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At John Obey:

Community members protest refusal of suspended headman to hand over community property

By Jeneba A Conteh

Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road Court No.1 has on Monday, 27th March, 2023, remanded Mohamed Samura and two others for allegedly killing First Lady Madam Fatima Bio's close protection officer,

Samuel Kargbo.

The accused persons, Mohamed Samura, Mohamed Lamin Dumbuya and Hordy Momodu Evelyn Jabbe appeared before the court on two count offences of conspiracy and murder contrary to law.

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Stake holders in photo opps during the launch



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Minister Dassama delivering her keynote speech, Head of Office, IOM, MAN River rep. and others stakeholders on the high table

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LOCAL NEWS

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

With funding from the European Union, the Independent Media Commission (IMC) in collaboration with the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, (IDEAD International), has launched and popularized the election coverage reporting and print and electronic media regulations.

The two key documents were launched and popularized on Monday, March 27, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Aberdeen in Freetown. The launching and popularization of the two documents will be replicated in the provinces, to keep media practitioners abreast of their crucial role in elections coverage and reporting.

While officially launching the two documents, Minister of Information and Communications, Mohamed Rhaman Swaray, explained government strides and commitments to ensuring free media, despite President Bio being the most vilified presidential candidates.

He said the two documents would serve as formidable reference materials for present and future journalists. He disclosed that government had already set some fund for public interest media.

He emphasized the need for media practitioners to be aware of the social responsibility theory so as to avoid reckless journalism.

"Nobody has any reason to be irresponsible because all of the institutional foundations are in place, including the IMC guidelines, the Right to Access Information," he said. He commended the leadership of the IMC for a job well done and concluded by officially launching the documents.

IMC launches election coverage reporting, print media regulations

In his statement, IMC Chairperson, Dr. Victor Massaquoi recalled that fourteen months ago he took over the commission when it was in agony with staff morale at its lowest, coupled with several challenges.

"Today, the story is relatively different. Of the sixteen challenges we inherited and documented, over twelve of them have been addressed. Today, I am super excited and elated for the launching of these two documents," he said.

He said the journey has not been easy. He encouraged media practitioners present to read, understand and apply the two documents because over 95% of the content came from media practitioners during consultations. He also encouraged practitioners to hold fast to the cable of professionalism and avoid being swayed away by desperate politicians or other individuals.

On behalf of IDEA International, Tawanda Chimhini said International IDEA is an intercontinental institution that supports democracy worldwide, adding that they are currently working on supporting state and non-state institutions.

He said with the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed between IMC and International IDEA covers a broad range of areas and one of which is to ensure that the capacity of the media is enhanced to contribute to the rolling out of elections in a credible manner.

He added that the media has a vital role in electioneering processes. "International IDEA has discovered



that there are three broad challenges with regarding the role of the media. There is always lack of clarity regarding the role of the media in elections, political incentives to aid the role of the media always come late and failure by government, institutions and funding communities that there is timely assistance and continuous support to the media," he said.

Ahmed Sahid Nasralla, President of the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists, (SLAJ) said the media landscape is constantly evolving with the new technology constantly emerging, thereby expressing the need for such guidelines by the IMC. He called on journalists to be professional especially during electioneering periods, noting that the new documents would help the media to continue to play critical role as watch dog of democracy.

President Nasralla expressed that SLAJ will be close to the IMC and be

committed to ensure that the news guidelines remain relevant and protective in years to come not just during elections.

He called for continuous support for the media not just during elections. He commended the IMC for its marvelous job under the leadership of Dr. Victor Massaquoi for putting such document together.

"The media has achieved so much under the leadership of President Bio with the fantastic leadership of the Minister of Information and Communications. SLAJ would, under no circumstances will defend any journalist or media house that decides to be reckless. Nobody will hide behind free media to score selfish political goals," he concluded.

Meaningful contributions were also made by representatives National Elections Watch Guild of Editors, Independent Radio Network and the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone.

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From Cover

It was alleged that, on Monday, 27th February, 2023, at Woodland Estate in Freetown, the accused conspired with other persons unknown and murdered Samuel Abu Bakar Kargbo, alias Wanie.

When the matter was mentioned, no plea was taken.

The Prosecutor, Assistant Superintendent of Police Ibrahim S. Mansaray sought a short adjourned date, stating that he didn't have proper conference with his witness.

Lead Defense Counsel, Roland Nylendei, appealed with the Bench

for speedy trial and Magistrate Ngegba noted that he had taken records of his appeal.

According to Police report, one Desmond Johnson of No.12 Boyle Lane, Off Banana Water, Murray Town, reported that on the aforesaid date at 2:00hours, at Old Signal Hill Road in Freetown, the victim Samuel Kargbo, attached to First Lady Madam Fatima Bio, as a protection officer, was found lying dead in a pool of blood and was taken to the 34 Military Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The matter was adjourned to Monday 3rd April, 2023.

30-year-old behind bars for allegedly stealing tricycle

By Jeneba A Conteh

Thirty-year-old Mohamed Momoh Lahai, made his first appearance before Magistrate Peter Brima Gogra of the Pademba Road Court No.6 in Freetown. He was before the court for fraudulent conversion contrary to Section 20 (1) (iv) (a) of the Larceny Act 1916.

According to the particulars of offence, on Thursday, 9th March, 2023, at Tree Planting, in Freetown, fraudulently converted to his own use or benefit certain property-one tricycle with registration number ATU 245 Tarod valued nine hundred and fifty Leones (Le950), entrusted to him by Baba

Galit Brima for the purpose of safe keeping.

The charge was read and explained to the accused person and no plea was taken.

The prosecutor, Inspector Musu Edna Kpulun, informed the Bench that her witness was absent and sought for a short adjournment date.

The accused person was unrepresented by legal representative.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Gogra refused bail and sent the accused person to the Male Correctional Centre in Freetown and adjourned the matter to the 31st March 2023 for further hearing.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Talking Drum Studio and partners have yesterday, March 28, held a National Public Policy Dialogue on the project titled strengthening the Role of Women for Inclusive Governance and a Peaceful Society at the New Brookfield's Hotel, Jomo Kenyatta Road, Brookfield's Freetown.

In her keynote address, a representative of the Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Madam Balu Kamara stated the government's commitment in upholding and strengthening women's representation and empowerment in the country by enacting the Gender Equality and Women's Act. "The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act (GEWE) is a monumental advancement for gender equality in Sierra Leone, a country ranked 181 out of 191 countries in the United Nations Development Program's Gender Inequality Index. The law enshrines improvements to women's access to finance, employment opportunities, equal pay, maternity leave, and—critically—political representation. GEWE establishes a 30 percent quota for women's participation in government for both appointed positions, including cabinet, ministry, and ambassador roles, and elected positions, such as parliamentary and local council seats. Currently, women represent just 12 percent of parliamentary seats and four of 32 cabinet positions. The GEWE quota will go into effect ahead of Sierra Leone's upcoming presidential, parliamentary, mayoral, and local council elections on June 23, 2023," Madam Balu highlighted.

She went on to state that according to recent census survey, there are more women (over 50%) in the

Talking Drum, partners hold national public policy dialogue

country than men, yet like most African countries, men dominate and control the economic, political, and social life of the country. She added that it was as a result of that that President Bio enacted the GEWE Act.

She further stated that she looked forward to a more vibrant and diverse parliament with greater numbers of women and women's voices; urging all political parties to go beyond the legal minimum of the number of women when they compile their proportional representation lists ahead of the elections in June this year.

In her submission, the Ambassador of Ireland to Sierra Leone, Claire Buckley expressed optimism that the dialogue will lead to fruitful results. She added that they discussed positive results of their work on gender sensitive budgeting across five districts, namely Port Loko, Kambia, Kenema, Karene and Moyamba.

She noted that the Irish Embassy and government will continue to render their unflinching support to the Talking Drum Studio, noting that they were impressed with how women's participation in local budget and Public Financial Management.

She went on to explain that yesterday's dialogue was important in two ways. Firstly, it was a demonstration of their shared commitments to women participation in inclusive democratic processes and institutions. Secondly, it provides another opportunity to deepen those conversations that happened in a similar space.

"As you may be aware, this dialogue has always been a product of the



project implementation, it is based on the evidence gathered and lessons learnt from the various communities," she highlighted.

In her closing remarks, she stated that there have been improvements in the gender sensitive budgeting across the five districts, noting that from 29.33% in 2021 to 35.91% in 2022. She added that there are challenges in the two new districts (Moyamba and Karene).

She rounded off by admonishing all stake holders at community, ward, district and national levels.

Alpha Kamara, the National Coordinator, Talking Drum Studio indicated that strengthening the role of women project is a women-led project that seek to invigorate the role of women in promoting peace and local level accountability. He added that the project is implemented in 7 of the 16 administrative districts in Sierra Leone. He went on to disclose that the Talking Drum Studio have covered nearly half of the country. He indicated that despite the challenges encountered, the Project achieved the following, over 13,203

direct project participants reached, 850 women in 30 chiefdoms' across the 7 districts have strengthened capacity and are leading social cohesion and accountable activities within their communities, 12 women led CSO's are leading and influencing change in their communities, 360 young girls known as Mentees are taking up leadership roles in their communities and schools.

The founder and former president for the 50/50 Organization, Madam Majeks Walker threw a lot of light on the GEWE Act. She stated that the GEWE Act does not fully represent the needs of women and it is tightfisted in its provisions, as it doesn't explain the benefits of women in the newly enacted Act. She mentioned that her organization will not cease to pursue, promote and advocate for women in all spheres of influence, as that is their key mandate at 50/50.

The dialogue attracted CSO's, NGO's, military personnel and members of the Fourth Estate.

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Two accused persons, Ibrahim Foday Kamara, a farmer and Mohamed Sinneh Conteh, a tailor, were both remanded by Magistrate Mark Ngegba of Court No.1 for unlawful possession of small arms.

The accused persons were arraigned before the court on three counts ranging from burglary and larceny contrary to

Two remand for unlawful possession of small arms

Section 25 (1) and 13 (a) of the Larceny Act 1916, unlawfully possession of small arms, contrary to the Arms and Ammunition Act of 2012, Act No. of 2012, and unlawful concealment of arms and ammunition, Regulation 22 of the Arms and Ammunition Regulation 204, Statutory

Instrument No.8 of 2014.

It was alleged that the first accused, Ibrahim Foday Kamara, on Friday, 16th December, 2022, at Masumana Village, Port Loko, North West Region, with intent to steal, broke and entered Hawa Kamara and stole therein property of Hawa Kamara.

The second accused, Mohamed

Sinneh Conteh, on Friday 6th December, 2022, at Masumana Village, Port Loko, North West Region, and unlawful concealed one SLR gun without lawful authority.

Both accused persons were not represented by counsel and no bail was granted to the accused, while the matter was adjourned for 28th March, 2023.

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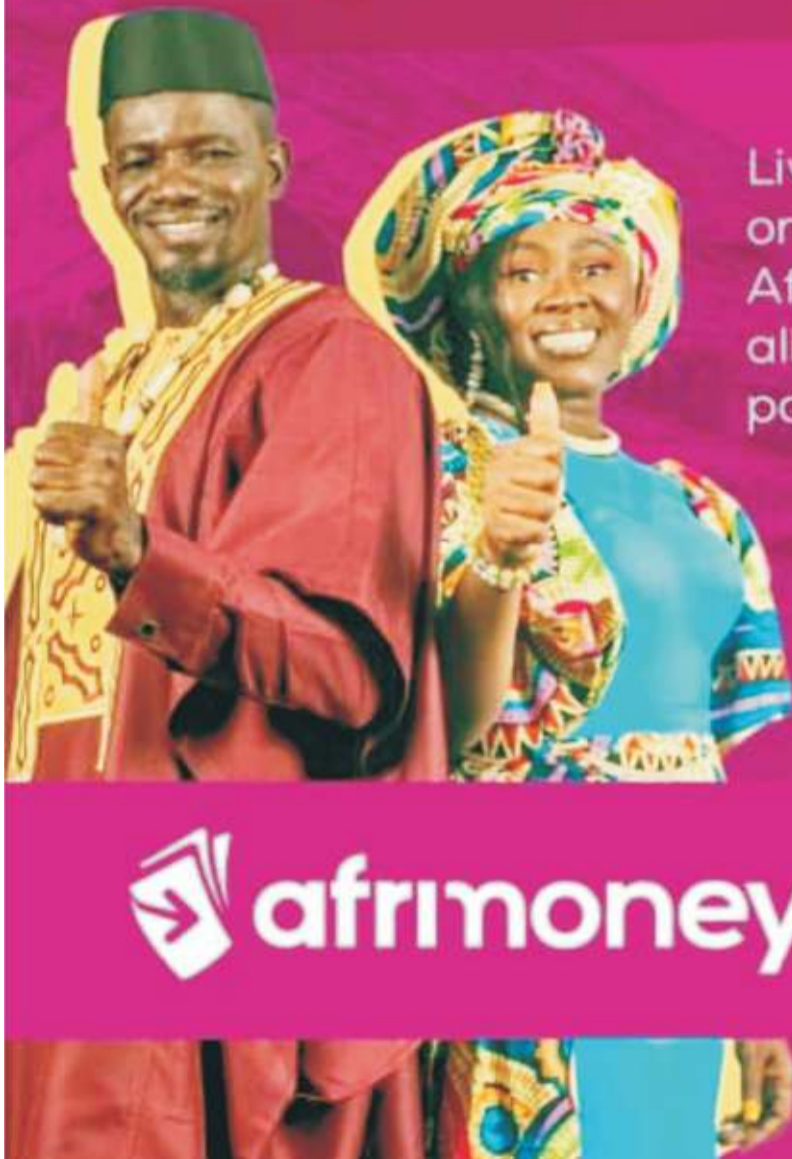
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LOCAL NEWS IOM, GoSL, MRU, team up to deal with trafficking in persons

By Mohamed J Kargbo

On their collective efforts to combat human trafficking in the Mano River Union basin, the International Organization of Migration (IOM), Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) and the Mano River Union Secretariat have on March 27, 2023 organised a three-day technical expert meeting at the Sierra Palms Hotel in Freetown.

The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Sub-Regional Technical Expert meeting was held following the fluency of trafficking in the MRU member states which includes Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Guinea.

In his opening remarks, Head of Office, IOM Sierra Leone, Christos Christodoulides, said he was delighted to witnessing an event of that magnitude taking place in Sierra Leone, adding that he felt privileged to see all stakeholders united and committed to fighting against human-trafficking within (MRU).

He said since IOM started its operations in Sierra Leone, some twenty years ago, they have learnt that combatting trafficking in persons requires comprehensive approaches and strong partnerships with Civil Society and NGOs.

He further said that IOM takes a comprehensive approach to addressing human trafficking, based on the 3P paradigm (Prosecution-Prevention-Protection).

"Let me seize this opportunity to wish that all of us continue working together in the fight against trafficking, and for the donor community to consider ways to fund programmes and support government and the national TIP taskforce efforts in that regard," he concluded.

Making her keynote speech, Baindu Dassama, Minister of Social Welfare, said she was honoured to be part of the meeting geared toward the fight against human trafficking in the sub-region, especially when the meeting focuses on trafficking prevention, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of perpetrators.

She said the Anti-Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Act of 2022, has tougher punishment for perpetrators, noting that they established a hotline-134 across the country for people to report human trafficking cases.

She highlighted some of the challenges Sierra Leone has been facing over the past four years in the implementation of relevant



international and national anti-trafficking policy instruments and how to improve on counter-trafficking actions going forward.

She further said that task force members met to discuss and share initiative between Sierra Leone and Guinea, the meeting which was informed by shared understanding between Sierra Leone and Guinea.

She added that trafficking and irregular migration involving vulnerable women, children and youth including persons living with disabilities often takes place along porous borders.

She said that people that are being trafficked to other countries often engage in forced labour on large

plantations, mining sites, and factories; as well as being exploited in forced begging and sex trafficking.

MRU Ambassador, Ambassador Maria G. Harrision said combatting human trafficking in the Mano River Union sub-regions is a must, adding that she was happy to be part of the deliberation over the next few days.

She expressed the need for a global joint force to fight the outrageous crime. She said that Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Ivory coast should come together as members states under Mano River Union to combat human trafficking because the traffickers.

At John Obey: Community members protest refusal of suspended headman to hand over community property

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Residents of John Obey Community, Freetown Peninsular, have expressed dissatisfaction over the persistent refusal of the suspended headman, Hassan Marrah, to handover community property to his successor, Aiah S. Moore, who was duly appointed by the Ministry of Local Government on January 10th, 2023.

John Obey is predominantly a sand mining and fishing community and bulk of the proceeds from the sand mining is controlled by the headman of the community and the Western Rural District Council.

Hassan Marrah, who served as headman of the John Obey community for over twenty-three-year, was suspended by the Ministry of Local Government, after he failed to account for his

twenty-three-year stewardship.

He was alleged to have misappropriated community funds and misused his powers throughout his tenure as headman, with his executive comprising only his family members.

Joshua Freeman, current Youth Chairman of the community, told Concord Times that Marrah's reign was shrouded with nepotism, lack of accountability and transparency.

"Twenty-three-year under Headman-Marrah, we had no freedom to express our opinion about the development of our community. All we want is for Marrah to hand over community property to Aiah Moore, who, in two months of his leadership, has brought so many developments to the community," he said.

Community members outlined several achievements realized under the leadership of Aiah

Moore, who has barely been in office for two months.

"We want Aih Moore to be pronounced as substantive headman. We want the government to upgrade his position to headman instead of the acting capacity he is currently holding. Within two months of his leadership, he has established a bank account for the community and we believe our monies are now safe. Under his leadership, the community is paying salaries of teachers who are not on government payroll and he has refurbished the community water dam which was in complete ruin before he assumed office," they highlighted.

While rumours are making the rounds that government is working on reinstating the suspended headman, community members are protesting that, "We will not accept such move because we are tired of

his leadership which he only used to serve his family and not the community. We are proud of Aih Moore's leadership and we want him to continue as the community headman. We believe the community will move forward in terms of development, if he is given the opportunity to serve."

Several community members narrated bitter stories about the suspended headman, who they said will deprive the community of further development.

On his part, the current headman, Aih Moore, told Concord Times that he was constrained to carry out his duties because his predecessor has refused to do proper handing over, despite intervention by the Ministry of Local Government.

Concord Times made several efforts to reach the suspended headman for his reaction, but to no avail.

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LOCAL NEWS

Caritas trains 30 animators on election violence, early warning signs

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma



Caritas Sierra Leone, through their Justice for Peace Commission, has trained 30 animators from 15 slum communities on election violence, early warning signs and cyberbullying and how to prevent violence against women and promoting women's participation in the 2023 General.

Speaking yesterday, March 28, at the opening of the two-day training session, at Twin Hall Center, Hastings, Programs Manager, Caritas Sierra Leone, Justice for Peace Commission, Eliza O. Sillah, said a problem in the community is a problem for every household in that community.

She said the training of the 30 community animators selected from 15 communities in the rural and urban districts is to implement a project funded by Trócaire titled, Preventing Violence Against Women and Promoting Women's Participation in the Electoral Processes for 2023 general elections. She said the 30 animators were selected from the 15 slum communities because, those are the communities that are highly populated with divers' kind of people including, youth, women and people living with disability.

She said there is high rate of violence and drug abuse in those communities, noting that because of the vulnerability of those low income and unemployed people that are living in the slum areas makes them

easily to be used for the purpose violence during this time of elections.

She said in the next 12 months the animators are going to be serving as point of contact for Caritas Justice for Peace Commission, in their communities and also ensure that their communities are safe and free from political violence.

She said they are also going to be working to ensure women's participation during the elections and also ensure that people with disability access election facilities and also participate fully in the electoral process.

She said the two-day training will help will help capacitate the animator to be able to detect early signs of violence within their communities and know how to report them and where they can report it, noting that it is a training that will give them a broader understanding and also look specifically in the aspect of the gender lens.

One of the participates Dominic Osman, a Community stakeholder in the Newton Community said the training will be able to help them to go back to their communities sensitize their people and encouraged them to stay out of election violence.

He called on all Sierra Leoneans to stay out of election violence and promote peace before, during and after elections.

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RATIONALE FOR THE CALL

Access to finance is an important element in supporting the growth and formalization of informal enterprises. It supports businesses to improve productivity, become more efficient and competitive and comply with regulations and laws, access new markets, and expand their operations, which can lead to increased profits and growth

Financial services in Sierra Leone are fragmented, small in scale and largely informal, characterised by volatility in individual and aggregate income levels. The financial market lacks depth and breadth in terms of reach and products offered to the clients and interest spreads and banking industry margins are high. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic and the current economic crisis due to the Russian aggression in Ukraine have affected entrepreneurs' ability to meet loan repayments resulting in relatively high non-performing loans in some sectors. This coupled with the lack of knowledge, high unit costs and the perceived higher level of risks associated with MSMEs has affected financial intermediaries' capital adequacy and profitability and further reduced their risk appetite to lend to the MSMEs and informal enterprises.

On the other hand, there is evidence that the financial intermediaries are interested in diversifying their portfolios, however, some of them lack sufficient management and technical capacity to design better tailored made financial products adapted to the needs of specific sectors such as agriculture where a significant number of informal companies are operating. This will require a deliberate strategy to identify and adapt financial service products offer in terms of products, delivery models and management processes among others.

Given the low supply of financial services in the country, and the high demand for financial services from enterprises, financial intermediaries hold the leverage to influence business practices. Therefore, commercial banks, insurers, credit unions, microfinance institutions, community banks and Financial Services Associations are potential financial intermediaries for promoting the formalization of informal enterprises and improving access to finance in rural areas.

At the same time, supporting formalization has the potential to enhance financial institutions' business performance: through a better performance of the MSMEs as well the risk and business management perspective. A formalised enterprise is more transparent and hence is a less risky borrower, which helps reduce operating costs and identify future earning opportunities more accurately. Financial institutions with a social agenda, or a double-bottom-line approach, can additionally enhance their social impact by promoting formalization

Therefore, there is a need to support the financial intermediaries to cushion their capacity to efficiently serve these under-served markets through improving their management and technical skills and managing innovative processes such as a partnership with Fintech firms, product development, partnerships with value chain actors to develop, pilot, roll out financial and non-financial services to reach these untapped markets in the informal economy.

UNDP and partners recognise the high demand for financial services among the informal actors for savings, credit, insurance, and digital services. However, the current products and services are either unaffordable, out of reach or not aligned with their needs. On the other hand, financial intermediaries do recognize the need to provide alternative products and

services that suit the needs of informal enterprises.

Financial intermediaries, placed at the core of economic activities, are recognized as crucial members of the MSMEs ecosystem. As such, they can play an important role in supporting enterprise development while benefitting from the resulting reduction of the financial risks associated with the MSME's client portfolio and the competitive advantages of building better client knowledge and lasting relationships. Therefore, in addition, the ILO plans to establish partnerships with financial institutions aiming at promoting enterprise development by means of the provision of relevant business skills development, digital and financial literacy capacity building to the target groups of the project

THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

UNDP, in collaboration with ILO, shall support financial intermediaries to identify and adopt existing financial products/services targeting informal enterprises/entrepreneurs, in order to incentivize formalization. Through this call, UNDP would like to strengthen the capacities of financial intermediaries to adapt innovative financial products and solutions that meet the financial needs of MSMEs, while fostering the way to formality. This may include technical assistance to support the product development process, marketing of the products, and management to ensure that appropriate products meet the needs of the market and provide pathways to the formality of their clients.

As such, UNDP in Sierra Leone is inviting financial intermediaries (commercial banks, insurers, credit unions, microfinance institutions, Savings and Credit cooperatives, community banks, Financial Services Associations and insurance companies, to submit proposals describing their suggested products/services targeting informal enterprises/entrepreneurs. UNDP shall provide technical support in capacity building to up to 8 Financial Intermediaries in the country.

In addition, ILO will further support the identified financial institutions in piloting and rolling out the developed products and estimating the impacts achieved.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSAL

The specific objectives of the call for proposals include: -

1. Improve the capacity of financial intermediaries including banks, microfinance institutions, Savings and Credit cooperatives, community banks, and insurance companies, to provide appropriate financial products and services to informal enterprises and entrepreneurs.
2. Promote access and usage of financial services for promoting the formalization of the economy and better responding to the financial needs of the private sector.

SELECTION CRITERIA

This is a call for proposals (expression of interest) based on which UNDP will identify up to 8 proposals that will qualify for technical support.

Key areas for consideration for financial intermediaries for this call include: -

1. Registered financial intermediaries including banks, microfinance institutions, Savings and Credit cooperatives, community banks, insurance companies, etc operating in the country for a minimum of three years.
2. Feasibility of financial products /services to be refined and adapted to respond better to the market needs and promoting pathways to the formality of enterprises
3. Institutional capacity to develop, implement and scale up the products
4. Compliance to call requirement

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE PROPOSAL

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 process:

- Company's performance/track record and experience working with MSMEs and informal enterprises (30%)
- Potential product scalability, catalytic effect, (30%)
- Impact of the proposed financial product and its feasibility (40%)

The deadline for applications is **5:00pm on Monday, 3rd March 2023**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Grant Proposals Submissions are to be made electronically in one file (pdf format) signed and scanned to the following email: procure.sle@undp.org. Hard copies may be submitted to **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at UNDP Reception Area, Fourah Bay Close, Off Main Motor Road, Wilberforce, Freetown, Sierra Leone.**

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Libya: EU refutes UN accusations on migrants



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The European Union on Tuesday defended its record of helping migrants in Libya, after UN-backed investigators accused the 27-nation bloc of encouraging human rights abuses and other crimes in this North African country.

Libya is an important jumping-off point for people from North Africa and beyond who wish to make the perilous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea in poorly maintained boats, in search of a better life or a refuge in Europe.

According to the United Nations' International Organization for Migration (IOM), at least 529 migrants died and 848 others went missing off the coast of Libya last year. More than 24,680 people were intercepted by the Libyan Coast Guard as they attempted to leave the country and then brought back.

Presenting the report of a UN fact-finding mission to Libya on Monday, Investigator Chaloka Beyani said EU assistance to the Libyan authorities, the migration department and the coast guard "helped and encouraged the commission of these crimes", including crimes against humanity.

The report states that the migrants, some of whom could have been granted asylum, "were apprehended, detained and disembarked in Libya with the sole aim of preventing their entry into Europe, as a corollary of the European policy on immigration and the economic agenda of migration in Libya, through their subsequent detention and exploitation".

The European Commission, the EU's executive body, said it took the allegations "very seriously" while stressing that its work in Libya was essential and often carried out in coordination with UN agencies such as the IOM and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Doing nothing is not an answer. Our goal, our common goal, is to help improve the situation of people stranded in Libya," said Commission spokesman Peter Stano.

"Of course there are incidents. There are issues that are a source of concern. We are trying to resolve them with the partners in Libya, with the international partners," Stano told reporters in Brussels. He added that the EU mission in Libya had cooperated with the investigators.

The report also states that investigators believe that the EU and its member countries "provided, directly or indirectly, financial and technical support as well as equipment, such as boats, to the Libyan Coast Guard and the Directorate of fight against illegal migration", which have been used to intercept and detain migrants.

However, Mr Stano refuted suggestions that the EU could pay to keep migrants in Libya.

"We don't fund any Libyan entity. We don't give physical money to our partners in Libya," he said. "What we do is allocate a lot of money, which is then generally used by our international partners. A lot of it goes through the United Nations, for example".

Earlier this month, the Commission said a new boat had recently been handed over to the Coast Guard. Two more new boats and an undisclosed number of refurbished boats are yet to come.

At the same time, the EU refurbished six other boats for the Libyan General Administration of Coastal Security, which is separate from the Coast Guard. In February, Italy provided two more fast craft to the GACS fleet. The Commission said on Tuesday that 142 officers from the General Administration for Coastal Security had received EU training.

Italy, where most of those leaving Libya to arrive, has received at least 15 million euros (\$16.3 million) from the EU to fund migration and border control work there. Last year, in a written response to a question from the European Parliament, EU Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson said that "the EU has spent around 700 million euros (\$760 million) on Libya over the 2014-20 period, including €59 million (\$64 million)" for the Coast Guard and GACS.

New penalty system to improve road safety in Ivory Coast



Ivorian police officers look at the list of offences against motorists at a police checkpoint near Grand Bassam - Copyright © africanews@africanews

A new penalty system has been introduced in Ivory Coast to boost road safety.

Penalties will cost points to drivers in a bid to reduce the number of deaths that last year reached over one thousand, according to official figures.

"I think it is a good initiative, because today there are so many accidents, there are so many drivers, if I may say so. So with this, I think it can get each of us to really settle down about driving", said Fernandez Depri, a surveyor who has paid several traffictickets.

The new system, based on a French model, is automated and drivers receive fines electronically. Payment also ensures the money goes to the state. "Paying, getting a receipt is even more secure since it goes into the state coffers", said professional driver Marius Assi.

"We will no longer have all the police officers to monitor you. But there are cameras watching you. And so in the mind of each driver they must be aware that speeding of more than 1 to 20, or 25 kms here it will cost points so he must behave well", added Raphaël Gossan, Deputy Director,

Egypt's Ramadan good Samaritans forced to tighten their belts



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In Egypt, Ramadan is synonymous with giving to the poorest. This year, with the economic crisis, prices have soared, donors have become scarcer and soup kitchens have had to seriously cut back.

"Last year, we served 360 fast-breaking meals a day during the month of Ramadan. This year, we won't even be able to provide 200," the founder of a small charity in Cairo's working-class al-Marg district told AFP.

And yet, notes this good Samaritan who does not wish to give her name for reasons of confidentiality, these free meals have become vital. Food prices have more than doubled, while inflation is running at 33% and devaluation at 50%.

For many families, she says, picking up a basket or sitting down at one of these associations has become "the only option for eating meat or chicken", two foodstuffs that are now out of reach for the majority of Egyptians in a country where two-thirds of the 105 million inhabitants live below or just above the poverty line.

Ramadan is synonymous with charity in Egypt: "It's a tradition that we hold dear, most Egyptians give their annual alms at this time," says Manal Saleh, now head of the Egyptian Clothing Bank after founding the Food Bank in 2004, one of the country's largest aid associations.

The proof? According to official figures, out of the 315 million dollars in donations given to associations over ten months in 2021, "90% was received during Ramadan", she assures us.

But this year, the war in Ukraine, a strong devaluation and the global surge in inflation have all played their part.

For Fouad, a 64-year-old Cairo man who prefers to use a pseudonym, this has meant a surge in the number of families needing help during Ramadan.

- More volunteers -

Last year, the small soup kitchen that this retired engineer runs with several friends distributed 250 meals a day. This year, he says, more cooking will be needed "so that we don't just help the poorest. He now sees day labourers or small employees who, all year round, skip lunch and save "60 or 70 pounds", or about two euros, "because they know that this sum can make a difference for their family".

For in Egypt, one of the five countries in the world at risk of defaulting on its debt, there are no small savings.

According to the latest official figures, in 2021, the average salary was 120 euros. But today, the cheapest kilogram of local meat in Cairo costs 6.5 euros, a quarter of a weekly wage.

This year, Fouad and his friends have managed to double their budget. But at the cost of great effort and especially knowing that this would not double the number of beneficiaries, just exceed it a little.

"With two weeks to go before Ramadan, we looked at the figures and thought we might have to cancel everything this year," he tells AFP.

"But fortunately those who could, doubled their donations because they know how important it is for us to be there at times like this.

Even before Ramadan, NGOs were already receiving middle-class people crushed by soaring prices, asking for cheques to pay the rent, their children's schooling or the maintenance of their car.

Those who were generous donors until last year can no longer help the poorest.

But, Ms Saleh believes, "we have been through crises before and Egyptians have stuck together".

"Even if people can't give as much as they used to, we will see more volunteers, more people willing to cook for others, even if they don't have money to give.

Calls for calm and dialogue in Kenya following Monday's protests

Calls for calm and dialogue in Kenya have multiplied on Tuesday, including from the African Union (AU), in the wake of fresh protests marred by violence and looting.

On Monday, police fired tear gas to disperse opposition demonstrators in Nairobi and in the western town of Kisumu where one person was killed.

In Nairobi, in addition to tear gas, police also used a water cannon against opposition leader Raila Odinga's convoy as it drove through a busy area of the city, leading to crowd movements.

Road Safety Special Police.

Ivory Coast hopes its new road safety campaign can help to cut road deaths by as much as half by 2025. The authorities are investing heavily in raising awareness among drivers.

Ivorian Minister of Transport, Amadou Koné, is confident that these efforts will bring results.

"With the videoconferencing, the road safety strategy, the point permit, the awareness

The protests began on March 20th after a call by opposition leader Raila Odinga for by-weekly protests.

Odinga accuses President William Ruto of being unable to control the soaring cost of living.

On Tuesday, the AU Commission chairperson, Moussa Faki Mahamat, expressed his "deep concern about the violence during the demonstrations in Kenya".

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campaigns that we make, the road safety week that was therefore introduced, that every week we can raise awareness - since it is 80% awareness, it is to sensitize our compatriots, we think that at the end of this year we could also have convincing results", said the Ivorian Minister of Transport.

According to official figures, the number of road deaths in Ivory Coast dropped last year to 1,051 from 1,614 a year earlier.

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Call for proposal

Terms of Reference

ActionAid Sierra Leone (AASL)

Evaluation of CSP III and National Contextual Review to Inform the Development of CSP IV

Background

A brief about ActionAid Sierra Leone

ActionAid Sierra Leone (AASL) was established in 1988 in Kambia District. Over the years, there has been programme growth leading to the establishment of new Development Areas/Local Rights Programme across all regions of the country. Its operations have expanded to 8 Districts out of 16 making 50% of the country's demographic landscape.

AASL's work has been guided by previous global organisational and accountability frameworks (such as Moving Forward in the 90's, Giving People Choices, Fighting Poverty Together, Rights to End Poverty, INGENDO, Another Africa is Imperative, ActionAid Planning and Reporting Systems, ActionAid's Accountability, Learning and Planning Systems (ALPS); and specific thematic strategies as the Country Strategy Paper (CSP) developed in 1993/4 was put aside due to significant changes in the operating context resulting from the escalation of hostilities.

When the war officially ended, the country programme was reviewed as an ALPS requirement. The review findings informed future programme directions by contributing to defining the first approved CSP – Enhancing Governance and Accountability to End Poverty (EGAP) which was implemented from 2007 - 2011.

AASL's second country strategy paper (CSPII), 'Claiming Rights to End Poverty' (CREP) coincided with the International Strategy which ended in 2016. The strategy reflects ActionAid's commitments to addressing the causes of poverty in rural and peri-urban areas in Sierra Leone. The implementation of this strategy (CREP) was accompanied with a restructuring plan which was meant to ensure that we align our structure to fit the purpose of the strategy. Significant changes took place over the period with the merging of 6 Local Rights Programme Offices to establish 2 Regional Offices. These merging led to redundancies, reduction of staff size and establishment of new roles. The mergers also implied at least 70% of all programme and project work were implemented through partners.

AASL principles of engagement are anchored on Feminist Research guidelines and Rights-Based approach to development: amplifying our work locally and globally; thematic working; working with and through partners and use of the participatory methodologies. Our Feminist Research and Human Rights-Based Approach is the centerpiece of our work and is fully utilized for programming, implementation, monitoring and accountability. These are guided by AAI Programme Quality Standards (PQS).

From 2013 (the start of implementation of CREP) to 2017, a lot of changes took place in the national context and these changes had impact on the work of ActionAid Sierra Leone. This is true for both the programming and fundraising aspect of the organization. For instance, the outbreak of the Ebola had deep impact on lives and communities which shifted AASL operations from its core programming priorities to responding to the emergency crisis for almost two years (2014-2016). The floods in 2015 that saw the displacement of communities mainly in the Western Area and Bo districts; the change in the funding landscape, donor politics and shift in priorities; the shrinking space for citizens' mass actions; the enactment of a new NGO policy and its potential impact on NGO operations; the gender inequality and increase in women's rights violations; the new global strategy with change in priorities and programming approach; the role of corporates and their influence on state accountability and impact of their actions on livelihoods of communities; to name but a few. These trends continue to prevail thereby necessitating a review of the operating context to inform the next priorities AASL will focus on.

Purpose and Objectives of the Contextual Review

The overall purpose of this work is to evaluate ActionAid Sierra Leone's current CSP by scanning the context (external and internal) to present a clear picture of current issues. Information that would be gathered will then be used in the development of a new Country Strategy Paper. It is important to note that the contextual review is to scan the external and internal environment from different perspectives. Internally, it is expected that assessment be done on AASL overall programme, finance, fundraising, HR Administration, our geographical coverage, partnership model and the trend of funding over the life of the current CSP noting the factors that contributed to the current realities of the country and the districts where we operate. It will involve gathering relevant information on the political, economic, social, technological, Climate and environmental and legal and emergency and the implication of each of these trends on AASL operations. With regards the

Evaluation, the consultant should ensure a thorough analysis of the programme over the 5 years period in relation to our Programme Quality Standards (PQS) and Theory of Change (ToC). Once these are done very well, the new CSP will be developed with concrete information and decision making on next steps with regards our Programme Design.

As ActionAid Sierra Leone is a member of a wider federation, it is expected that this work should be done in alignment with the Global Strategy and the Strategy Implementation Framework 2 (SIF2). This is to show the degree of coherence in addressing a global problem of poverty and injustice.

Specific Objectives:

- To conduct a final evaluation of AASL CSP to ascertain national and global trends and overall implications on AASL programming.
- To assess our Partnership model clearly presenting strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and treats and recommend concrete actions to better our model of partnership.
- To generate lessons which can be used to shape the new country programme proprieties/strategies based on key emerging trend/issues.
- To conduct analyses of organizational performance to assess how resources (both human and financial), systems and processes are used to achieve CSP priorities and make recommendations for the next strategy.
- To review the organizational structure in tandem with its available funding and analyze its impact on the organization going forward
- Define the course of AASL's work and national and international level linkages in the next 6 years based on the context.
- To lead the development of a new CSP after evaluating the current CSP and assessment of our partnership model with separate reports of both.

Please go to the link below to access the detailed terms of reference.

<https://aasl.byteltd.com/jobs/detail/consultancy-289>

The successful consultant(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Sierra Leone. In addition, the successful consultants (s) must ensure the adherence of the following ActionAid International Policies:

- Sexual Harassment, Exploitation and Abuse (SHEA) Policy
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse (PSEA) Policy
- Anti-Terrorist Funding Policy

- Proposals must be sent in both hard and soft copies. Hard 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

Email: procurement.aasl@actionaid.org

Bids must be delivery to the above address on or before **3 Pm 30th March 2023**.

Late proposals will be rejected.

Proposals will be opened in the presence of the consultants or representatives at the above address on **3rd April 2023 at 10:00 AM**

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Public Notice Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24th March, 2023.

The general public is hereby informed that the Guild of Newspaper Editors – Sierra Leone (GoNE-SL) has reviewed the advert pricing for newspapers as follows:

Black & White

No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
1	Quarter Page (¼)	700	800
2	Half (½)	800	1,200
3	Full Page	1,000	1,500
4	Centre Spread	2,000	3,000

Coloured

No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
1	Full Page	2,500	3,000
2	Centre Spread	5,000	6,000

The cover price remains the same.

Please note that the new pricing takes effect on Monday, 3rd April, 2023.

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

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PRESS RELEASE INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS

Mile 91 Town, 25th March 2023

The National Executive and General Membership of the Sierra Leone Broadcasters Association (SiLBA) wish to inform the public that the Association has unanimously resolved to increase the cost of radio commercials.

The decision was reached at a national consultation meeting held at Mile 91 Town, Tonkolili District, on Saturday, 18th March 2023, as part of the efforts to meet the current inflation rates and other statutory obligations in the country.

This decision will enhance quality in service delivery and sustainability in the operations of radio stations across the country.

It should be recalled that this is the only increment in commercials announced by radio stations in 12 years.

The Association therefore craves the understanding and patronage of the public.

The new commercial quotation which will take effect on 1st May 2023 shall be as follow:

FREETOWN

1. Jingle – Jingle slot – NLe 35.00 per minute
2. Public notice – NLe 30.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minutes airtime, between NLe 750,00 and NLe 1,250(Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)
 (b) Cost for 1hr airtime, between NLe 1, 500, 00.and NLe 2,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)

PROVINCIAL

1. Jingle – Jingle slot – NLe 20.00 per minute
2. Public notice – NLe 20.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minute airtime: between NLe 500.00 and NLe 750.00(Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)
 (b) Cost for 1hr airtime: between NLe 1,000.00 and NLe 1,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)

SiLBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

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Signed:

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INT'L SPORT

Harry Kane: Scoring 100 goals for England will be 'tough' but is possible

England striker Harry Kane has said scoring 100 goals for his country "is not out of the question".

The 29-year-old became England's all-time top scorer with 54 goals when he converted a penalty in Thursday's Euro 2024 qualifying 2-1 victory in Italy.

He added his 55th in 82 appearances when he scored in the 2-0 win against Ukraine on Sunday.

"Getting 100 will be tough for sure, but I never count out anything," said the Tottenham forward.

"I am still young - I am 29, I am still fit and strong. I want to play for England for as long as I can."

England will play Malta and North Macedonia in June in their next two Euro 2024 qualifiers.

"Every game there is I will be putting myself forward to try and play," added Kane.

"We will take it step-by-step. The next step will be trying to get into the sixties.

"A hundred is not out of the question. It will be extremely tough but we will have to see how the next few years go."

Kane overtook Wayne Rooney's 53

goals to move top of England's all-time men's goalscoring chart.

The Spurs striker now leads a group of six Englishmen to have scored more than 40 international goals. Of those, only Jimmy Greaves scored his at a faster rate - one every 1.3 games, compared with Kane's 1.5.

Kane scored 16 international goals in 2021, which is the record for England in a calendar year.

His tally for his country includes six at the 2018 World Cup and earned him the Golden Boot at the tournament.

"I am extremely passionate about my country - I love playing for England," said Kane.

"To think of all the English legends and strikers that have played the game and to be number one now is just beyond my dreams.

"Playing for England is special and to have this record is special.

"I don't think I dreamed this far. I dreamed of playing for England and scoring for England - to be record goalscorer was not even in my dreams.

"I have had so many great moments and hopefully there are more to come."

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Poor Spurs! Chelsea could hijack Julian Nagelsmann pursuit if Tottenham don't act fast to secure Antonio Conte replacement



Everton's new £550m stadium could be delayed after being charged by the Premier League



Everton's charge for breaching Premier League spending rules could delay the completion of their new stadium with potential funding partners reluctant to commit until the matter has been resolved.

The club are halfway through building the 52,888-seat stadium at Bramley-Moore Dock having spent around £350million on construction to date, but require external funding to finish the £550m project that is crucial to their future.

Everton are in advanced negotiations with New-York based investment firm MSP Sports Capital about providing funding following a prolonged search for investment led by American banks MUFG and JP Morgan Chase, but they were

unaware of the pending Premier League charge which has left them blind-sided.

Whilst all three financial institutions have conducted extensive due diligence and are comfortable with Everton's accounts the possibility of a future points deduction is understood to have caused alarm.

The Premier League's sanctions if Everton are found guilty include a points deduction, transfer ban and the imposition of strict spending restrictions.

Whilst the disciplinary process will not be completed in time to affect Sean Dyche's side battle against relegation this season the threat of future sanctions could delay a funding agreement.

Everton owner Farhad Moshiri could fund

Chelsea reportedly have ex-Bayern Munich manager and Tottenham target Julian Nagelsmann on their shortlist of managers if they fire Graham Potter. After Bayern Munich's surprise dismissal of Nagelsmann and Tottenham's less-surprising sacking of Conte, the carousel could turn further if Chelsea fire Potter. Spurs are rumoured to want Nagelsmann to be their next coach, but if they don't act soon, the Blues could be the ones to land the German manager, according to Florian Plettenberg.

Nagelsmann is said to want a break before his next job, meaning it might be difficult for Tottenham to bring him in anytime soon.

Chelsea are still willing to show patience to Potter, and their timeline could thus align with Nagelsmann's wait to take a new position.

Potter is safe for now - in part thanks to his attitude behind the scenes - but he'll need a strong finish to the season to maintain full trust of owner Todd Boehly. Best case scenario, that'll mean the Blues winning "the f*cking Champions League".

<https://www.goal.com/en/news>

the remainder of the construction himself as infrastructure spending is exempt from Premier League rules, but he is reluctant to do so as he has already spent more than £700m since taking over the club seven years ago.

The Iranian businessman has also explored selling Everton or a portion of his shareholding, but scaled back that ambition to securing stadium funding amidst concerns that a sale would invite government scrutiny of his links to Russian businessman Alisher Usmanov, who was sanctioned following the invasion of Ukraine last year.

The sanctions against Usmanov have cost Everton tens of millions of pounds and been another blow to the stadium project,

as his company had agreed a future naming-rights deal in addition to sponsoring the training ground.

In the financial year 2019-20 Usmanov's company USM Holdings were responsible for £42m of Everton's £64m sponsorship revenue.

Everton have yet to announce an opening date for the new stadium which is set to be completed at some point during the 2024-25 campaign, but they could opt to stay at Goodison Park for the remainder of that campaign.

Whilst the club have agreed a fixed-price construct with builders Laing O'Rourke a delay in securing funding could see the completion and opening date pushed back.

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2	3/28/2023 9:55	FIFA Friendly	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	THAILAND	1.60	3.22	3.91	2.80	3.30	1.93	1.15	4.90	9.40	2.21	2.04	4.60	1.95	2.43	4.10	2.70	1.23	1.64	1.76	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.67	1.23	2.70
3	3/28/2023 10:15	FIFA Friendly	JAPAN	COLOMBIA	2.08	2.88	2.78	4.10	3.65	1.52	1.29	4.20	6.00	2.75	1.97	3.45	2.43	2.32	3.05	2.85	1.25	1.59	1.82	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.65	1.75	1.50	1.95
4	3/28/2023 10:55	FIFA Friendly	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	URUGUAY	2.08	2.98	2.69	4.10	3.60	1.52	1.31	4.00	5.80	2.80	1.94	3.45	2.45	2.33	3.00	2.55	1.27	1.56	1.86	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.69	1.70	1.52	1.91
5	3/28/2023 11:25	Turkey 2	BOLUSPOR	SAMSUNSPOR	3.61	3.32	1.76	7.60	4.70	1.20	1.79	3.50	3.00	4.30	2.17	2.41	3.85	2.60	2.15	3.25	1.22	1.82	1.72	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.92	2.55	1.33
6	3/28/2023 12:55	African Cup of Nations	ESWATINI	CAPE VERDE	4.01	3.22	1.71	9.60	4.60	1.16	1.84	3.20	3.05	5.00	1.99	2.47	4.40	2.41	2.14	2.55	1.36	1.53	2.11	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.01	1.61	2.75	1.27
7	3/28/2023 12:55	African Cup of Nations	NAMIBIA	CAMEROON	4.01	3.13	1.73	9.60	4.60	1.16	1.81	3.25	3.15	4.90	1.98	2.48	4.40	2.38	2.17	2.50	1.37	1.51	2.13	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.00	1.61	2.75	1.28
8	3/28/2023 12:55	African Cup of Nations	MALAWI	EGYPT	4.89	3.32	1.54	12.00	5.00	1.11	2.07	3.10	2.65	5.80	2.02	2.25	5.20	2.44	1.97	2.55	1.37	1.63	2.11	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.12	1.54	3.25	1.19
9	3/28/2023 12:55	African Cup of Nations	BOTSWANA	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	2.54	2.78	2.54	5.60	3.70	1.37	1.37	3.70	5.60	3.50	1.85	3.50	3.05	2.22	3.05	2.27	1.45	1.41	2.38	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.03	1.60	1.74	1.74
10	3/28/2023 13:25	FIFA Friendly	JORDAN	PHILIPPINES	1.21	4.30	7.62	1.77	3.35	3.15	-	6.20	18.00	1.68	2.31	7.40	1.49	2.80	7.20	3.10	1.17	1.83	1.57	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.96	1.50	1.05	4.40
11	3/28/2023 13:25	FIFA Friendly	INDONESIA	BURUNDI	1.80	3.03	3.27	3.40	3.45	1.68	1.22	4.40	7.40	2.50	1.97	3.95	2.19	2.34	3.50	2.60	1.26	1.57	1.84	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.70	1.69	1.36	2.25
12	3/28/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	ALTINKORDU	DENIZLISPOR	1.88	3.27	3.27	3.25	3.55	1.70	1.23	4.50	7.00	2.55	2.13	4.00	2.26	2.55	3.65	3.10	1.24	1.77	1.77	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.68	1.90	1.38	2.34
13	3/28/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	PENDIKSPOR	ANKARA KECHORENGUCU	1.74	3.22	3.42	3.25	3.50	1.71	1.21	4.50	7.40	2.50	2.11	4.20	2.24	2.55	3.70	3.05	1.25	1.73	1.81	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.86	1.36	2.40
14	3/28/2023 13:55	Czech Rep 3	FRYDLANT MAD OSTRAVICI	SLOVAN ROSICE	4.69	3.76	1.42	10.00	5.40	1.11	2.28	3.50	2.20	4.90	2.29	1.92	4.60	2.70	1.72	3.35	1.13	1.98	1.48	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.58	1.83	3.20	1.15
15	3/28/2023 14:55	FIFA Friendly	ARMENIA	CYPRUS	1.85	3.08	3.13	3.45	3.45	1.66	1.24	4.40	7.00	2.55	1.99	3.85	2.21	2.37	3.40	2.65	1.24	1.60	1.80	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.72	1.38	2.19
16	3/28/2023 14:55	Holland, Women	ZWOLLE W	PSV EINDHOVEN W	5.86	4.40	1.26	12.00	6.20	1.07	2.85	3.70	1.79	5.00	2.20	1.90	4.75	2.50	1.75	4.00	1.08	2.37	1.32	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.52	1.91	3.85	1.09
17	3/28/2023 15:25	Germany Amateur	DIK VILZING	BURGHAEUSER	2.49	3.13	2.14	5.00	4.10	1.36	1.49	3.80	4.10	3.15	2.08	2.75	2.80	2.47	2.46	3.00	1.18	1.78	1.62	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.52	1.92	1.82	1.58
18	3/28/2023 15:25	Germany Amateur	FC PIPINSRIED	NUREMBERG II	3.47	3.37	1.66	7.40	4.80	1.19	1.85	3.55	2.80	3.95	2.19	2.22	3.60	2.60	1.98	3.25	1.15	1.91	1.52	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.94	2.48	1.29
19	3/28/2023 15:25	Germany Amateur	EICHSSTATT	HANNOFEN-HAILING	1.47	3.57	4.40	2.39	3.40	2.15	1.12	5.20	10.00	2.02	2.17	4.90	1.79	2.60	4.40	3.05	1.18	1.60	1.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.66	1.74	1.18	3.05
20	3/28/2023 15:55	FIFA Friendly	SAUDI ARABIA	BOLIVIA	1.44	3.42	5.08	2.41	3.15	2.23	1.10	5.20	13.00	2.03	2.03	5.60	1.79	2.42	5.00	2.55	1.27	1.57	1.84	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.92	1.52	1.14	3.30
21	3/28/2023 15:55	African Cup of Nations	LIBERIA	SOUTH AFRICA	2.98	2.93	2.12	6.60	4.10	1.28	1.53	3.50	4.20	3.90	1.94	2.95	3.40	2.34	2.55	2.50	1.37	1.51	2.14	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.90	1.69	2.06	1.51
22	3/28/2023 15:55	Euro Qual.	GEORGIA	NORWAY	3.13	3.03	2.01	7.00	4.20	1.25	1.59	3.45	3.85	4.00	1.98	2.80	3.55	2.38	2.46	2.60	1.34	1.55	2.06	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.86	1.71	2.17	1.45
23	3/28/2023 16:55	Germany Amateur	FC ROT-WEISS ERFURT	FSV LUCKENWALDE	1.49	3.52	4.30	2.44	3.40	2.11	1.13	5.20	9.80	2.05	2.17	4.70	1.82	2.60	4.30	3.05	1.17	1.81	1.59	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.64	1.76	1.19	2.95
24	3/28/2023 16:55	Germany Amateur	STEINBACH 1921	VFR WORMATIA 08 WORMS	1.21	4.40	7.62	1.75	3.40	3.15	-	6.20	18.00	1.67	2.34	7.40	1.48	2.80	7.00	3.15	1.16	1.87	1.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.92	1.52	1.05	4.30
25	3/28/2023 17:25	France National	NANCY	CONCARNEAU	2.69	2.83	2.37	5.80	3.90	1.33	1.42	3.70	4.90	3.55	1.93	3.20	3.15	2.29	2.80	2.48	1.38	1.49	2.17	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.89	1.69	1.85	1.64
26	3/28/2023 17:25	France National	PARIS 13 ATHLETIC	RED STAR	3.42	3.03	1.91	7.60	4.40	1.22	1.65	3.45	3.50	4.20	2.01	2.65	3.75	2.40	2.34	2.70	1.32	1.59	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.83	1.74	2.33	1.39
27	3/28/2023 17:55	FIFA Friendly	UZBEKISTAN	VENEZUELA	2.54	2.83	2.26	5.60	3.90	1.35	1.44	3.70	4.70	3.30	1.90	3.00	2.90	2.26	2.62	2.44	1.30	1.50	1.95	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.73	1.66	1.79	1.61
28	3/28/2023 18:40	England National League	ALTRINCHAM	NOTTS COUNTY	5.08	4.20	1.41	10.00	5.80	1.10	2.40	3.60	2.05	5.20	2.55	1.91	5.00	3.05	1.72	4.30	1.11	2.35	1.42	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.56	2.09	3.55	1.15
29	3/28/2023 18:40	Euro Qual.	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	4.69	3.37	1.57	11.00	5.00	1.12	2.02	3.25	2.65	5.40	2.10	2.23	4.80	2.50	1.98	2.80	1.29	1.64	1.93	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.93	1.66	3.10	1.20
30	3/28/2023 18:40	Euro Qual.	TURKIYE	CROATIA	2.88	3.03	2.12	6.40	4.10	1.28	1.55	3.50	4.00	3.80	1.99	2.90	3.35	2.41	2.55	2.65	1.32	1.58	2.01	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.82	1.75	2.06	1.51
31	3/28/2023 18:40	Euro Qual.	WALES	LATVIA	1.15	5.28	11.72	1.58	3.45	3.90	-	6.40	23.00	1.62	2.50	10.00	1.44	3.15	10.00	3.45	1.19	1.95	1.62	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.36	1.44	-	5.60
32	3/28/2023 18:40	Euro Qual.	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	1.29	4.40	7.03	1.85	3.45	2.85	1.05	6.00	15.00	1.79	2.45	7.00	1.60	3.00	6.80	3.65	1.17	2.02	1.57	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.88	1.70	1.08	4.40
33	3/28/2023 18:40	Euro Qual.	ROMANIA	BELARUS	1.31	4.01	7.82	1.97	3.20	2.75	1.05	6.00	18.00	1.86	2.24	8.00	1.66	2.70	7.40	2.90	1.27	1.69	1.86	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.23	1.49	1.07	4.60
34	3/28/2023 18:40	Euro Qual.	KOSOVO	ANDORRA	1.14	5.08	13.68	1.57	3.35	4.10	-	6.40	29.00	1.61	2.43	13.00	1.43	3.05	12.00	3.1												

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