transcoclsg.org with copy to bbalde@transcoclsg.org.

Expression of Interest could be submitted **by email or delivered in a written form by courier service or in person** to the address below by **12:00 AM GMT on March 20, 2023. Only shortlisted firms will be contacted.**

The address mentioned above is:

TRANSCO CLSG HEADQUARTERS

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Invitation for Bids
NATIONAL FIRE FORCE, SIERRA LEONE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FIRE FIGHTING HOSES AND HAND CONTROL BRANCH PIPES

Procurement Number: NFF/NCB/FEO/0014/2023

Date of Issue: 1st March, 2023

The National Fire Force has allocated funds received from the Government of Sierra Leone for the procurement of **Fire Fighting hoses** for the fire engines and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of these goods.

Bidding is open to all national suppliers who can demonstrate that they have the required capability and evidence of the following:

1. **Being able to supply these goods as and when needed;**
2. **Being able to supply the goods at the required destination (i.e. Freetown and the regional offices);**
3. **Having the financial capability to pre-finance the supply of the goods before payment is made and upon submission of delivery notes and invoices.**

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between the hours of 9am to 4:30 pm, Mondays –Fridays daily. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **NLe 400** (Four hundred Leones) into the following accounts with details as shown below:

Bank:	Bank of Sierra Leone
Account name:	NPPA revenue from the sale of Bidding Document
Account number:	011100398165
B.Ban number:	000001011100398165

Alternatively, the prospective bidders will also have the option to pay for the bidding documents in any of the transit account at the following commercial banks:

Bank name:	Rokel Commercial Bank
Account name:	Revenue from the sale of bidding documents
Account number:	0111003981
B.Ban number:	002001002101242863

Or

Bank name:	Union Trust Bank
Account name:	Revenue from sale of bidding documents
Account number:	0111003981
B.Ban number:	004001113253120144

A formal bank receipt must be presented by the bidder or his representative to the National Fire Force Procurement Unit before issuing out any bidding documents.

All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A business registration certificate
- q A bid security of not less than **NLe 20,000**
- q A valid NRA tax clearance certificate (for national companies) or a Certificate of Incorporation (for international companies)
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate (for national companies)
- q Evidence of Signed Bid form and completion of price schedule
- q Submit sample physical evidence of the hoses intend to be supplied
- q Attached brochure of the type and specification of the type of hoses the bidder want to supply to the department
- q Submission of Technical Specifications of the items specified and to be supplied;
- q Evidence of financial capability, in the form of line of credit from a reputable commercial banking institution;
- q Bid must be correctly submitted and completed in all general respects.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Thursday 30th March 2023.

Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 1:00 pm, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who may chooses to attend in the Conference Room of the National Fire Force, A. J. Momoh Street, Tower Hill, Freetown. Please note that all bids submitted after the above specified date and time would be considered late; and late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

All Bids must be delivered to the following address on or before Thursday, 30th March, 2023 and before 1:00 p.m.

Contact Official: Assistant Director of Procurement/Head of Procurement Unit
 Office: Procurement Unit
 Email: ashimsahid@gmail.com
 National Fire Force Headquarters,
 A.J. Momoh Street Tower Hill, Freetown

Invitation for Bids NATIONAL FIRE FORCE

Procurement Number for lot one: NFF/ADMIN/NCB/2023/006

Procurement Number for lot two: NFF/ADMIN/NCB/2023/007

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF RICE AND STAFF PROVISIONS

Date of Issue: 1st March, 2023

The National Fire Force has allocated funds received from the Government of Sierra Leone for the procurement of rice and provisions for officers and other support staff of the Department and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of these goods.

Bidding is open to all national suppliers who can demonstrate that they have the required capability and evidence of the following:

1. Being able to supply these items as and when needed;
2. Being able to supply the goods at the required destination, (i.e. Fire Force Headquarters, Freetown)
3. Having the financial capability to pre – finance the supply of the goods and upon submission of delivery notes and invoices before payment is made.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between the hours of 9am to 4:30 pm, Mondays –Fridays daily. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe 400 (Four hundred Leones) into the following accounts with details as shown below:

Bank:	Bank of Sierra Leone
Account name:	NPPA revenue from the sale of Bidding Document
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Alternatively, the prospective bidders will also have the option to pay for the bidding documents in any of the transit account at the following commercial banks:

Bank name: Rokel Commercial Bank
 Account name: Revenue from the sale of bidding documents
 Account number: 0111003981
 B.Ban number: 002001002101242863

Or

Bank name: Union Trust Bank
 Account name: Revenue from sale of bidding documents
 Account number: 0111003981
 B.Ban number: 004001113253120144

Bids must be delivered to the following address on or before Thursday 30th March, 2023 and before 1:00 p.m.

Contact Official: **Assistant Director of Procurement,
 Procurement Unit,
 Email: ashimsahid@gmail.Com
 National Fire Force
 A.J. Momoh Street (1st Floor), Freetown.**

All bids must be accompanied by:

- q **A bid security of – Le 20,000,000 (Twenty Million Leones) for each lot from a reputable Commercial Bank;**
- q **A valid tax clearance certificate from the National Revenue Authority;**
- q **A valid business registration certificate;**
- q **A valid business license;**
- q **A valid NASSIT Certificate**
- q **A valid city or local council certificate from bidder's municipality or locality;**
- q **Evidence of similar and successful business with government institutions in the past three or four years;**
- q **Physical evidence of established business premises which must belong or owned by the bidder (for easy contact, accessibility and transaction purposes);**
- q **Evidence of signed Bid Form;**
- q **Submission of Technical Specifications for each item or good indicated in the schedule of requirements of the bidding documents;**
- q **Bid must be correctly submitted and completed in all general respects;**
- q **Evidence of financial capability, in the form of line of credit from a reputable commercial banking Institution.**

Bids will be opened on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the presence of bidders or their representatives who may choose to attend at the Conference Room of the National Fire Force, A.J. Momoh Street, Freetown, first floor. Please note that all bids submitted after the above specified date and time would be considered late; and by regulations, late bids will be rejected and returned unopened

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Invitation for Bids

Action to Empower Marginalised Adolescent Girls (AEMAG) Project

Introduction

ActionAid Sierra Leone is a registered international organization (NO: 27264198) founded in 1972 operating in more than 45 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, ActionAid started operations in Sierra Leone in October 1988, ActionAid Sierra Leone is operating in the Western Area, Kambia, Bombali, Tonkolili, Bo, Kono and Moyamba Districts. The agency works in partnership with poor and marginalized people to eradicate poverty by overcoming the injustice and inequity that causes it.

Project Overview

People's Postcode Lottery has recently awarded a fifteen-month project to ActionAid Sierra Leone and its Partners: titled "Action to Empower Marginalized Adolescent Girls". One of ActionAid's key activities is to produce IEC Materials and Jingles. The project will be implemented in Bo District and Western Area. ActionAid, therefore, seeks a supplier to bid for the following items:

ITEMS	SPECIFICATION	QTY	DELIVERY PERIOD
Blender	Normal size blender with multiple cups bending blades	17 pcs	2 weeks after signing of Contract Documents
Solar powered study lap	Battery: Lithium Ion Wattage: 0.7 Watt Run Time: 5 Hours - Full Brightness 11 Hours - Half Brightness Lumens: 45 Lumens Solar Panel: 1W Polycrystalline Size: 160 x 92 x 145mm	400 pcs	

- 1 Bidders should quote for above item in Leones.
- 2 Bids will be evaluated, and contract will be awarded to the Bidder meeting the required qualification criteria.
- 3 Payment will be done within 2 (two) weeks after 100% supply of goods is received with, invoice, and delivery note.
- 4 **This bidding is for National bidders only**
- 5 **Below are the criteria for evaluation:**
 - *A Certified True Copy of a Valid Business Registration/Renewal Certificate
 - *A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA)
 - *A Certified True Copy of National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) clearance certificate
 - *Valid Municipal/Local Council license
 - *A sample of the solar powered lamps*
6. The successful bidder(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Sierra Leone. In addition, the successful bidder (s) must ensure the adherence of the following ActionAid International Policies:
 - a. Sexual Harassment, Exploitation and Abuse (SHEA) Policy
 - b. Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
 - c. Child Safeguarding Policy
 - d. Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse (PSEA) Policy
 - e. Anti-Terrorist Funding Policy
7. Bids must be sent in hard copies. Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

**Procurement Committee
ActionAid Sierra Leone Head Office
97c Wilkinson Road, Off Thompson Bay
Church Yard Junction
Freetown, Sierra Leone.**

Soft copies can be submitted to AASL's procurement committee with Bids must be delivery to the above address on or before **3 PM 29th March 2023.**
Late Bids will be rejected.
Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or representatives at the above address on **31st March 2023 at 10:00 AM**
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Country: Sierra Leone

Project: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of **75 km Class F3 Feeder Roads (Farm Tracks)**

Reference No. AVDP-PMU/CS/QCBS/10/2/23

The **Government of Sierra Leone** has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI) towards the cost of **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consultant for the Design and Supervision of **75 km Class F3 Feeder Roads (Farm Tracks)**

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project**

The consulting services ("the services") will be divided into two parts:

Part A: feasibility studies for the provision of environmentally optimized designs and drawings for **75 km Class F3 feeder roads (Farm tracks)**; this will include design of roads, embankments, culverts and small bridges in conformity with the SLRA standards; the consultant is required to design the Farm tracks (F3 roads) and estimate quantities and cost for rehabilitating and maintaining the roads. These documents will form part of the bidding documents for hiring contractors. The consultant will also be required to undertake the relevant environmental and social impact assessment study.

Part B: Supervision of the subsequent construction work to be undertaken by contractors in collaboration with the AVDP engineers to.

The **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project**, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security ("the client") now invites eligible consulting firms ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/42a5bl5>.

Interested consultants may also request for the EOI template by sending email to avdppmu@gmail.com

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations. The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant including their respective personnel and affiliates are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) participate in more than one EOI under this procurement action, c) have a business or family relationship with a member of the Purchaser's board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

The shortlisting criteria can be found in the template for expressions of interest the aforementioned weblink.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to avdppmu@gmail.com no later than 28th March, 2023. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 30th March, 2023

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. EOIs shall be uploaded to the link below no later than **5th April, 2023 at 12:00 GMT.**

Link to upload EOI: <http://bit.ly/3mQZskg>

PMU



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION
 INTEGRATED HEALTH PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION UNIT (IHPAU)
 23 Cantonment Road, Off Kingharman Road
 Freetown, Sierra Leone

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION:	Communication Specialist to The Minister of Health & Sanitation
LOCATION:	Ministry of Health and Sanitation, 4th Floor, Youyi Building, Freetown
REPORTING TO:	The Minister of Health and Sanitation (MoHS)
CONTRACT DURATION:	Initially for 1 year and renewable annually based on need for the position, performance and availability of funding
ISSUE DATE:	15th March 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation is mandated to provide strategic direction for health service delivery in the country. This requires effective planning, implementation, monitoring and promoting of effective health service delivery in the country. The Ministry in 2021 developed and launched the national health policy and strategy together with the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) roadmap. Successful implementation of the new health strategy and UHC roadmap will require multisectoral partnerships and regular communications with sector ministries, development partners, private sector, International Non-Governmental Organization (INGOs), national and community organizations for better health outcomes. It is for this reason that the Ministry of Health and Sanitation as part of the Delivery Team is recruiting a communication specialist to provide technical guidance for communicating the work of the Ministry to its partners and supporting the strategic public health communication to the public.

The Communications Specialist, Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) Advisory Team will have overall responsibility for coordinating the Ministry's communication to partners and the general public and promote the work of the Ministry and its key accomplishments.

2. OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the assignment is to strengthen MoHS relationships with its partners and the public through the generation of communication products and effective management of the Ministry's communication platforms.

Specific objectives to be achieved are:

- Increase awareness of the work and accomplishments of MoHS across the country and promote greater engagement of the MoHS with key stakeholders and the public.
- To promote the Ministry's mandate and areas of work under the strategic program of the Presidential taskforce communication policy and strategy
- To foster greater information and knowledge exchange with key stakeholders, development partners, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Civil Society Organizations in the health sector.

ACTIVITIES

The Communications Specialist will carry out the following activities with guidance from the Minister and other senior officials of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

1. Communication Projects:

- Develop and disseminate the MoHS external communication strategy and operational plan
- Develop and distribute quarterly newsletters on activities undertaken by the Ministry and its partners
- Produce video documentaries and disseminate on the implementing of critical health interventions including HIV, TB, Malaria and health emergencies
- Write/edit speeches, talking points and statements for the Minister, Deputy Minister, the Presidency and other important dignitaries
- Peruse and approve all MoHS official communications prior to publication.

2. Electronic/Digital platform Platforms

- Oversee the functionality, content, and regular update of the MoHS internet webpage.
- Manage the MoHS Official WhatsApp, facebook, twitter and other social media platforms.
- In collaboration with the Information, communications, and technology (ICT) unit of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, accelerate the use of internet-based communication among the Ministry's staff as a cost control measure.
- Develop, maintain, and update a digital photo record.
- Support preparation, production and dissemination of educational materials including print and electronic media.
- Keep up to date on the latest developments in the media landscape and digital marketing trends and provide analysis of best practices, opportunities and trends and innovation.

3. Support to Other MoHS Directorates and Units

- Support preparation, production and dissemination of educational materials including print and electronic media.
- Assist with the revision and editing of texts or documents developed by the MoHS directorates for publication.
- Support the development of appropriate risk communication and IEC materials by directorates and units as required.
- Provide technical support and the search of spaces or airtime in the journalistic media for the dissemination of health information.

- write up human interest stories and arrange their filming, where required.
- Document lessons learnt to inform future preparedness and response activities.
- Develop and manage public events calendar for the various directorates, departments, and units.

4. Press:

- Create an updated press contact, national and international organization interested in receiving information from MoHS.
- Organize press conference and press briefings as required by the Minister or other members of MoHS Leadership
- Manage international and national media relations
- Facilitate publication and monitoring of health-related stories in print and electronic media
- Identify published articles/stories for consideration by the annual media award committee
- Establish links with allies and entities in general with the health sector and promote the dissemination of health information.
- Collaborate with other communication officers in other sector ministries to harmonize government communication priorities and messages.

5. Key Partners

- Provide project summary and regular update to health development partners and HSSC on key interventions implemented by the MoHS
- Ensure time communication of events and ensure invitations are timely sent to relevant stakeholders
- Liaise with Donor Partner unit to regularly update the directory of HDP and HSSC members and ensure key stakeholders gets MoHS regular updates

6. EXPECTED OUTPUT

- Communication products developed and used to facilitate MoHS engagement with partners and the public.
- MoHS communication to the public and relevant partners using digital media and social media enhanced.
- MoHS directorates and units strengthened to communicate results of programmes more effectively and timeously.
- Improved engagement of Press and media coverage of health interventions.
- Adequately inform Health Development Partners (HDPs), Health Sector Coordinating Committee (HSCC), and other key partners about MoHS projects and programmes.

7. COMMUNICATION'S SPECIALIST PROFILE.

- A Master's Degree in Communication, Mass media and/or Journalism
- A Bachelor's Degree in Media Communications and/ or Journalism from a recognized University.
- Previous employment experience (3 years minimum) in the field of journalism or media communication at strategic or Senior level in public or private organization.

8. TECHNICAL COMPETENCES

- Excellent in verbal and written communication.
- Able to articulate key strategic policies and goals of the Minister using the various communication medium and networks forums
- Familiarity with local media and established network with local journalist
- Ability to express clearly and concisely ideas and concepts with local journalists.
- Competent in the use of computer and internet use of desktop publishing.

To apply, please send your application (a mandatory cover letter and an updated CV with at least 3 references) to the following email address: recruitment@mohsihpau.gov.sl

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Only email applications sent to the above email address will be included in the pool of applicants to be assessed by MOHS. No hand deliveries will be accepted. Please also note that your CV should contain your full contact details such as residence address, working mobile telephone number, working email address, as well as those of your three referees.
- Selected candidates will be required to sign a contractual agreement with the Government of Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation.
- The recruitment will initially be for a period of one year and thereafter an annual extension subject to performance and funds availability.

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