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PONDER MY THOUGHTS

By Andrew Keili

PONDERING BATILLOI WARRITAY'S BOOK-WALKING IN HIS WAY

I did the Book Review at the launch of Batilloi Warritay's walking his way at the Leone Preparatory Hall on March 16, 2023, which I would like to share with you. This book which tells the life story of his father, a fervent Madingo Muslim who became an influential Christian preacher of national renown should be of immense interest to so many people - Christians, Muslims, Madingo people-especially those from the Warritay Kunda, Bayoh, Kakay, Mansaray, and Saccob families, alumni of Albert Academy-during and after the "caning era" and indeed anyone who would like to read a truly inspirational story of a great Sierra Leonean worthy of emulation. Read on and ponder my review-and after that, do the needful- Buy the book! You are assured I have not been paid by my friend Batilloi for this sales pitch! Here is the review.
Book review

Walking in His way is a profound biography of the Rev. Sylmadie Warritay, written by his son Batilloi Isaac Warritay. Although it starts with a story of Madingo migrations across Africa and the settling of the Werehtieges into various locations in Sierra Leone, it is much more than this. It is a powerful and enchanting account of the life and career of a Madingo man born into a strong Muslim family who became a fully committed Christian, impacting so many lives in a positive way. It takes a peek at the activities of the Evangelical United Brethren/United Methodist Church before and after national independence. The lives of Sylmadie Warritay and his wife, according to the author were "a vivid tapestry of struggle, adventure, and love". The book captures the hopes, joys, and sorrows of a couple from two different cultural backgrounds-a bright South African beauty, married to an ambitious Sierra Leonean missionary. It is also a story of how two remarkable women in individual ways piloted their families toward modernization and progress.

Batilloi Warritay started to think about writing a biography of his dad in 1999, twelve years after his passing and nine years after his mum's death. His motivation was his deep gratitude and appreciation for his parents' act of love in bringing him into their lives.

He cites the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:1-3 in justifying the book title as it was clear to him Sylmadie Baba Edro Warritay had decided to walk in the Lord's way. Paul wrote in Ephesians, "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." This, in a nutshell, was a description of the life he saw his father live which he shares with us in this absorbing biography, which has stimulating contributions from various people who knew him.

We learn in the first chapter how all three Werehtiege brothers, after a long sojourn which took them to several places in Sierra Leone eventually settled in Segbwema. After a few years, however, Baba Mohamed Boie Werehtiege left Segbwema for Yamandu in the Baoma Chiefdom, some forty miles from Bo. Apart from trading, Baba was also a money lender who derived his nickname Mbatilo from his Mende neighbours who would shout at the exasperated Baba's defaulting creditors- "Mbatiloi mia wu ngi navoi ve!" ("This is a somebody's child! Give him his money!"). This

earned him the nickname Mbatilo or pipul pikin in Krio. We learn how he married Tigidankay Saccob of Bullom Madingo heritage, one of his many wives, whose eldest son Sylmadie is the subject of this biography. Buoyed by the success of her nephew L.M. Baryoh who was attending the Albert Academy school, Tigidankay plotted rather surreptitiously to get Baba into the Albert Academy. The plot indicates her indomitable quest for the progress of her child. We also learn how over time and with many mutations, Werehtiege became Warritay.

Sylmadie was enrolled into the Albert Academy and eventually became a Christian. His conversion was not a sudden conversion on the road to Damascus-there was no dungeon flaming with light! Rather it was gradual as Albert Academy introduced him to Christian principles that changed his life. Christian worship was just as important as studies in the Albert Academy, being surpassed only by the liberal use of the cane to keep the students on a straight and narrow path. The author expresses this conversion well when he writes- "All the while, Sylmadie felt as though he was being barraged with the Christ, who showed up continually in the hymns he had to sing, the prayers he had to memorize, and the Bible passages he had to read. Try as he might to hold on to his Islamic values, he felt his grip loosen."

He taught for a while at the Albert Academy after finishing school and would also assist the Principal G.F. Rosselot and his wife with house chores and with looking after their children. Fate struck when he met a visitor to the Rosselots, Mary Elizabeth Philander, a twenty two year old South African. They fell in love and got married-a marriage that would last some fifty years.

USA beckoned for both Sylmadie and Mary who left with the help of some friends and relatives to study at University. After several years of Mary unsuccessfully trying to conceive, Lester Bullard came into their lives by adoption through the help of a Christian family friend. The little boy was later renamed Batilloi Isaac Warritay.

The Warritays returned to Sierra Leone in 1956 and embarked on mission work which took him on a long and spectacular spiritual and missionary journey. It is therefore understandable that the bulk of the book dwells on his work in the Christian Ministry. Sylmadie served the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB), later renamed the United Methodist Church (UMC), in several capacities. He started his missionary life at the Kulanda Town Church where he was also attached to the famous Bible Training Institute (BTI) which trained Catechists.

From 1956 to 1981 he held pastoral roles at the EUB church in Kulanda Town in Bo, Bishop Baughman Memorial, Musselman Memorial, King Memorial, and Price Memorial churches in Freetown. He served in the Prison Ministry as Prison Chaplain and tried his hand at Hospital Ministry. In 1961 Sylmadie took up a position in the United Christian Council, UCC where he was later appointed its first Executive Secretary. Then came fifteen years at the Bible Society.

It is instructive to learn how Sylmadie conducted himself in his pastoral Ministry. His Church life often entailed promoting outreach

to surrounding villages, sometimes wading across streams and braving bush paths to reach small villages to preach the Word of God. When he was without a car he reasoned that he did not need to drive or take a bus or taxi, when by walking he could save money that could go to pay a child's school fees. And so, he walked everywhere, which had the advantage of bringing him into contact with people along the way, to whom he would hand out Bibles, tracts, or pamphlets from the leather briefcase he always carried. His was a veritable walking ministry for the Lord.

For Sylmadie, practising Christianity meant that leading people to Christ through one's example was better than winning them over only by preaching. One of his students remarked that he practised love-in-action with Muslims as well as Christians.

As an ardent Churchman myself who has always clamoured for the reform of our traditional Churches, I was amazed about the extent to which Sylmadie was ahead of his time in Church reform matters. He introduced the subject of Africanizing worship services, suggesting the incorporation of traditional dance, drumming, and dress for choristers and pastors, and pointing out that some of the hymns were meaningless in an African context. Sylmadie encouraged literacy and teaching in local languages and was a vocal advocate for an extensive youth training program. He also stood for gender equality.

After his father found out he had become a Christian at the Albert Academy, he disowned him, beat her mother in a rage, and threw her into a large country pot, injuring her back. From that moment on, his son was dead to him.

Sylmadie seemed to have an ambivalent relationship with his Madingo relatives before his father's death. Shortly after settling in at the Bible Training Institute in Bo, however, he recognized that it was time to mend broken links with his family. So much had happened over the nearly twenty-three years of their estrangement. He continued this engagement going forward. It became obvious he was a Madingo man who had found his Lord and completely turned his back on Islam but not his people. He loved and respected his people. His practice of adopting and taking on responsibility for relatives' children came from a genuine desire to provide opportunities denied to him when he was their age.

Family life for Sylmadie was never uneventful. Between 1961 and 1995, the family lived in three different homes in Freetown. Family life was not always easy, with the couple often clashing but they soon learnt to accommodate each other. Sylmadie soon realized that Mary was not a submissive wife of a Madingo man-nothing like that. She was headstrong, opinionated, and outgoing, notwithstanding the fact that she was very kind and accommodating.

Sylmadie ran his house like clockwork: 5:00 am would see him striding from the main house to rouse the boys. All Muslims had to get up and pray, and he insisted that they observe fast days.

The book has several interesting family anecdotes.

One morning during breakfast, a vile odour wafted through the open dining room window of his house. His cistern had burst and was

spewing its contents into the neighbour's compound. Against all protestations, instead of calling the Public Works Department (PWD), he got his whole family to dip and shovel for six hours until the cistern was empty and clean, teaching by example the ethic of hard work.

Cleopatra Agbaje, a neighbour, only 200 yards away, who eventually married Batilloi (case of a neighbor fol?) relates the story of how Rev. Warritay got up at between 5 am and 6 am on New Year's day to pray at the Agbaje's residence after Cleopatra and others had just come back from a night out. The sleepy-eyed children were not amused especially as his prayers were never short.

He was in many ways liberal. He gave his blessings to Batilloi and Cleopatra to get wed in Madingo gowns, much to the chagrin of some family members who wanted them in European attire.

Sylmadie was generous to a fault and there are many stories about the sacrifices he made for others.

Eventually, toward the end of his life, dementia set in but his loving family was always around to help him maintain his dignity in love.

The question may be legitimately asked. Did he walk in the Lord's way? Batilloi answers in the affirmative by quoting a passage from a sermon in the Methodist Recorder as preached by Bishop Bangura on the qualities of a Minister.

"The Minister must have the strength of a lion, the tenacity of a bulldog, the patience of a donkey, the vision of an eagle, the meekness of a lamb, the disposition of an angel, the loyalty of an apostle, the heroism of a martyr, the faithfulness of a prophet, the tenderness of a shepherd, and the devotion of a mother."

He affirms that in many ways this describes Rev. Sylmadie Edro Warritay over his thirty-seven years as a minister of religion. You can't argue with that after reading the book.

According to the author, this book serves as a guide to many people:

It tells the story of the Warritay Kunda and the Bayoh, Kakay, Mansaray, and Saccob families who intermarried and retained strong bonds formed during their common odyssey in the late 1890s. He, therefore, urges family members to remember their common beginnings. He hopes his glimpses into Sylmadie's life encourages other Warritay clan members to pen their own glorious family history.

Secondly, he himself is grateful that his Warritay training made him the man he is today even if he does not agree with some of his methods and approaches. He particularly cherishes his truthfulness, loyalty, integrity, and diligence. He will honour him by trying to emulate him and his values.

It is also hoped this book, written in well-written prose will be an inspiration for all those who shepherd their flock and indeed to all devout Christians and Muslims and also serve as an excellent example of how to practise religious tolerance. Batilloi should be commended for writing such an inspirational book, Walking in his way, to honour his father.

Andrew Keili



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LOCAL NEWS

By Mohamed J Kargbo

On Wednesday, 21 March, 2023, at the Magistrates' Court No1, Pademba Road in Freetown, Alimamy Fofanah, a police officer, made an appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngeba and was remanded to the Male Correctional Centre at Pademba Road for murder.

The accused is standing trial on one count offence of murder

Police officer on remand for murder

contrary to laws of Sierra Leone. It is alleged that, on Wednesday 1st February, 2023 at Bassa Town Waterloo, the accused murdered Yayah Jalloh.

Ramatulie Kargbo, a student who is a witness in the case testified in court that she recognised the accused person and recalled on the above mentioned date.

She said she was at home and decided to attend a Tagains

festival at Bassa Town field and that she met Yayah Jalloh, now deceased, who introduced her to the accused as his boss so she had to greet him while the accused brought food and drinks for them.

She testified that she saw the accused carrying a gun by his hip but that she didn't say anything to anyone and later by 3am the accused asked Yayah Jalloh to see him off.

She said the victim asked her too to accompany them and that on their way the accused started saying "I want to shoot" so the victim begged him not to shoot

and that she ran and hid behind the victim because the accused was pointing the gun towards the two of them.

She testified that upon seeing that action she got terrified and ran away, calling for help and that on her way she overheard a gunshot.

She said she later returned with some people who had wanted to help but that they met the deceased lying in a pool of blood, so they had to rush with him to the hospital where he died.

The matter was adjourned to the 29 of March 2023 for further hearings.

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The report further highlighted that there were several credible reports about the government or its agents committing arbitrary or unlawful killings.

"On August 10, during demonstrations that turned violent, the Sierra Leone Police shot and killed 30 protesters, mostly unarmed youth, in the capital city of Freetown and in the towns of Makeni and Kamakwie. Protesters killed six police officers," the report mentioned.

Captured in the report was the August 24 authorities' announcement of the formation of a special investigation committee regarding the August demonstrations.

The report exposed that the committee composed of members of the Sierra Leone Bar Association, the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists, civil society organizations, veteran and retired police associations, and others, but highlighted that critics noted a large percentage of committee members had strong ties to the government and some committee members had already publicly condemned protesters before being appointed.

The report further mentioned that as of August, the country's 21 prisons, designed for 2,495 inmates, held 4,801, including 2,173 convicted prisoners.

"The most severe example of overcrowding was in the Freetown Male Correctional Center, designed to hold 324 inmates, which held 1,820 individuals. Some prison cells measuring six feet by nine feet held nine or more inmates."

The State Department report disclosed that according to the Sierra Leone Correctional Service (SLCS) and the Prison Watch Sierra Leone (PWSL), 24 juveniles were detained in Freetown following the August 10 demonstrations that ended in violence.

Meanwhile, the report mentioned credible reports which disclosed that those detained in connection to the August 10 unrest were denied access to lawyers and their families.

It was also highlighted that on July 3rd, police arrested and detained Femi Claudius Cole, leader of the 13-party

Coalition of Progressive Political Parties (CoPPP), and Dennis Bright, Chairman and Leader of the National Grand Coalition (NGC) party and CoPPP member, for allegedly contravening a police notice banning a planned protest and on July 6, authorities released Cole and Bright without charges.

"In the days following violent protests on August 10, authorities conducted raids throughout Freetown, Makeni, and other provincial towns. Authorities claimed to use video evidence to confirm the identities of suspects; however, several reports suggested some police targeted opposition All People's Congress (APC) party supporters as "persons of interest," irrespective of their connection to specific events on August 10". Authorities again cut the internet that evening when President Bio returned to Freetown from abroad," the report states.

According to the report, critics of the law raised concerns that the law could be used to target opponents of the government by characterising online criticism as "cybercrimes."

"On July 2, police issued a public notice banning protests concerning rising fuel and their costs of living. On July 3, police arrested CoPPP leader Femi Claudius Cole on "incitement" charges for allegedly organizing protests, after a video circulated on social media in which she urged women to take to the streets. Police also arrested NGC Chair Dennis Bright, also a CoPPP member, after he attempted to visit Cole in jail. Cole said she and a women's group had applied for a permit to protest but authorities had denied the request."

It states that on July 4, the SLP arrested dozens of market women attempting to protest.

Following the August 10 protests, however, the government twice shut down internet and cell phone services nationwide. The government also shut down television broadcasts and news radio stations. Telecommunications and media networks came back online two hours later after the first shutdown, just before Vice President Juldeh Jalloh announced a nationwide curfew."

UN: A quarter of world population lacks safe drinking water



A resident without running water at home fills a container at a water fill station, ...
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A report issued on the eve of the first major U.N. conference on water in over 45 years says 26% of the world's population doesn't have access to safe drinking water and 46% lacks access to basic sanitation.

The U.N. World Water Development Report 2023, released Tuesday, painted a stark picture of the huge gap that needs to be filled to meet U.N. goals to ensure all people have access to clean water and sanitation by 2030.

Richard Connor, editor-in-chief of the report, told a news conference that the estimated cost of meeting the goals is between \$600 billion and \$1 trillion a year.

But equally important, Connor said, is forging partnerships with investors, financiers, governments, and climate change communities to ensure that money is invested in ways to sustain the environment and provide potable water to the 2 billion people who don't have it and sanitation to the 3.6 billion in need.

According to the report, water use has been increasing globally by roughly 1% per year over the last 40 years "and is expected to grow at a similar rate through to 2050, driven by a combination of population growth, socio-economic development, and changing consumption patterns."

Connor said that actual increase in demand is happening in developing countries and emerging economies where it is driven by industrial growth and especially the rapid increase in the population of cities. It is in these urban areas "that you're having a real big increase in demand," he said.

With agriculture using 70% of all water globally, Connor said, irrigation for crops has to be more efficient — as it is in some countries that now use drip irrigation, which saves water. "That allows water to be available to cities," he said.

As a result of climate change, the report said,

"seasonal water scarcity will increase in regions where it is currently abundant — such as Central Africa, East Asia and parts of South America — and worsen in regions where water is already in short supply, such as the Middle East and the Sahara in Africa."

On average, "10% of the global population lives in countries with high or critical water stress" — and up to 3.5 billion people live under conditions of water stress at least one month a year, said the report issued by UNESCO, the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Since 2000, floods in the tropics have quadrupled while floods in the north mid-latitudes have increased 2.5-fold, the report said. Trends in droughts are more difficult to establish, it said, "although an increase in intensity or frequency of droughts and 'heat extremes' can be expected in most regions as a direct result of climate change."

As for water pollution, Connor said, the biggest source of pollution is untreated wastewater.

"Globally, 80% of wastewater is released to the environment without any treatment," he said, "and in many developing countries it's pretty much 99%."

These and other issues including protecting aquatic ecosystems, improving the management of water resources, increasing water reuse, and promoting cooperation across borders on water use will be discussed during the three-day U.N. Water Conference co-chaired by King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands and Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon opening Wednesday.

There are 171 countries, including over 100 ministers, on the speakers list along with more than 20 organizations. The meeting will also include five "interactive dialogues" and dozens of side events.

LOCAL NEWS

By FAO Sierra Leone Communications

FAO supports first cohort of ISAVET

Eleven trainees drawn from national, and district level Livestock and Veterinary Services, Ministry of Environment and Njala University, graduated from the first country In-Service Applied Veterinary Epidemiology Training (ISAVET) on March 9, 2023.

The frontline animal health professionals are now skilled in applied epidemiology, One Health approach and community engagement capabilities for better control and management of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases, through use of new diagnostic and surveillance skills. The four-month long training entailed a month-long classwork that focused on epidemiological surveillance, field investigation and response, epidemiological methods, preparedness, ethics and professionalism, disease prevention and control and One Health. All trainees successfully completed practical field trainings in their respective work stations and participated in producing weekly surveillance reports, conducting data quality audits and field case studies to address county-specific animal health needs.

FAO Deputy Representative to Sierra Leone, Harding Wuyango, congratulated



the graduands for completing the in-service training and encouraged them to put into practice what they had learnt over the last four months for the benefit of their immediate community and the country.

He promised that "FAO will continue to work very closely with the Government of Sierra Leone to support the livestock sector". He also acknowledged the continued funding support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aimed at strengthening animal health and One Health in Sierra Leone.

In her remarks, Dayo Walter-Spencers, the USAID Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Advisor, said that field veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals were an indispensable

human resource to ensure animal health and economic growth in the sub-sector. "Field investigation is critical to curbing animal disease outbreaks; these frontline animal health service providers detect and respond to potentially zoonotic infectious diseases at their source."

She added that "ISAVET training will empower the Livestock and Veterinary Service Division to strengthen the national surveillance system and improve detection and reporting of endemic, emerging and re-emerging diseases".

Mohammed Alpha Bah, the Director of Livestock and Veterinary Services in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, who represented the Minister, lauded the significant contributions of ISAVET to animal health service delivery in Sierra Leone. He said, "The milestones would not have been reached without the great work put in by various ISAVET stakeholders". He took the opportunity to thank the trainers and mentors for the selfless works. He lauded the on-the-job training program that addresses critical skills needed to effectively conduct

surveillance and response to animal diseases at the local level, focusing on improving disease detection, reporting and response.

"The ISAVET training has built my skills in disease surveillance, data management and outbreak investigation" said John Kamanda Conteh, an ISAVET graduate from Karene district. "As an ISAVET graduate, I will utilize these skills in improving the epidemio-surveillance system in my country for prevention, early detection, and timely response of priority zoonotic diseases such as anthrax and transboundary animal diseases, such as foot-and-mouth disease, which are of concern to the county." Josephine Satta Fillie, one of the graduands added.

With this graduation, the first cohort of ISAVET trainees join the global network of applied field epidemiologists with improved skills to collect, analyse, and interpret data and contribute to evidence-based interventions, and decisions.

The programme is implemented through the USAID-funded Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA). The ISAVET programme provides "training through service" to ministries of agriculture and environment through training of field veterinarians and paraprofessionals in disease detection, reporting and response to zoonoses and animal-specific diseases.

Legal Aid Board conducts 2-day training of trainers for staff on electoral laws

The Legal Aid Board (LAB) has concluded a two-day Training of Trainers (ToT) for management staff and paralegals in the Western Area, legal aid counsel including those in the provinces, and Regional Managers on the electoral laws ahead of the June 24 elections.

The training took place at the 3rd Floor of the Freetown City Council's administrative building at Wallace Johnson Street in Freetown. The aimed was to capacitate staff on the Public Elections Act 2022, Political Parties Act 2022 and other related laws with special emphasis on rights, responsibilities of citizens and electoral offences and penalties for same.

Speaking during the opening session, the Executive Director of the Board, Ms Fatmata Claire Carlton-Hanciles, outlined the significance of the training, adding that immediately after this training, those trained will be replicating similar trainings to staff in the provinces, partners including Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), district human rights committees, traditional leaders, etc.

The move she added was to capacitate not only the Board's staff but the hundreds of other partners of the Board and the general populace on what the laws say in order to ensure peaceful and non-violent elections in June 2023.

Ms Carlton-Hanciles also spoke about the Board's "Anti-Election Violence Campaign" which she said was kick-started on Wednesday 8 March 2023 with a town hall meeting that drew 634 participants in Freetown. The meeting she said marks the beginning of a series of town hall meetings that will be held around the country aimed at educating people on free, fair and peaceful elections before, during and after the June 24 elections. The reason she emphasized

was that she "does not want to see people involve in electoral offence"; noting that "when the cells and correctional centers are full, the heat comes back to the Board".

She called on legal aid counsel especially those in the provinces to work with their managers and other partners to organize these meetings, stating that the 2018 elections were free, fair and peaceful partly because of similar moves made by the Board. Ms Carlton-Hanciles also used the opportunity to admonish clients including those released from correctional centers by the Board not to involve into anything that will land them into trouble such as tearing of campaign posters, billboards, etc.

In a Power-Point presentation on the Public Elections Act 2022 with particular reference to Part XI of the Act, the Facilitator who also doubles as the Human Resource Manager of the Board, Counsel Cyril Taylor-Young, highlighted some of the issues that amount to electoral offences – aiding and abetting of another person to register as a voter more than once; making of a false statement in an application for registration as a voter; making, preparing, printing or possession of a document or paper purporting to be a Register of Voters; destroying, mutilating, defacing, removing or making of an alteration in any notice or document required for the purpose of registration or voting under this Act; destroying, taking, opening or otherwise interfering with a ballot box or packet or ballot papers then in use for the purposes of the election; making a mark on a ballot paper issued to a person other than to himself; selling or attempting to sell or offer to sell any voter card whether issued in the registration name of any voter or not; buying or offering to buy any voter registration card whether on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person; obstruction

of campaign processions or meetings; tearing of campaign posters or billboard; fraudulently putting into a ballot box anything other than the ballot paper which a voter is authorised by law to put in it, etc.

Counsel Young also explained some of the offences relating to staff of Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone, noting that polling staff who willfully falsifies the count of the votes or willfully makes a false return commits an offence and is liable to conviction to a fine of not less than 20,000 Leones or to imprisonment for a term of five years or to both the fine and imprisonment. He said other offences also include obtaining or attempts to obtain information as to the candidate for whom a voter in the station is about to vote or has voted; interfering or attempts to interfere with a voter when casting his/her vote; communication of information as to the name or serial number of the ballot paper issued to a voter at the station, etc.

In another presentation on Parts XIII and XIV of the same Act which deal with Elections Offences and Petitions Court and Election Campaign Period, the facilitator Counsel Morrison Karimu, talked about the jurisdiction of the court; trial of elections offences and elections petitions; timeframe or period for petition matters to be heard; nullification of results; appeal from court, etc.

Speaking on electoral offences relating to children and their Rights, the facilitator Counsel Ibrahim Bangura who also doubles as the Board's juvenile lawyer, defined who a child is as prescribed in Cap 44 of the Children and Young Persons Act and the Child Right Act 2007.

He explained that since children are not expected to take part in elections thus the law does not give or make any preferential



treatment for them, noting that all offences relating to adults in the Public Elections Act 2022 also apply to children. He explained that a juvenile can be prosecuted for electoral offences but that such should be in tandem with other related laws.

Speaking on the Political Parties Act 2022, the facilitators Counsel Mohamed Korie who also doubles as the National Supervisor and Counsel Patrick Kamara, Resident Counsel for Kenema district took the participants through on what constitute a political party, composition of the Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC), conduct of political parties, etc.

The duo explained that political parties and their supporters are required not to involve in violence, thugery and not to use obscene language or provocative words, songs and incendiary or inciting statements. Political parties they added shall not create or maintain private militias.

A representative of the Office of National Security (ONS), Sia Wango Alhassan-Kabia also made a statement while presentations on practical issues relating to anti-election violence campaign were also made by Regional Managers North, Mohamed Jalloh; South Martin Moriwai and East James Thomas Mafinda.

The training was climaxed with questions and answers and a statement on staffing matters by the Human Resource Manager, Counsel Cyril Taylor-Young.



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Kenya: 83% increase in tourism revenues in 2022



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Tourism-related revenues increased by 83% in Kenya in 2022 compared to 2021, but did not reach pre-Covid-19 pandemic levels, the tourism minister said on Wednesday.

Kenya, the economic engine of East Africa, is a major tourist destination on the continent, thanks in particular to its wildlife.

"Revenues (linked to tourism, editor's note) reached 268.09 billion Kenyan shillings (about 2 billion euros) against 146.51 billion shillings in 2021, representing a growth of 83%", welcomed during a press conference in Nairobi, the Kenyan

capital, Peninah Malonza, Minister of Tourism.

In 2022, some 1.5 million tourists visited Kenya, visits up 70% from 2021, but still not reaching pre-pandemic levels, despite the gradual lifting of restrictions. In 2019, around 2 million tourists visited the East African country.

American tourists were the most numerous in 2022, accounting for 16% of arrivals, ahead of those from Uganda (12%), the United Kingdom (10%), and Tanzania (10%).

The authorities had declared last May that tourism contributed, before Covid, to the GDP up to 10%.

Zimbabwe turns to coal from China to boost its power supply

Zimbabwe is turning to coal from China to boost its power supply.

The country is struggling to meet its needs as power cuts can last up to 19 hours a day.

The economy depends on Hwange, its largest coal-fired station, for electricity.

On Monday a new generation unit started operating. It is first of two units, each with a

capacity of 300 megawatts, largely financed by China.

Estimates suggest that Zimbabwe's 16 million people would need about 1,700 megawatts of power daily, a far cry from what the country is capable of producing.

The situation has been made worse by the drought that currently affects the southern African country, in particular the Kariba Dam in northern Zimbabwe that is share with neighbouring Zambia

Turkey seeks to enhance trade ties with Africa



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Nearly 1,500 businessmen representing 41 African countries took part in the World Intersectoral Cooperation Forum in Istanbul. Opportunity for these representatives of the continent to exchange with their Turkish counterparts.

Increasing trade between Turkey and Africa to 4.5 billion dollars is the objective set by the Global Forum for Intersectoral Cooperation. The initiative also aims to increase the notoriety of Turkish SMEs on the continent. Its approach is innovative.

"Now is the time to understand Africa and partner with Africa for its future. It is time to build strategic partnerships with Africa. Don't help Africa anymore.

Africa doesn't need aid. Africa needs investment. Africa needs partnerships," said Utku Bengisu, Chairman of the Global Forum for Cross-Sectoral Cooperation and Founder of Africa Trade Centres.

The Forum also wants to establish export connections, ensure that Turkey is not foreign to African markets, which it does not know very well, and increase the visibility of Turkish SMEs in Africa.

And Ankara does not intend to be in the face: Turkey's exports to Africa will exceed 100 billion dollars in the new century and I want the Republic of Turkey to talk about exports of 500 billion dollars underlined the President of the Forum.

Morocco: new rate hike to try to curb inflation

The Central Bank of Morocco (BAM) again raised its key rate on Tuesday by 50 basis points, to 3%, in order to stem the rise in prices, in particular food, which is affecting low-income and vulnerable households.

At the end of the quarterly meeting of its board, the BAM "decided to raise the key rate by 50 basis points to 3% in order to prevent the outbreak of inflationary spirals", according to a press release from the institution.

The central bank had already raised its key rate during its two previous councils in September and December. This new monetary tightening occurs in the context of strong inflationary pressure, a source of social unrest.

In recent weeks, soaring prices have been strongly

criticized by opposition parties, unions, and even some local media. "Recent data show that inflation continues to accelerate, notably under the effect of internal supply shocks on certain food products", notes the BAM.

Vegetables, fruits, and meats are particularly affected by increases. Under pressure, the government, through the voice of the Minister of Economy, Nadia Fettah Alaoui, has promised that prices should "stabilize or fall" during the period of the holy month of Ramadan which opens this week.

According to figures from the High Commission for Planning (HCP), also published on Tuesday, the consumer price index rose by 1.7% in February and by 10.1% over one year, due to the rise in the index of food

Marburg virus kills 5 in Tanzania



FILE- In this Saturday Nov. 8, 2014 file photo, Ebola health care workers bury the body ... - Copyright © africanews Abbas Dulleh/AP

Tanzania's health ministry on Tuesday confirmed that five people have died and three others are being treated for the Ebola-like Marburg disease.

Health Minister Umyy Mwalimu said the cases were identified in the western region of Kagera and the government had managed to control its spread to other regions.

Like Ebola, the Marburg virus originates in bats and spreads between people via close contact with the bodily fluids of infected people, or surfaces, like contaminated bed sheets. Without treatment, Marburg can be fatal in up to 88% of people.

Marburg outbreaks and individual cases have in the past been recorded in Angola, Congo, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, and Ghana, according to the World Health Organization.

Kenya and Uganda are on high alert due to the recent

cases in Tanzania. WHO representative Zabulon Yoti, who spoke during the Tanzania health ministry press briefing, praised the government for what he called its swift response and transparency.

The acting director of the African Union's public health agency, Ahmed Ogwell Duma, tweeted that Africa CDC would deploy immediately to strengthen response and limit the spread of the disease.

The rare virus was first identified in 1967 after it caused simultaneous outbreaks of disease in laboratories in Marburg, Germany, and Belgrade, Serbia. Seven people died who were exposed to the virus while conducting research on monkeys.

There are no authorized vaccines or drugs to treat Marburg, but rehydration treatment to alleviate symptoms can improve the chances of survival.

Nigeria's opposition petitions to overturn election result

Nigeria's opposition presidential candidate Peter Obi, who came third in last month's election, has filed a formal petition in court seeking to overturn the ballot won by the ruling party candidate.

The petition dated Monday is likely the first stage in a long legal battle over the February 25 election, as has happened with past presidential races in Africa's most populous nation.

The Labour Party's Obi was a surprise third candidate whose appeal to younger voters allowed him to challenge the dominance of the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) and the main opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). Former Lagos governor and APC stalwart Bola Tinubu won the election with around 37 percent of vote, but opposition parties say delays in electronic uploading of results aided massive ballot rigging.

In the petition filed in an Abuja appeals court, Obi alleges that the Independent National Electoral Commission or INEC broke electoral law, INEC has denied any illegal activity, though acknowledged technical problems.

Among other claims, the petition says Tinubu was not qualified to be a candidate because of a 1990s drug-related forfeiture of nearly \$500,000 from one of his accounts in a US bank. Tinubu denies any wrongdoing. Nigeria's ruling APC won most of the states in the local elections, but on the back of a low turnout.

"The election... was invalid by reason of corrupt practices and non-compliance with the provisions of the electoral act," the petition says.

It claims "based on the valid votes cast", Obi won the largest number and "ought to be declared and returned the winner of the presidential election".

The main opposition presidential candidate PDP's Atiku Abubakar has also said he will challenge the results, calling the election a "rape of democracy".

Analysts expect those legal challenges to end up the country's Supreme Court, as they did after the 2019 election.

President Muhammadu Buhari steps down in May after two terms, leaving Nigeria grappling with widespread insecurity, economic woes and growing poverty.

Nigerians had hoped the presidential ballot would give them a chance to be heard, but many were disappointed by the way the election was conducted.

Voters and opposition parties complained last month that technical mishaps with voting machines caused delays and allowed for vote rigging, which the electoral commission has denied.

International observers, including from the European Union, noted major logistical problems, disenfranchised voters and a lack of transparency.

"The process of reclaiming the people's mandate has started," Labour spokesman Yunusa Tanko said in a

statement on Tuesday.

Earlier on Tuesday, president-elect Tinubu appealed for unity, saying "the time for politicking is gone".

- Violent intimidation -

Nigeria's ruling party also won the majority of governorships contested in last weekend's local elections, results showed Tuesday, following a ballot marred by voter suppression and violent intimidation which the US government called deeply troubling.

Elections were held to choose governors in 28 of Nigeria's 36 states and state assembly lawmakers. Governors in the remaining eight states had earlier been chosen in by-elections.

According to the results from Saturday's vote declared by INEC, APC won the governorship in 15 states - Lagos, Sokoto, Katsina, Jigawa, Gombe, Kwara, Niger, Yobe, Nasarawa, Cross River, Ebonyi, Ogun, Benue, Kaduna and Borno.

PDP won seven - Plateau, Bauchi, Oyo, Delta, Rivers, Akwa Ibom and Zamfara states.

Governors are powerful figures in Nigeria and some control state budgets that are larger than those of several African nations.

In a major upset in the presidential election, outsider Obi won the most votes in Lagos, considered the fiefdom of president-elect Tinubu.

A big question on Saturday was whether Obi's popularity, especially among younger voters, would translate into success at the local polls.

But the APC's Babajide Sanwo-Olu scored a landslide re-election as Lagos governor.

Local and international observers said the latest poll was impacted by disappointments in the presidential election but also by tactics to scare voters, buy ballots and threats of violence.

"The United States is deeply troubled by the disturbing acts of violent voter intimidation and suppression that took place during the March 18 polls in Lagos, Kano, and other states," the US embassy said in a statement on Tuesday.

EU mission Chief Observer Barry Andrews on Monday said Nigerians' expectations for Saturday's election were not met in many parts of the country.

"Many were disappointed and we witnessed voter apathy that is a clear consequence of failures by political elites and, unfortunately, also by INEC," he said.

His mission also said polling was disrupted by "thuggery and intimidation of voters, polling officials, observers, and journalists."

"Unfortunately, there were many casualties and fatalities," it said. "Vote-buying, also directly observed by EU (election) observers, further detracted from an appropriate conduct of the elections."

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products (+20.1%).

The Central Bank now expects inflation to remain high at 5.5% in 2023, compared to 6.6% in 2022. It should return to 3.9% in 2024. As for economic growth, the BAM revised downwards its forecast for 2023, at 2.6%, before a recovery to 3.5% in 2024.

The economy of the Maghreb country remains largely dependent on the agricultural and fishing sector, which still represented nearly 12% of GDP in 2020.

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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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Invitation for Bids (IFB) National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

Supply of 12,000 Pairs of License Plates for Artisanal Canoes for the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources.

Date of First Issued: 17th March, 2023

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) has received funds from the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) through the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry intends to utilize the funds for the supply of 12,000 pairs of License Plates for Artisanal Canoes for the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and want to hire a credible Supplier with proven experience for the supply of the aforementioned goods, therefore, sealed bids are invited from eligible bidders for the following:

No.	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	PROCUREMENT NUMBER
1	Supply of 12,000 pairs of License Plates for Artisanal Canoes for the MFMR.	MFMR/ART/NCB/2023/002

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address below between 10:00am to 3:00pm from Mondays to Fridays before the bid closing date. The bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Hundred Leones (Le300.00) for the supply of 12,000 pairs of License Plates for Artisanal Canoes at the Account office of the MFMR and a copy of the receipt submitted to the Procurement Unit at the address below for issuance of the bidding document.

All bids must be accompanied with:

- Ø Bid security of Fifteen Thousand Leones (Le15, 000.00) for the supply of 12,000 pairs of License Plates for Artisanal Canoes for MFMR from a reputable Commercial Bank operating in Sierra Leone.
- Ø A copy of a valid business registration certificate
- Ø A copy of a valid tax clearance certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA).
- Ø A copy of a valid NASSIT clearance certificate,
- Ø A copy of a valid local council License
- Ø Bank Statement for 2 years from a reputable commercial Bank or 2 years Audited financial statements
- Ø A completed sign integrity pact
- Ø A completed sign Eligibility and Qualification Form.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Wednesday 16th April, 2023 at 1200 Hours GMT. Electronic bidding will not be permitted; late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders

Bids will be opened publicly on Monday 17th April, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the presence of bidders or representatives of bidders who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

The Procurement Unit,
Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR)
7th Floor West Wing Youyi Building, Brookfields, Freetown.
Contact No: +232-76-544-429

Police investigator testifies in murder matter

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Detective Sergeant Musa Koroma has testified in the ongoing alleged murder trial of Abdulai Koroma in the High Court of Sierra Leone presided over by Justice Simeon Alieu.

The accused is charged with the offence of murder contrary to law.

It is alleged that the accused on the 2nd of January, 2022, in Freetown, the Western Area of the Republic of Sierra Leone, murdered Elizabeth Vincent.

The prosecution witness, Detective Sergeant Musa Koroma, who investigated the matter, said he obtained statements from the accused in the course of the matter.

The accused's statements were tendered in court and marked as exhibit B1-12.

He read the accused's statements in court, saying that the accused told him that the deceased was his girlfriend and that on the date in question, the deceased visited him and spent the night at his place.

He said the accused denied the allegation against him that he killed his girlfriend.

He said the accused told him that the deceased complained of stiff neck on the night of the incident and that he gave

the deceased some drugs including dragon as pain killers.

Reading the accused's statement further, the witness said the accused informed him that the deceased slept peacefully after taking the drugs and woke up in the morning complaining of the same problem and that he alerted his father and a friend of his.

He said himself, his father and the friend who owns a tricycle (keke) drove the deceased, at the time she was alive, to her house at Congo Town.

The witness told the court that the accused had stated in his statement that his father phoned him in the morning hours and informed him that the deceased had passed on.

He said the accused informed his boss about the incident and that his boss advised him to make a report at the Adonkia Police Station.

He said the accused told him that he met with the deceased through WhatsApp forum and that the deceased visited him four times and that during those visit he seldom had sex with the deceased.

He further explained that on the night of the incident he didn't have sex with the deceased.

The accused's lawyer was absent and the matter was adjourned for further hearing.

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6	3/22/2023 13:55	Euro U19 Qual.	NORWAY U19	3 v 4 ROMANIA U19	1.98	3.03	3.22	3.65	3.55	1.60	1.24	4.40	6.80	2.70	2.06	3.95	2.40	2.45	3.50	2.90	1.28	1.66	1.89	1.80	1.72	1.74	1.84	1.43	2.21			
7	3/22/2023 13:55	Euro U19 Qual.	ICELAND U19	3 v 4 TURKEY U19	3.86	3.47	1.68	7.80	4.90	1.18	1.88	3.55	2.75	4.30	2.28	2.26	3.95	2.70	2.04	3.60	1.17	1.99	1.59	1.80	1.72	1.59	2.04	2.70	1.29			
8	3/22/2023 14:55	African Cup of Nations	BENIN	4 v 3 RWANDA	1.85	3.03	3.61	3.35	3.40	1.71	1.19	4.50	8.20	2.55	2.02	4.40	2.27	2.41	3.90	2.70	1.31	1.59	2.00	1.80	1.72	1.85	1.73	1.34	2.46			
9	3/22/2023 14:55	Portugal U23	LEIXOES U23	0 v 0 CD MAFRA U23	1.56	3.42	3.91	2.55	3.50	1.97	1.15	5.00	8.60	2.10	2.05	4.65	1.95	2.40	4.00	3.25	1.15	1.89	1.54	1.80	1.72	1.54	1.88	1.23	2.75			
10	3/22/2023 15:55	Serbia 2	PRIVAL KRUSEVAC	10 v 11 RADNICKI BEOGRAD	1.86	2.74	3.52	3.75	3.25	1.66	1.19	4.30	9.20	2.65	1.79	4.50	2.28	2.12	3.85	2.08	1.43	1.34	2.30	1.09	3.75	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.03	1.46	
11	3/22/2023 16:55	Euro U19 Qual.	FRANCE U19	1 v 2 NORTHERN IRELAND U19	1.06	7.43	15.63	1.26	4.60	6.00	-	7.00	23.00	1.37	3.35	12.00	1.24	4.30	14.00	5.60	1.05	3.15	1.23	1.94	1.63	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.01	1.61
12	3/22/2023 17:40	UEFA Champions League W	OLYMPIQUE LYON W	0 v 0 CHELSEA W	2.06	3.27	2.83	-	-	-	2.70	1.90	3.55	2.40	2.35	3.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
13	3/22/2023 17:55	African Cup of Nations	SIERRA LEONE	3 v 4 SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	1.02	8.60	20.52	-	-	-	1.11	5.00	14.50	1.07	6.00	14.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
14	3/22/2023 17:55	Germany Amateur	HALBERSTADT	17 v 13 HERTHA BSC II	3.37	3.22	1.73	7.20	4.70	1.21	1.76	3.60	2.95	3.85	2.16	2.29	3.45	2.55	2.06	3.20	1.15	1.86	1.56	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.94	2.37	1.32			
15	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	MSV DUSSELDORF	15 v 20 FC KRAY	1.46	4.01	4.01	2.22	3.70	2.18	1.15	5.40	8.20	1.90	2.20	5.00	1.75	2.50	4.75	4.00	1.07	2.40	1.31	1.60	1.80	1.72	1.38	2.18	1.20	2.90		
16	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	SV SONNBERG	13 v 10 1. FC KLEVE	2.83	3.37	1.86	-	-	-	3.65	1.90	2.65	3.45	2.15	2.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
17	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	BAUMBERG	8 v 14 HOMBERG	1.89	3.27	2.83	3.20	3.95	1.63	1.28	4.60	5.40	2.50	1.90	4.00	2.20	2.65	3.80	1.09	2.20	1.38	1.52	1.92	1.80	1.72	1.35	2.29	1.43	2.07		
18	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	TYO VELBERT 1870	7 v 2 SCHWARZ WEISS ESSEN	2.24	3.32	2.28	3.95	4.20	1.45	1.43	4.30	4.10	2.85	1.90	3.40	2.55	2.10	3.25	4.00	1.08	2.33	1.33	1.58	1.82	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.30	2.42	
19	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	FSV DUISBURG	21 v 3 VfB 03 HILDEN	11.72	6.06	1.07	22.00	6.80	-	5.20	4.10	1.35	8.00	2.75	1.45	7.50	3.25	1.35	4.10	1.07	2.45	1.30	1.62	1.78	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.96	1.49
20	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	CRONENBERG SC	19 v 16 1. FC MONHEIM	3.76	3.86	1.50	7.80	5.20	1.16	2.07	3.70	2.35	4.40	2.00	2.20	3.90	2.35	2.00	3.90	1.08	2.31	1.34	1.56	1.86	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.39	2.16
21	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	SCHONNEBECK 1910	9 v 18 TURU DUSSELDORF	1.60	3.71	3.42	2.55	3.75	1.92	1.20	5.00	6.80	2.10	2.05	4.65	1.95	2.40	4.00	3.85	1.08	2.29	1.35	1.55	1.88	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.37	2.21
22	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	RATINGEN GERMANIA	4 v 12 HAMBORN	1.43	4.10	4.20	2.13	3.70	2.26	1.17	5.60	8.60	1.90	2.20	5.00	1.75	2.50	4.75	4.10	1.07	2.44	1.30	1.62	1.77	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.39	2.18
23	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	SC UNION NETTAL	17 v 5 TSV MEERBUSCH	3.03	3.61	1.72	6.00	4.80	1.25	1.77	3.80	2.85	3.75	1.90	2.60	3.50	2.30	3.90	1.08	2.30	1.34	1.56	1.86	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.35	2.28	
24	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	OLDENBURGER SV	10 v 15 FC DORNBRITTE	1.44	4.10	4.01	2.12	3.90	2.22	1.14	5.60	7.80	1.90	2.20	5.00	1.75	2.50	4.75	4.50	1.05	2.75	1.23	1.79	1.61	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.31	2.41
25	3/22/2023 18:25	Germany Amateur	WESTFALIA RHYNERN	3 v 5 SC PADDEBORN 07 II	2.22	3.03	2.44	4.30	3.90	1.45	1.37	4.10	4.90	2.85	1.90	3.40	2.55	2.10	3.25	3.00	1.18	1.78	1.62	1.30	2.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.93
26	3/22/2023 18:55	Euro U19 Qual.	UKRAINE U19	4 v 2 LUXEMBOURG U19	1.26	4.49	7.62	1.82	3.35	3.00	1.05	6.00	17.00	1.78	2.40	7.60	1.58	2.95	7.40	3.40	1.20	1.92	1.64	1.35	2.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.03	1.60
27	3/22/2023 19:25	U20 Friendly Games	ENGLAND U20	0 v 0 GERMANY U20	1.93	3.18	2.83	-	-	-	2.55	1.90	3.90	2.25	2.20	3.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
28	3/22/2023 19:40	England League 2	MANSFIELD TOWN	8 v 15 GRIMSBY	1.79	3.22	3.61	3.15	3.45	1.76	1.19	4.60	8.00	2.47	2.10	4.40	2.20	2.50	3.90	2.95	1.26	1.70	1.85	1.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.76	1.82
29	3/22/2023 19:40	FIFA Friendly	IRELAND	0 v 0 LATVIA	1.19	4.40	8.21	1.72	3.35	3.30	-	6.20	19.00	1.66	2.31	8.00	1.47	2.60	7.60	3.05	1.18	1.60	1.30	2.44	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.04	1.45	
30	3/22/2023 19:55	UEFA Champions League W	PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN W	0 v 0 VfL WOLFSBURG W	2.05	3.27	2.83	-	-	-	2.70	1.90	3.55	2.40	2.35	3.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
31	3/22/2023 20:55	Colombia	MILLONARIOS FC	7 v 6 AD PASTO	1.61	3.27	4.59	2.80	3.20	1.96	1.13	4.90	11.00	2.32	2.03	5.40	2.04	2.44	4.80	2.60	1.34	1.55	2.06	1.19	3.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.02	1.60
32	3/23/2023 5:55	FIFA Friendly	NEW ZEALAND	0 v 0 CHINA	1.51	3.22	4.59	2.65	3.15	2.07	1.11	5.00	12.00	2.15	1.97	5.40	1.88	2.34	4.80	2.43	1.30	1.50	1.94	1.16	3.15	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.94	1.51
33	3/23/2023 14:55	Euro Qual.	KAZAKHSTAN	3 v 6 SLOVENIA	3.61	3.13	1.83	8.60	4.40	1.20	1.73	3.25	3.40	4.60	1.95	2.65	4.00	2.38	2.27	2.49	1.37	1.51	2.14	1.16	3.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.98	1.62
34	3/23/2023 16:55	FIFA Friendly	IRAN	0 v 0 RUSSIA	2.02	2.83	2.93	4.10	3.50	1.54	1.27	4.10	6.80	2.75	1.89	3.75	2.41	2.24	3.25	2.39	1.31	1.47	1.99	1.15	3.20	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.77	1.62
35	3/23/2023 17:55	U21 Friendly Games	SCOTLAND U21	0 v 0 SWEDEN U21	2.78	2.88	2.07	5.80	4.30	1.29	1.52	3.75	3.90	3.40	2.05	2.65	3.00	2.38	2.39	2.90	1.20	1.69	1.69	1.26	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	1.87
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Title: Call for proposals for innovation challenge awards to support financial intermediaries and fintech firms to develop, design, pilot, and scale up financial products and services targeting informal enterprises and entrepreneurs.

Supervisor: UNDP Sustainable Local and Economic Development Cluster

Deadline: 27th March 2023

Duration of the Activity: one year

Location: Sierra Leone

Bidders can download the bid documents from the UNDP Procurement website at: <https://procurement-notice.undp.org/>

Timing and Contacts

- Proposals should be submitted via email to procure.sle@undp.org no later than **27th March 2023**
- Queries to this call for proposals can be submitted via email to procure.sle@undp.org before **27th March 2023**

OBJECTIVES OF THE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

This call for proposals for innovation challenge awards aims to support financial intermediaries (commercial banks, insurers, credit unions, microfinance institutions, community banks and Financial Services Associations) and fintech firms to develop, design, pilot, and scale up financial products and services targeting informal enterprises and entrepreneurs

WHO CAN APPLY

All registered financial intermediaries (commercial banks, insurers, credit unions, microfinance institutions, community banks, and Financial Services Associations) and fintechs operating in the country. These may include financial institutions (Banks, MFIs, SACCOS, and others); Payment Service Providers; Agent Banking Aggregators; Mobile Network Operators; technology providers; E-commerce platform providers; FinTech companies.

The potential applicants should meet the following criteria: -

- The applicant must be a registered entity with at least 3 years of operations in the country.
- They should have long-term viability and financially sustainable solutions.
- Experience working with MSMEs will be considered an added advantage.
- Applicants with product development experience would be an added advantage. The idea to be supported presents an opportunity for replicability and is built on technologies or methodologies that are adaptable to various contexts.
- Additionality to other existing financial solutions to maximise impact and value proposition for the target group

CRITERIA FOR SHORTLISTING THE PROPOSALS

UNDP will set up an evaluation committee, to review all proposals received using UNDP's principles of fairness and integrity.

The following criteria will guide the selection of the winning proposal:

- Company's performance/track record and product development experience (30%)
- Financial viability of the proposed financial product scalability, catalytic effect, (30%)
- Impact of the proposed financial product and its feasibility with the available resources and partner contributions (40%)

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit a detailed proposal for funding support and the use of such resources via email to procure.sle@undp.org not later than **27th March 2023**. The proposal must explain the business model of the company, show how it is inclusive and its financial viability, and explain which development challenge to solve and how the award would be used to improve informal enterprises and entrepreneurs' access to financial services

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Leone Stars shamefully forced Minnow to draw



In a must win African Nations Cup qualifiers clash, Sierra Leone national team, Leone Stars had to fight very hard to held to underdogs, Sao Tome and Principe to a 2-2 draw on Wednesday March 22, after producing a woeful performance.

Leone Stars, whose team includes big names players such as Augustus Kargbo, Steve Caulker, and Mustapha Bundu were comfortably contained by a team made up largely of players based with lower division clubs. A Leone Stars side who needed an all



three points to revive their hopes of qualifying from Group A saw the visitors created the better chances and went on to take the lead at the Grande Stade D'Agadir in Morocco through Luis Leal dos Anjos in the 43mins, but Sierra Leone's Mustapha Bundu drew level in the 48mins before going for break. Luis Leal dos Anjos again have the visitors the lead in the 59mins before

subitotue Abu Komeh grabbed the equalizer in the 78mins from a second assist by Alhaji Kamara. Sierra Leone players, who hung their heads in shame as they left the pitch while angry fans at home hit several social media platform to express their dismay. The result left Sierra Leone with 2 points from three matches.

Cricket: Sierra Leone to face Nigeria in Women's T20i Opener

Sierra Leone's senior national women's cricket team, the Female Patriot engage runners-up Nigeria at the 3rd NCF Women's T20i Invitational Tournament on Monday, 27 March at the Tafawa Balewa Square Cricket Oval in Lagos. The female patriots who finished third in their last outing on Nigerian soil will have to face the test of the host nation. Whiles Nigeria will face debutant on Tuesday 28 March, for their second match of the tournament, Sierra Leone will square up against Ghana for the second match of day two. Meanwhile, defending champions Rwanda will face Ghana in their opener later on Monday. The last time Sierra Leone and Nigeria clashed, it was the home side, Nigeria who secured a 41 runs victory. Nigeria scored 131 runs for the loss of three wickets whiles the Sierra Leone team with a poor run rate in the first 10 overs, but the side picked up good form in the last part of the innings to end the game on 90 runs for the loss of six wickets.

