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This column is dedicated to profile all thirteen presidential candidates that would participate in the June Presidential Elections. This is a deliberate attempt by Concord Times to help the public know who they would be voting for and how they stand to push the country's agenda forward. Running up to the elections, it is the right of citizens to receive sufficient information about people vying to lead the country into the next five years, so that they make informed decision when they get to the ballot box. In this edition, we are providing the public with a detail profile of the presidential candidate of the main opposition All People's Congress (APC), Dr. Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara. See Page 3

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By Ishmael Dumbuya



Saa Henry Kabuta, Leader, UNPP

National Chairman and Leader of the United National People's Party (UNPP), one of Sierra Leone's oldest political parties, has told this medium that they are a better political party that can salvage the economic crisis amidst the many challenges faced by the country.

Speaking to this medium on a range of national issues, especially on the economy, Sulaiman Kamara noted that the current state of the country's economy is so dire that the prices of basic food commodities have sky-rocketed unprecedentedly, leaving the lay Sierra Leonean struggling to make ends meet. Cont. Page 4

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View Point

By: Zik Zulu Okafor

Saint Obi, wife, siblings and deep cut from knife on his left eye

His social life was blunted. Perhaps by his reticent disposition. His persona, two dimensional. To a distant public, he was upscale and cool. His manly bearing spoke loud. His onscreen image ironically amplified some idiosyncrasies; heroics, romantic adventures and traits that did not gel with the mortal privacy that eerily define his quiet and lonely life.

Saint Obi, real name, Obinna Nwafor, was shy, almost bordering on timidity and insecurity. He cherished the pleasantly tranquil interactions among a few friends. He would vanish at any outburst that could upset the poise of such small meetings. As he repeatedly told me, he just wanted to live a cool, quiet and fulfilled life.

But, has he lived this cool and fulfilled life he envisioned? I have my doubts.

I tell Saint's story here with painful tears in my eyes because he was a star, a super star whose life turned out a gleam of irony.

Yet, it was this stardom that fetched him his much professed financially strong and powerful wife. And their wedding, that solemn ritual of love would drastically alter the cause of his life and tragically yank him off the creative community that threw him up for the wife to capture and indeed conquer.

Their marriage was at best a dramatisation of love. It was quick. He barely told us that he found a wife. Then, the marriage happened. It was something of a mystique, only those involved understood the histrionics that played out. None of us who were his closest pals, who walked with him through the crucible to the crest of his career in Nollywood, none of us was invited.

The distance between us and the guy I admirably called Saint of the Storm had begun. This gulf would widen with each year. We saw him perhaps once in a year after this marriage.

And life actually seemed to have given him a fair shake of the dice. He dressed well, drove big cars and even his skin, in literal lingo, spelt wellness.

The Saint would be blessed with three beautiful children. But not on one occasion were his friends in Nollywood invited for christening



Saint Obi

or birthday. We were told that his wife was of the topmost hierarchy in telecom giant, MTN. But even if their celebrations were designed to be a rendezvous of the elites of the technocracies that his wife chiefly belonged, you expected that Saint would reach out to a few of his fellow creatives, for even if they would herald his small beginnings, there could be no tinge of shame to it because we all have our journeys and our stories.

And even at that, the actor or cineaste in Nollywood is by no means poor.

But more tragic is the fact that his marriage did not only take away Obinna from his friends, it took him away from Nollywood. Saint stopped acting, absconded from his career and perhaps his calling.

It would seem prognostic now. Yes, because I recall leaving my house in Lagos Mainland for his massive office in Lekki, Victoria Island, Lagos.

It was about six years ago. There, I demanded to know why my friend abandoned our industry. He told me with his usual shy expressions that he wanted to focus on some other businesses and also to work behind the camera.

Because his visage was unconvincing to me, I told him in stark terms, that whatever his new vision and pursuits, he must not abandon the trade that made him who he was. It took another three years for

Saint to return to his homies. But when he did, some of the deeply disappointed ones sniggered behind him. This was because the simmering rumours of cracks in his marriage had hit home.

And though secretive in his ways, he knew it was time to open up.

And he did." I do not know why my wife's siblings see me as a gold digger. They confront me, harass and fight me in my own matrimony. And my wife did nothing to stop them. I work hard, I earn my money. I have never depended on my wife ", he lamented, eyes blurred with tears. You could tell he was in deep pain. By the next visit, the Saint returned with a deep cut from knife on his left eye. His wife's brothers, he said, scaled the wall fence of their house to attack him. They were captured by hidden closed-circuit television, CCTV, installed for surveillance and security, he revealed.

He reported them at the police station and subsequently acquired a gun to defend himself.

This effectively marked the beginning of the end of his marriage and perhaps Saint Obi's long walk to a sad end. He moved out of his marital home to a new house to begin the reconstruction of his destiny, alone without his wife and worse still without his three beautiful children. Meanwhile, his wife went to the police to defend her siblings using her financial power to manipulate the cause of justice, Saint stated unequivocally.

The wife also sued for divorce, not in Lagos, but in Ogun State. As Saint put it, "It was to make the journey difficult for me. But I will not bend neither will I break. I will fight with my last blood to take custody of my children. They love me and they know it will be hard for me to live without them. The divorce is not an issue. My marriage has long been over", he

said with a mix of courage and a quaky heart that betrayed his distress.

About mid last year, however, Obinna took ill. But he told no one. He simply became scarce. He was in and out of hospital, we would later learn. He sold two of his three big SUVs to take proper care of his health and to acquire six camry cars he'd use for Uber. But his vanishing health continued unabated. He seemed to have a premonition of his own passing as he wept repeatedly about not seeing his children.

He emaciated. Life took a grim picture. When I saw him by chance in January 2023, the dude called Saint looked 15 years older than his age. His macho cut had shrunk. His fat wallet was gone. What was left was only his fat will. His eyes seemed lost in their socket. This would be the last time I would see him.

Saint snuck out of Lagos to hang in with his sister in Jos. He told no one.

But a month ago, in April precisely, the once delightful actor who brought joy to many a home broke his icy silence. He called our mutual friend in U.S. to give him a devastating message.

He was on a deathbed, he said and wanted our friend to pray for him. "It's not looking good, pray, pray for me", he appealed passionately. His next call came on May 1, 2023. This time to his mentor, the man who made him a star with his productions, Zeb Ejiro, OON. He told him with a wavering voice that he had had three surgeries but was still in hospital in Jos.

He averred again that his situation was not looking good, that he is also in a deep pain, distressed that he could not see his children. But still he begged him not to tell anyone about his ailment.

Such was the life of this creative hermit, a lonely trouper.

I was the first to hear the news of his death late on Sunday, May 7. Having confirmed it, I called Zeb Ejiro. "I have a very bad news my brother, Zeb", I began. "What is it, what is it, ", he asked anxiously. "A big star has fallen in Nollywood ". Zeb broke down in tears.

I hadn't said who it was. But sobbing helplessly now, he said, "Don't tell me it is Saint Obi". Sadly, he was right. May his soul find peace.



Employment Promotion Programme (EPP IV) Expression of Interest (EOI) for Service Providers to support 190 SMEs with media service delivery and specialized training.

PN: 3010339

1. Background of Employment Promotion Programme (EPP IV)

The Employment Promotion Programme (EPP IV) co-funded by European Union (EU) and the Federal Republic of Germany. The programme is being implemented by German International Cooperation Sierra Leone (GIZ-SL) has as its overall goal *"promotion of youth employment through local economic development and vocational training"* In order to achieve this goal, EPP IV works through the private sector and in particular Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) across the country. Agriculture and Finance Consultants (AFC) is a third-party consulting firm supporting GIZ in the implementation of EPP IV. The programme is to be implemented from June 2021 to January 2024 for AFC Interventions.

2. Districts / Areas of implementation

The programme is being implemented with a key focus on three Districts where GIZ-SL operates, namely: Koinadugu/Falaba, Kailahun and Kono. The interventions for the Facility for Growth and Facility for Innovation are extended to other Districts as deemed necessary by the programme. Consequently, interested Service Providers should be prepared to work in other Districts not mentioned in this Expression of Interest (EOI).

3. Our strategy / approach

The Private Sector Department (PSD) is one of the work areas within EPP IV and is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that 190 SMEs are capacitated with in-kind support, such as branding, labelling, jingle creation and broadcasting, designing of logos, signboards, and specialized training within the life cycle of the current programme using a methodology known as **"Facility for Innovation (F4I) and Facility for Growth F4G"** in Sierra Leone.

4. Purpose of consultancy

AFC is requesting Service Providers to build the capacity of 190 SME's who need business skills improvement in order to operate profitably. This is done through specialize training, development of jingles, branding and labelling, erection of signboards, basic business entrepreneurial training, coaching to develop and sustainably operate their businesses.

5. Specific objectives

- a) To conduct assessment of the current status of business needs for selected SMEs in the selected geographical areas
- b) To develop individualized concepts and brands for jingles, branding, labelling and logos
- c) To provide specialized trainings for the selected SMEs owners.

d) To support beneficiaries in formalizing their businesses

e) To report on tangible results achieved by MSMEs as a result of the in-kind support and specialized training / coaching and its contribution to the accomplishment of the objectives for F4I and F4G, of EPP IV.

f) To set targets and monitor progress along the achievements of the In-kind support and specialized training of the 190 selected grantees.

There are geographical zones of implementation under this offer. Each zone covers a District of EPP IV: **Zone 1:** Kailahun; **Zone 2:** Kono and **Zone 3:** Koinadugu and Falaba: Zone 4 Makeni, Bo and Kenema Districts. Interested Service Providers (SPs) applying for the assignment will be given the task to service all assigned beneficiaries.

6. Timeframe

The assignment delivery will be in batches of SME's from June 30th until 31st October 2023.

Eligibility / Expertise / Documents to be submitted.

- a) The Service Provider gives poof of good standing, commercial qualification, payment of taxes and social benefits: **Clearance certificate of NRA and NASSIT**
- b) The Service Provider is based and registered in Sierra Leone: **Certificate of Business Registration.**
- c) The Service Provider should have minimum of three (3) years' experience in the tasks outlined for the assignment and should have experience in working in the targeted areas in Sierra Leone and show a wide understanding of the assignment.
- d) **A brief company profile that details the experience in delivering similar tasks**

Submission of Expressions of Interest

Service Providers should submit their "Expression of Interest" in a plain sealed envelope in the Tender Box situated at the GIZ Country Office Reception -37 Fraser Street, Freetown **not later than 15th May 2023, 5:00 PM** local time, **clearly marked with "EOI FACILITY FOR INNOVATION (F4I) AND FACILITY FOR GROWTH (F4G) NUMBER- 83434060"**

Only shortlisted SPs will be contacted with detailed Terms of Reference and tender documentation for submission of technical and financial bids

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Early life and education

Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara was born in Kamalo, Karene District, North-Western Province of Sierra Leone.

Kamara received his early education at the UCC in Bo, Southern Sierra Leone. He continued his education at the Saint Edwards Secondary School in Freetown, and was very active in football as a goalkeeper.

He proceeded to Fourah Bay College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1972. He holds a PhD in Development Economics (1986) from Bangor University in Wales, United Kingdom.

Career

Kamara was in 1994 appointed Programme Manager by the World Bank for its Structural Support Programme to the country. He also served as Financial Secretary during this time as part of efforts to build trust in the management of the mainly international donor flows which constituted over three quarters of the government's non-military financial receipts. He became Secretary of State, Finance in January 1996 after Julius Maada Bio overthrew Valentine Strasser.

He subsequently served as Financial Secretary, and as Bank Governor, Minister of Finance, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in the APC Administration of Ernest Bai Koroma.

Kamara chaired the African Caucus constituency meetings two years in a row. As Foreign Minister, he serves as Chair of the Ministerial Meetings of the African Union C10 committee on the Reform of the United Nations, and he is also Chair of the AU Candidatures Committee. He has on several occasions chaired the Peace and Security Council of the AU.

His Work

Dr. Samura Kamara reformed Sierra Leone's Public Financial Management and strengthened public expenditure management, budget planning and execution. He pioneered the introduction of an integrated financial management information system. He was

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pivotal in making sure that the Auditor General's report is now made public to hold authorities accountable. Dr. Samura Kamara also championed the banking sector, resulting in the establishment of more banks and the employment of thousands of Sierra Leoneans.

Under the leadership of former President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, Dr. Samura Kamara crafted and implemented Sierra Leone most successful development strategy, the Agenda for Change (2008-2012). His stewardship of the economy as Finance Minister saw real average GDP growth of 5.2% per annum (excluding iron ore). It was during his tenure as Finance minister that Sierra Leone recorded the highest economic growth and gained the accolade of being the fastest growing economy. Before moving to the Foreign Ministry in 2012, Dr Samura Kamara, with leadership provided by the President, designed the Agenda for prosperity.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, he was a champion of

development through economic diplomacy. He strengthened Economic Cooperation and Resource Mobilization by signing and implementing joint Cooperation Agreements and Bilateral Memorandum of Understanding with China, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, South Korea and United States of America. He also strengthened bilateral relations through establishment of Embassies and Consulates in strategic geographical locations to promote Sierra Leone's interest, including in South Korea; United Arab Emirates; and relocation of the mission in Tripoli, Libya to Cairo, Egypt. Plans are now being implemented for the establishment of resident diplomatic mission in Kenya.

Further to the above, Dr. Samura Kamara facilitated and coordinated international support for the implementation of Government priority programmes in the Agenda for Prosperity, and mobilization and coordinate international support during the Ebola scourge and the recent mudslide and flood disaster in Freetown.

He coordinated design and Government's endorsement of agreements with USAID for the implementation of projects in Agriculture, Governance and Women's empowerment, and also with the Japanese Government for the improvement of Energy infrastructure.

Builder of Institutions

Dr. Samura Kamara is a builder of institutions. As financial secretary, he championed the merger of Income Tax Department with custom and excise Department resulting in the creation of National Revenue Authority. He was also a pioneer in the establishment of the National Public Procurement Authority. He professionalized and enhances the effectiveness and efficiency of the Finance ministry by bringing in qualified economist, accountants and other financial experts to lead key departments in the ministry.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, he prepared and launched for the very first time, a comprehensive strategic document known as the Sierra Leone Foreign Service Transformation Strategy, 2014-2018. As in the Ministry of Finance, he enhanced increased staff capacity of the Ministry and mission, ensured salary increases in the Ministry, created new directories and facilitated training of staff within and outside the country. He upgraded the ICT infrastructure of the Ministry, ensured the production of Sierra Leone's first diplomatic magazine and official Directory of Sierra Leone's overseas missions and Consulates, which were launched by His Excellency the president in July this year.

Integrity

Throughout his over 25 years in leadership position at international and national levels, Dr. Samura Kamara maintained a high degree of professionalism and integrity, powered on by his love for country, excellence, growth, and accountability. He is respected and received with great honor in all the major capitals of the world, from Beijing, to Washington, Moscow, to London, Abuja, Nairobi and Addis Ababa.



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LOCAL NEWS Only 41% of young people know about the PR System

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

Chairman of the National Council for Civic Education and Development (NaCCED) Kalilu Ibrahim Totangi, has stated that a survey conducted by his institution has revealed that only about 41% of young people know about the District Block System.

He was speaking yesterday, Tuesday May 16, at the Sierra Leone Bank Complex, Kingtom, in Freetown, during the launch of the findings of the perception survey on youth political participation in the country.

The survey was done by NaCCED, under the Sierra Leone Democracy Strengthening Project, a European Union funded intervention which is supervised/administered by International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IIDEA), to support democratic institutions and civil society organizations in Sierra Leone to promote credible and peaceful 2023 elections, increase citizens knowledge and



participation of especially women and young people.

He said they were working with International Idea to promote youth participation in politics and also try to discourage incident of violence among youth, adding

that they deem it fit that before they embark on the project there was need to have data.

He said the data is not only about youth participation in politics, but their perception leading them to misbehave when it comes to politics.

He said they contacted Institute for Governance Reforms (IGR) to conduct the survey, targeting about 1,600, both face to face and online.

He said the report informed them that only 41% of young people know about the district block system that was recently introduced.

He said as a commission, they were already working and engaging people to disseminate messages about the district block system, adding that they have already developed some messages that will be shared on the social media to help sensitize people.

Executive Director of IGR, Andrew Lavali, said during the research, they found out that 25% of youth were willing to work in ensuring peaceful electioneering process.

He said the survey establishes that 80-85% of young people believe that if the country is governed by young people, development will progress faster.

He said many young people also believe in the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, with about 85% satisfied with the electoral process, 75% satisfied with the voter ID cards while 25% not satisfied because the photos are dark.

Also speaking, Governance and Relations with Civil Society European Programme Manager at European Union to Sierra Leone, Enrico Sborgi, said political participation is one of the two

pillars of representative democracy, together with political pluralism and that it is on those two dimensions that political scientists assess how healthy and real democracy is in each country. He said civic and voter education inform and stimulate political participation and that the result of the survey which are disseminated, are essential for the development of the voter education strategy and targeted content not only for NACCED but for all actors involved in stimulating political participation in Sierra Leone.

He said through the EU supported IDEA Programme, the findings of the survey will support NACCED, ECSL and other actors to develop voter education outreach initiatives targeted at different constituencies of participants with specific messages, using innovative approaches including tailor-made messages for dissemination through community radios.

He said the EU believes that the survey will contribute to enhance quality and effectiveness of voter education and participation as well as to building a harmonious society, where all citizens know and enjoy their rights, participate effectively in political process and feel they are part of a participative democratic country.

The country Programme Manager of IIDEA, Dr. Idris Mambu Tarawally said the survey was timely and disclosed that they will be training sets of 20 young Sierra Leoneans for six months with the aim to strengthening democracy in the country and will always engage young people on the need to participate in polling day.

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He added that the UNPP is committed to preaching peace, enhancing national cohesion, and inclusiveness in decision making, noting that it was as a result of that their 1996 presidential candidate, Dr. Kerefa Smart, stepped down for former President Kabbah, even though they won the elections with a landslide victory.

He further noted that even though the PR System is very difficult especially for them as smaller parties, but that they are appealing to Sierra Leoneans to see reasons and vote them in the upcoming June 24th elections, adding that UNPP is a household name in the country.

Speaking about their presidential candidate, Saa Henry Kabuta, he explained that he is a scientist who is hardworking, goal oriented, a critical thinker, tolerant and gives feedback and has worked for the Netherland Government for over 3 decades.

He added that their candidate also possesses vast knowledge in administration and that he had executed a lot of Dutch Projects courtesy of the Netherland Government, adding that if elected president he will introduce a lot of projects that will



help revive Sierra Leone's dead economy.

In the area of education, the Chairman noted that education is the bedrock of development in any nation, and that they as a party are very much determined to improve the quality of education in the country.

He noted that the current Free Quality Education Project is just a political gimmick with no quality attached to it, as purported by the government.

He ended that the UNPP is a grass root party, and cares more about the welfare and well-being of every Sierra Leonean and that the paramount objective of their aspirant and the party as a whole.



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LOCAL NEWS

EU re-affirms commitment to continue supporting Sierra Leone

As I said last year on the occasion of Europe Day, I can ensure you that the European Union will continue to stand with the Government, with the Opposition, with the Parliament, with the Electoral Management Bodies, with the Civil Society, with the Media, with the Human Rights and Gender Activists, with the People Living with Disabilities, with the women and men, young and old, with the people of Sierra Leone, Ambassador Manuel Müller, EU Ambassador to Sierra Leone.

Ambassador Muller was on May 15 speaking at the occasion marking Europe Day held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Freetown.

"Together, Team Europe has always been a reliable partner of Sierra Leone and remains committed to this partnership based on the universal values of the UN and supporting Sierra Leone's pathway towards broad-based and robust economic growth, sustainable development and prosperity in line with Sierra Leone's National Development Plan," he said.

Ambassador Muller noted that the European Union and Sierra Leone collaborate together in a long-term partnership aiming at supporting to the development and the prosperity of Sierra Leone.

He recalls that following a fruitful Political Dialogue in November 2022, the European Union and Sierra Leone reconfirmed their strong commitment to continue their long-term partnership during the visit of President Julius Maada Bio to Brussels in February.

"Meetings with the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs, Josep Borrell and the Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, included exchanges on our bilateral relations, our development partnership as well as on regional and international issues. The EU looks forward to continuing this fruitful dialogue with Sierra Leone which also includes matters on the agenda of the

United Nations Security Council," he reiterated.

He further recalls that in 2021, following close coordination with all relevant stakeholders, the EU adopted a bilateral cooperation programme of 245 million Euros for the period 2021-2024.

"The partnership and cooperation between the EU and Sierra Leone for this period focuses on three priority areas, all closely interrelated: Firstly, the EU supports Sierra Leone's green economy. By that I mean fostering the creation of decent jobs, as well as green economic transformation; increasing access to sustainable energy for jobs and growth; developing employment-oriented sustainable agriculture food systems."

He said the EU supports Human Development for Sierra Leoneans to enjoy long, healthy and creative lives.

"Human capital development is key; we share this important priority of the Government. Investing in Basic and Secondary Education and Technical and Vocational Education and Training is part of our support. Thirdly, the EU supports Democratic and Inclusive Governance and Human Rights. This includes supporting public service delivery at national and local level. It also targets economic governance to underpin sustainable economic and social policies by strengthening public finance management, transparency and domestic resource mobilization," he said.

He reaffirmed that the EU is ready to continue supporting initiatives leading to a better business and investment climate, which is crucial for broad-based and inclusive economic growth and development and reminded the government that, "We believe that legal security including the respect of existing contracts remains crucial for attracting investment."

He narrated that during the last two decades, the European Union has provided concrete support to transparent, democratic, competitive and peaceful elections.

He noted that, the European Union believes that only strong democracies can ensure stability and sustainable development and that in response to the invitation by the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, the European Union will deploy an Election Observation Mission to observe the general elections on 24th June.

"The EU previously deployed Electoral Observation Missions to Sierra Leone in 2018, 2012, 2007 and 2002, as well as an Election Follow-up Mission in 2021. The Election Observation Mission is independent from the EU Delegation and works in line with the established EU methodology on election observation," he said.

He said the Core Team of the Election Observation Mission arrived last week and "we are pleased to have them with us today here in this Europe Day reception."

He said the European Union is also supporting the strong efforts by Sierra Leone for the conduct of the upcoming elections.

"Through UNDP and International IDEA we will assist Electoral Management Bodies and civil society to create a conducive environment for peaceful and credible elections," he said.

Ambassador Muller said the EU acknowledged the progress made by the Government, by the Parliament and supported by the Civil Society in important areas of governance in Sierra Leone," he said.

"As one very recent example, I would like to mention the Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Law, signed by H.E. President Bio in January, which includes a progressive quota of 30 per cent representation of female candidates - which by the way goes much beyond what is practised in most countries of Europe. Congratulations to the women of Sierra Leone!"

He encourages all actors to continue strengthening the rule of law, democratic structures, inclusive governance, checks and balances as well as media freedom.



Citing the Ukraine war and its economic consequences on world economies, he said the European Union is fully mindful of the economic and social impact of the Russian aggression on Ukraine to other countries including Sierra Leone.

"People in the whole world are facing increased prices of fuel, food, transport and other basic commodities and services. The EU in the framework of its projects in the area of green economy will continue to support the efforts of Sierra Leone to become less import-dependant," he said.

He noted that one of the pivotal elements in EU cooperation with Africa is the Global Gateway Africa-Europe Initiative and that in close cooperation with their African partners, the EU will continue to support infrastructure development in Africa to enhance connectivity.

"I am delighted that in 2022, two bridges, in Magbele and in Mabang, both built with EU funding, were commissioned by H.E. President Bio. These bridges are good examples of the longstanding partnership between Sierra Leone and the European Union in working together building up a regional road corridor, connecting Sierra Leone with its neighbouring countries. A good example of what "Global Gateway" means in practise."

He said the European Union is not only the EU Delegation but also a Union of 27 Member States.

"We are working together as "Team Europe". In Sierra Leone, the EU Member States France, Germany and Ireland have resident diplomatic missions. Others engage actively through their Embassies in neighbouring countries and honorary consuls in Freetown."

Meet Amy Pope: First ever female Director General of IOM elect

By Alhaji Haruna

On Monday 15 May 2023, the Member States of the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Migration Agency, elected Ms. Amy E. Pope as its next Director General during the 6th Special Session of the IOM Council.

The Director General-elect, Pope began her appointment as IOM's Deputy Director General for Management and Reform in September 2021. She was nominated by the United States of America, and the incumbent Director General Mr. António Vitorino was also a candidate in the election.

The first woman to lead IOM, Ms. Pope will assume the duties of Director General for a five-year term beginning on 1 October 2023.

During her tenure as Deputy Director General, Ms. Pope implemented a series of budgetary, management and



administrative reforms to optimize IOM's field delivery and risk management, enhanced internal justice outcomes and operational results, and strengthen coordination with the United Nations system.

Prior to joining IOM, Ms. Pope served as the Senior Advisor on Migration to President Biden in 2021, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor from 2015-2017, and as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director on Transborder Security from 2013-2015.

At the White House, she developed and implemented comprehensive strategies to manage migration surges, address trafficking in persons, respond to the Zika and Ebola outbreaks, and prepare communities to react to climate crises. Since then, she has continued to promote dialogue on global migration challenges through her academic writing and work with Chatham House. She has also occupied positions at the US Department of Justice and US Senate and was a Partner in the London-based law firm Schillings.

Ms. Pope has guided government entities and private sector organizations through organizational change, working with them to better strategize, innovate, and manage risk. She has a strong record of developing staff and building empowered and diverse teams to achieve change. In addition, she has exceptional experience

building partnerships and promoting collaboration, working with multilateral organizations, governments, and community stakeholders to develop and execute policies on migration, refugee resettlement, and countering violent extremism.

Ms. Pope graduated magna cum laude from the Duke University School of Law with a Juris Doctor and has a BA in Political Science (with Honors) from the Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

International Organization for Migration signed a cooperation agreement with the Government of Sierra Leone in April 2001 and has been operating in the country ever since.

The organization has been supporting the government and people of Sierra Leone through human capital development and had reintegrated thousands of illegal Sierra Leoneans migrants from the Middle-East and from other African nations.

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Over 210,000 displaced by flooding in central Somalia



Rising water level in Beledweyne forced a number of important facilities to close in the town including government offices and the main hospital - Copyright © africanews AP/

Floodwaters in central Somali left thousands of families displaced in Beledweyne, the city with the highest population density in the region.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported the Horn of Africa nation to have "more than 460,000 people have been affected, including nearly 219,000 people who have been displaced", in early estimates.

Rising water level in Beledweyne forced a number of

important facilities to close in the town including government offices and the town's main hospital.

Local resident Hussein Yusuf told The Associated Press that it was the "worst flood we have ever experienced", citing the size of the deluge and subsequent damage to property.

Residents fear a cholera epidemic and malaria outbreak if the floods continue.

Ghanaian influencer extradited to US in \$2M romance scam targeting older Americans



Mona Faiz Montrage - Copyright © africanews @hajia4reall - Instagram

A Ghanaian social media influencer has been extradited from the United Kingdom to the US for allegedly swindling over \$2 million from older, single American men and women in a twisted lonely hearts scam, federal prosecutors said Monday.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in a statement indicated she had been charged with several counts, including conspiracy to commit fraud and money laundering.

Montrage, in one case, allegedly duped a victim into sending her \$89,000 through 82 wire transfers on the pretext of helping her father's farm in Ghana, the court documents claim.

She tricked the person into believing the pair were married by sending them a tribal marriage certificate after a series of phone conversations using her real identity, the filing alleges.

Montrage also received money from several others who were swindled by scammers in her network,

prosecutors allege.

In total, Montrage netted \$2 million in funds the group ripped off from victims to bank accounts she had in the Bronx and elsewhere, including one opened in the name of 4Reall Designs, a supposed clothing company.

She then allegedly laundered the stolen money to other members of the enterprise, the indictment charges.

She could receive a maximum sentence of 20 years in jail for each count if found guilty, according to some legal practitioners.

The 30-year-old was arrested on 10 November last year in the UK and then extradited to the US on Friday.

She pleaded not guilty to all charges when she appeared before a judge on Monday.

US authorities have expressed concern about romance scams targeting older people and expressed the need to hold perpetrators to account.

Italy lauds Tunisia's efforts to curb illegal migration

Italy's Interior minister Matteo Plantedosi praised Tunisia's efforts against irregular migration.

The comments by the Italian minister follow Monday's visit to the North African country.

The Italian official met with his Tunisian counterpart and also had a meeting with Tunisian President Kais Saied.

The leaders discussed the situation in the Mediterranean where crossings have intensified since Saied made a fiery speech last February claiming illegal immigration was a demographic threat to

Tunisia.

According to the Tunisian Forum for Economic and Social Rights (FTDES), a migrant support group, more than 200 people have drowned in a series of shipwrecks since the start of the year.

Dozens more remain missing off Tunisia's coast after the sinking of multiple boats.

In early April, Rome's Interior ministry said more than 14,000 migrants had arrived in Italy since the beginning of the year, a number that is significantly higher than in previous years.

Top 10 Guinness World Records held by Africans

Africa is a continent rich in diversity, culture, and tradition. It is also home to many talented individuals who have set remarkable world records in different fields.

From the longest distance walked on fire to the largest gathering of people dressed as Nelson Mandela, Africans have achieved some incredible feats that have earned them a place in the Guinness World Records.

In this article, we'll take a closer look at some of the most impressive world record holders from Africa and their incredible achievements.

Wayde Van Niekerk

The fastest 400 metres run by a male athlete is 43.03 seconds, achieved by Wayde van Niekerk (South Africa) at the 2016 Olympic Games, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 14 August 2016

The previous record set by Michael Johnson had stood since 1999.

Wayde won gold in the event with the new world record achieved in the final.

Fela Kuti

Fela Kuti recorded 46 albums as a solo artist over the course of a solo career spanning 23 years. The first solo album was recorded in 1969 and the last in 1992.

Kimani Ng'ang'a Maruge

The world's oldest person to begin primary school was aged 84. Kimani Ng'ang'a Maruge (Kenya) enrolled into Standard One at Kapkenduiyo Primary School, Eldoret, Kenya, on 12 January 2004.

He even wore the school uniform and hoped to reach Standard Eight. On 6 April 2004, it was reported that Ng'ang'a passed his first end-of-term exams with straight A's in English, Kiswahili and math, making him among the top five students in the class. The headmistress, Mrs Jane Obinchi (Kenya) made him a senior head boy as a reward.

Wizkid

Ayo Balogun, popularly known as Wizkid has a Guinness World Record for being the artist with the first track to reach one billion streams on Spotify. Wizkid achieved this with One Dance by Drake (Canada) which featured him and Kyla, on December 16, 2016.

Chinonso Eche

The most consecutive football (soccer) touches in one minute while balancing a football on the head is 133, and was achieved by Chinonso Eche (Nigeria), on the set of Lo Show Dei Record, in Milan, Italy, on 1 February 2023.

Chinonso Eche beat his own record by 22 and dreams one day of being a professional footballer.

Stephen Keshi

The youngest person to win the Africa Cup of Nations as a player and coach is Stephen Keshi (b. 31 January 1961, Nigeria) who was 52 years and 10 days old when he won the tournament as head coach of Nigeria at the FNB Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa, on 10 February 2013.

Keshi was captain of the Nigeria national team when he won the tournament as a player in 1994, beating Zambia 2-1 in the final. As a manager, Keshi lead his team to glory after a 1-0 win over Burkina Faso in the final.

Tuedon Morgan

The fastest time to run a half marathon on each continent and the North Pole (female) is 62 days 12 hr 58 min 49 sec and was achieved by Tuedon Morgan (Nigeria), from 8 February 2015 to 12 April 2015.

Percy Mailela

The largest coffee grounds mosaic (image) measures 25.96 m² (279 ft² 62 in²), achieved by BrainFarm (PTY) Ltd and Percy Maimela (both South Africa), in Sandton, Gauteng, South Africa, on 12 September 2019.

The image depicted in the coffee grounds mosaic is the face of DJ Black Coffee, a South African DJ and record producer.

Paul Kehinde

The heaviest para power lift by a male in the -65 kg category is 221 kg (487 lb 3.5 oz), achieved by Paul Kehinde (Nigeria) at the 9th Fazza 2018 World Para Powerlifting World Cup in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 19 February 2018. Kehinde broke his own world record of 220.5 kg, set at the World Championship in December 2017.

Para powerlifters compete in just one discipline, the bench press, and are categorized according to their weight.

Rema

Signed under Nigerian record label Mavin, the young rapper Rema topped the charts worldwide with his hit single "Calm Down".

The singer has been steadily on the rise ever since his debut, counting on an ever-growing fanbase and racking up international fame.

At the moment of writing, "Calm Down" stands at almost 388,000,000 streams on Spotify, while its viral remix with US artist Selena Gomez achieved a whopping 717,512,920 streams on the same music platform.

The 2022 international hit made history when it skyrocketed to the top of The Official MENA Chart, shortly after the launch of the chart itself.

That makes "Calm Down" the first-ever No.1 hit on The Official MENA Chart.

New UK law threatens South African taxidermists

South African taxidermists fear for the future of their trade as the UK bans the import of hunting trophies.

The new law, approved by UK lawmakers in March and sponsored by animal activists, aims to help protect endangered species. Taxidermists question this approach.

"The legal wildlife trade has been cast, there is a shadow being cast over them. That everything that we do is illegal and that we are trying, we are killing off all the animals, and that is so much far from the truth- that is not true. Why will I kill my own market...", asks Pieter Swart, owner of a taxidermy workshop. According to a 2018 study, trophy hunting contributes more than \$340 million a year to South Africa's economy supporting around 17,000 jobs.

"If they are going to ban this job, it's going to cost a lot to me, because I am not going to manage to feed my family and everything. Because, for me and all of us working here us, the workers, we are getting to survive thanks to this", said Elias Pedzisa, an employee at the taxidermy workshop.

The new UK law is also seen as the beginning of a change in attitude amongst European

countries.

"In terms of ethics and morals, to hunt an animal only to be mounted on your wall, I think it's a little bit questionable and a little bit unethical", claims Keshvi Nair, spokeswoman for South Africa's National Council of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Critics however say shooting wild animals for fun is cruel, wasteful and pushes endangered species closer to extinction.

"The ban in the UK is going to be one of the world's largest and most comprehensive ban. I mean it's covering thousands and thousands of animals, and I think that can very much act as an example to the rest of the Western world and elsewhere where trophy hunting imports are still permitted, and I think you know that the UK can lead as an example here", concludes Dr. Matthew Schurch, wildlife expert with Humane Society International.

Similar legislation is being considered in countries such as Italy, Belgium and Spain.

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Request for Proposals UNICEF

Sierra Leone Admin Services

The United Nations Children's Fund invites individual tenders for the services listed below through a Long-Term Agreement for an initial period of 24 months with possible extension for another 12 months.

Please visit the United Nations Global Market (UNGM) Website and download the tender documents. Please note the dates for the Bid Conference (where applicable) and submission deadline for each tender as stated in the UNGM.

Thank you.

1. Provision of Air Conditioners Maintenance Services for UNICEF Offices in Freetown and Kenema and the Warehouse at Ferry Junction, Freetown.
2. Servicing of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for Freetown CO, Ferry Junction Warehouse and Kenema Field Office and Biometrics for Freetown Country Office.
3. Provision of Cleaning Services For UNICEF Offices in Freetown and Kenema and the Warehouse at Ferry Junction, Freetown.
4. Servicing of Fire extinguishers for Freetown Country Office, Warehouse at Ferry Junction, Freetown, and Kenema Field Office.

UNICEF Public Notice for Sale of Used Items May 2023

UNICEF intends to dispose of two used Toyota Land Cruisers (Hard Tops). Sealed bids are invited from interested persons.

Conditions

1. **The 2 vehicles** can be inspected at the UNICEF Country Office within the Central Medical Stores Compound, New England, Freetown, on the dates and times stated below.
 - I. Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May from 2pm- 4pm.
 - II. Monday 15th – Thursday 18th May from 2pm-4pm
2. The items will be sold to the bidder with the **highest acceptable bid** on an "as is where is basis".
3. After inspection interested persons may collect **BID FORMS** from UNICEF Offices at Central Medical Stores - Freetown, Caritas/Pastoral Centre, Teko Road – Makeni or 51 Maxwell Kobi Street – Kenema.
4. **An advance payment of 10% of the offer price is required (in the form of a certified cheque in the name of UNICEF Sierra Leone) when sending sealed bids. The certified cheque should be enclosed in the sealed bid. *Bank certified checks are bank checks guaranteed by the bank that funds stated on the check are available for payment to UNICEF.* This advance is non-refundable for all successful bidders.** The successful bidder will be required to make payment of the remaining 90% within five working days after the offer is given by UNICEF; and to take possession of the items won for immediate removal from the office premises. Unsuccessful bidders will have their cheques returned to them.

5. UNICEF agrees to sign the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) Vehicle Transfer Form for transfer of ownership of the vehicle from UNICEF to the successful bidders.
6. UNICEF was exempted from taxes on these vehicles, successful bidders will now be required to pay the applicable taxes to the government through the National Revenue Authority. The taxes will be determined by the National Revenue Authority based on the value and physical condition of the vehicle.
7. Items once sold will not be returned to UNICEF under any circumstances.
8. Sealed bids containing the completed BID FORM and cheque, clearly marked "BID FOR USED UNICEF ITEMS May 2023" on the envelopes' front side and addressed to:

The Secretary, Property Survey Board,
UNICEF Freetown Office,
Central Medical Stores Compound,
New England Freetown

should be dropped in the bid box at the above address not later than 10 am on Monday 22nd May 2023. Bidders in the provinces can drop their sealed bids at the offices in Kenema or Makeni observing the same deadline above.

9. Bidders are responsible for the accuracy of their bids and for meeting all conditions set out in the advertisement, including enclosing the 10% certified cheque in the required format. Non-compliance with any element of the guidelines in the advert for preparation and submission of bids may be grounds for disqualification and declaration of bids as invalid.
10. UNICEF reserves the right to accept or reject any bid AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Government of Sierra Leone
Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit
GPN 2.0**

May 4, 2023

The United States Government through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Government of Sierra Leone have entered into an **Eleven Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five U.S Dollars (\$11,970,375)** Compact Development Funding Agreement to support the development of the **Increasing Access to Reliable and Affordable Power in Sierra Leone Activity** project. This grant funding may be used to develop strategies and proposed interventions that may include improving grid infrastructure, supporting the increased supply of clean and low-cost electricity (on- and off-grid), institutional strengthening, and increasing productive use of electricity.

The Government of Sierra Leone acting through the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit intends to apply parts of the proceeds of the funds to payment of contracts for goods and services.

MCC's funding is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and obligated to the development of projects up-front, with no incremental or partial funding. When a contract is signed with an MCA Entity, money is already available to the MCA Entity and, for most contracts, invoices are paid directly to Contractors/Consultants/Suppliers by the US Treasury.

In furtherance of this development process, during the next eight months starting from May, 2023, the Government, supported by MCC, plans to begin procedures to procure the following services:

Procurements for the period 1st May 2023 to 31st December 2023
Procurement of Goods
Desktop Computer
Procurement of Consultant Services
Fiscal Agent Services
Procurement Agent Services
Architecture/Interior Design Consultant
Technical Evaluation Panel Members

All Contracts for Goods, Works and Services will be implemented according to the principles, rules and procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines which can be found at the MCC's [website](#).

Procurements are open to all bidders from all eligible countries as defined in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines. Specific procurement notices for contracts to be tendered will be announced, as they become available, on United Nations Development Business (<http://www.devbusiness.com/>), dgMarket: <http://www.dgmarket.com/>, and other media outlets.

Interested eligible contractors and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of advertisements for specific procurements, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Interim Procurement Agent for the Compact Development Team Pernille Darville pernille.darville@crowagents.co.uk with copy to Zenobia Maddy, zenobia.maddy@crowagents.co.uk

The General Legal Council

Block 13 Special Court Complex, New England, Freetown. generallegalcouncil@gmail.com

3RD May 2023

THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT NO.15 OF 2000 Sec. 12(4) **NOTICE INVITING OBJECTION(S) TO APPLICATIONS**

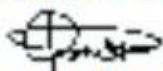
The General Legal Council ("The COUNCIL") hereby gives Notice pursuant to the Legal Practitioners Act, No. 15/2000, sec. 12(4) thereof that PUPIL BARRISTERS of the Law Officers Department, WHOSE NAMES ARE BELOW, having fulfilled the requirements of Section 12 of the Act, have applied to be admitted to practice law in Sierra Leone and for their names to be entered in the Roll of Court. Copies of the applications are posted on the General Legal Council and Law Courts notice boards.

I hereby give notice that in accordance with subsection (1) of section 13 of the Legal Practitioners Act, 2000 (as amended), **any person** wishing to object to any of the said applications should do so in writing to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days of the date of posting of this application. In the event that no objection is received within 15 (fifteen) days, the **Council, may proceed** to admit the said **PUPIL BARRISTERS** and enter their names in the Roll of Court at the expiration of 30 days of the posting of this Notice.

1. Balla Sesay
2. Yusuf Keketoma Sandi
3. Emerica Ajaratu Cham
4. Amara Lansana

Dated the 3rd Day of May 2023

NICKY SPENCER-COKER Esq. (Mrs.)



Secretary, General Legal Council
Block 13 Former Special Court Complex
New England
Freetown

Or via email to: generallegalcouncil@gmail.com



National Youth Commission
Invitation for Bids

Procurement of Supply and Delivery of:

- Office Equipment-Lot 1
- Office Furniture-Lot 2
- Office Stationery-Lot 3
- Sewing Machines-Lot 4
- Tricycle -Lot 5
- Agricultural items and Tools - Lot 6
- Mechanical Tools – Lot 7
- Electrical Tools – Lot 8
- Building Materials – Lot 9
- Catering Service- Lot 10

Procurement Numbers:

- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/001-Lot1
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/002-Lot2
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/003-Lot3
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/004-Lot4
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/005-Lot5
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/006-Lot6
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/007-Lot7
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/008-Lot8
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/009-Lot9
- NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/0010-Lot10

Date of First Issue: 5th May, 2023

The National Youth Commission has set aside funds from UNDP for the procurement of Supply and Delivery Office Equipment-Lot 1, Office Furniture-Lot 2, Office Stationery-Lot 3 and Sewing Machines-Lot 4, Tricycle -Lot 5, Agricultural items and Tools - Lot 6, Mechanical Tools – Lot 7, Electrical Tools – Lot 8, Building Materials – Lot 9 & Catering Service- Lot 10.

It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be used to cover eligible payments under a Framework Contract for the procurement of the Descriptions above. The Commission now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of following:

No	Lots	Qty	Description of Items	Delivery period
1	Lot 1	Various	Office Equipment	Framework contract
2	Lot 2	Various	Office Furniture	Framework contract
3	Lot 3	Various	Office Stationery	Framework contract
4	Lot 4	Various	Sewing Machines	Framework contract
5	Lot 5	Various	Tricycle	Framework contract
6	Lot 6	Various	Agricultural items and Tools	Framework contract
7	Lot 7	Various	Mechanical Tools	Framework contract
8	Lot 8	Various	Electrical Tools	Framework contract
9	Lot 9	Various	Building Materials	Framework contract
10	Lot 10	Various	Catering Service	Framework contract

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate to provide criteria for eligibility such as a valid Business registration certificate, Bid Security of NLe20,000 from a reputable Commercial Bank for each lot, valid tax clearance certificate, valid NASSIT clearance certificate, signed Integrity Pact. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures in accordance with the Sierra Leone Public Procurement Act, 2016. Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate the ability and financial capability to provide the required services.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 10am and 3pm Mondays to Friday. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe500. Payment should be deposited in to the following National Procurement Authority (NPPA) accounts with details as shown: With the pay in submitted to the Procurement Unit, National Youth Commission.

Bank Name: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Name: NPPA-Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165

Bank Name: Union Trust Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 210113253-01
BBAN: 004001113253120144

Bank Name: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 003001081791112183

Bank Name: Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 02-011012428
BBAN: 002001002101242863

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 5th May, 2023 at 11am and time of bid closing is Friday 5th May, 2023 at 11am. All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A valid Business registration certificate
- q Bid Security of Twenty Thousand Leones (NLe20,000) from a reputable Commercial Bank for each lot
- q A valid tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached]
- q Evidence of similar contract performed within the last three (3) years

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 19th May, 2023 at 11am and time of bid closing is Friday 19th May, 2023 at 11am. Bids will be publicly opened on Friday 19th May, 2023 at 11am, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Procurement Unit,
National Youth Commission
Ministry of Works and Assets
4th Floor, New England Ville,
Freetown.
Tell: +2327785589/+23276814372



Section I. Invitation for Bids
Ministry of Health and Sanitation
National Competitive Bidding

Date of Issuance: 17th April, 2023

Supply of Diets and Sundry Items

Procurement Number:

MoHS/DFN/NCB/2023/001

The Government of Sierra Leone has allocated funds to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and part of the funds are now intended to be used for the Supply of Diet and Sundry Items for Tertiary Hospitals in the country with procurement number: MoHS/DFN/NCB/2023/001

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Diet and Sundry Items.

The items are categorised into Nineteen (19) lots for the various hospitals as listed below:

Lot No.	Description	Location
1	Connaught Hospital General	Freetown
2	Connaught Hospital Annex	Freetown
3	Princess Christian Maternity Hospital	Freetown
4	Princess Christian Maternity Hospital – Annex	Freetown
5	Ola Daring Children's Hospital	Freetown
6	Ola Daring Children's Hospital –Nutrition Centre	Freetown
7	Lakka Government Hospital	Lakka
8	Bo Government Hospital General	Bo
9	Bo Government Hospital Annex	Bo
10	Makeni Regional Hospital General	Makeni
11	Makeni Regional Hospital Annex	Makeni
12	Kenema Government Hospital General	Kenema
13	Kenema Government Hospital Annexe	Kenema
13	Rokupa Government Hospital	Rokupa
14	Sierra Leone Psychiatric Hospital	Freetown
15	Jui Hospital	Jui
16	Port Loko General	Port Loko
17	Port Loko Nutrition Centre	Port Loko
Outsourcing to Caterers 18 & 19		
18	Kingharman Road Hospital	Freetown
19	Rokupa Government Hospital	Freetown

Interested bidders can bid for not more than two (2) lots (from lots 1-19) and partial lot bidding is not acceptable and may lead to disqualification. Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate professionalism in the supply of the above goods.

No firm must bid for more than one (1) hospital

The required documentary evidence to be submitted by the bidder to confirm eligibility to bid for Lots 1-19 is as follows:

Please note that suppliers will be required to sign an Anti-Corruption Commission's Integrity Pack with the Ministry.

A Certified True Copy of a Valid Business Registration Certificate

Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays. The bidding document may be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe1,000.00 (One Thousand Leones only).

A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA) (Valid up to the time of bid opening)

Bank: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Number: NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165

A Valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate

Bank: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 003001081791112183

A Valid City Council Certificate

A Bid Security of NLe15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Leones) from a reputable Commercial Bank

Bank: Union Trust Bank
Account Name: NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863

OUTSOURCING HOSPITAL DIET

Please note that the Supply of Diet to the Lots stated below (Lots 18 and 19) will be totally outsourced to Caterers who can demonstrate Professionalism in the supply of this service.

- 18. Kingharman Road Government Hospital and
- 19. Rokupa Government Hospital

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING BIDDER

Bidder:

Must produce evidence of similar supplies eg: invoices, signed delivery notes, receipts of payment of said supplies

Must have kept a good supply record in previous diet contracts to hospitals

Must be able to perform well under pressure

Must be credible and recognized

Must have an established facility ie kitchen space to prepare 3 meals daily

Must produce evidence of capable staff strength at the catering firm

Must have a nutritionist/dietician within staff

Must be competent to prepare food according to the recommended diet for patients*

Must maintain a high standard of hygiene during meal preparation and transportation to prevent further infection of patients through food*

Regular inspections and on the spot checks of food preparation premises by Ministry of Health staff

Must have the capacity to supply meals for at least three months before payment from MoHS *

Bank: Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Office of the Procurement Secretary, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, 4th Floor, Youyi Building, Freetown, between the hours of 9:00 to 12:00 pm on 17th May, 2023.

Bids will be opened on Wednesday 17th May, 2023 by 12.00 noon in the presence of bidder's or their representatives who may choose to attend, at:

The Conference Room
Ministry of Health and Sanitation
4th Floor, Youyi Building,
Freetown

Contact Name: The Assistant Director of Procurement/Head of Unit

Email: procurement@mohs.gov.sl
+23278957533 / +23231957533 / +23230437107

Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

**The World Bank**

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Sierra Leone Country Office
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Freetown, Sierra Leone

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
VEHICLE DONATION - WORLD BANK OFFICE, SIERRA LEONE**

The World Bank Group (WBG) invites Expressions of Interest from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) registered to operate in Sierra Leone as a potential recipients in its vehicle donation process.

According to the WBG definition, an NGO is a government-certified, private organization with a charitable purpose; it is not a government entity or a for-profit business.

We have, therefore, set the following criteria as a mandatory requirement to shortlist the potential beneficiary in the vehicle donation process.

To submit your Expression of Interest, kindly address to the World Bank Asset-Disposal Committee, 3-3a Spur Road, Freetown, by **May 31, 2023, 17:00 Hours**, and send us the following documents to support our selection process.

1. A letter from your organization requesting to be shortlisted for the vehicle donation.
2. Copy of your current/valid Certificate of Registration.
3. Audited Financial Statements for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.
4. Indicate if your organization has previously benefited from a transfer or donation, of a vehicle from the World Bank or UN agency.
5. A short description of your organization's mission here in Sierra Leone and how the donation will support your organization's mission and vision.

We look forward to hearing from you by the deadline of May 31, 2023.

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Tuesday 16/05 & Wednesday 17/05

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3	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	SAMSUNSPOR	1 v 6	BODURKUSPOR	1.71	3.27	3.32	3.20	3.60	1.70	1.23	4.60	6.80	2.49	2.20	3.95	2.24	2.60	3.55	3.40	1.20	1.89	1.67	1.34	2.60	1.60	2.02	1.39	2.33						
4	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	BOLUSPOR	11 v 5	EYUFSPOR	4.69	3.71	1.42	10.00	5.20	1.12	2.14	3.40	2.38	5.20	2.29	2.10	4.70	2.75	1.87	3.45	1.19	1.92	1.64	1.36	2.55	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.87	3.20	1.19				
5	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	TUZLASPOR	12 v 10	MANISA FK	3.76	3.47	1.56	8.20	4.80	1.18	1.87	3.40	2.85	4.50	2.16	2.35	4.30	2.60	2.07	3.15	1.23	1.80	1.74	1.30	2.80	1.80	1.72	1.86	2.65	1.29					
6	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	GUZTERE	7 v 2	ROZESPOR	2.64	3.22	2.00	5.00	4.20	1.35	1.49	3.90	3.95	3.30	2.20	2.85	2.95	2.60	2.55	3.50	1.18	1.94	1.63	1.37	2.50	1.80	1.72	1.54	2.13	1.89	1.61				
7	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	GENCLERBILGI	14 v 1	SAKARYASPOR	2.11	3.27	2.74	3.70	3.90	1.53	1.33	4.30	5.20	2.70	2.28	3.30	2.46	2.70	3.00	3.80	1.15	2.07	1.54	1.44	2.30	1.80	1.72	1.48	2.26	1.56	1.97				
8	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	FENIKSPOR	4 v 8	BANDIRMASPOR	1.60	3.52	3.57	2.80	3.60	1.83	1.20	4.80	7.20	2.31	2.30	4.10	2.08	2.75	3.75	3.75	2.05	1.55	1.42	2.34	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	2.11	1.32	2.55		
9	5/16/2023 13:55	Turkey 2	ALTINORDU	15 v 16	ENZULUMSPOR 80	1.76	3.27	3.18	3.20	3.70	1.67	1.25	4.60	6.40	2.50	2.25	3.75	2.76	2.65	3.40	3.60	1.17	1.82	1.60	1.40	2.42	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.54	2.13	1.41	2.26	
10	5/16/2023 13:55	Egypt	HABAS EL HODOO	18 v 6	MOKHARLOON AL ARAB	3.91	2.88	1.68	9.60	4.50	1.17	1.72	3.20	3.45	4.90	1.90	2.65	4.30	2.26	2.30	2.30	1.44	1.42	2.34	1.33	4.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.11	1.55	2.60	1.31	
11	5/16/2023 14:55	Norway 2	MOSS FK	7 v 16	AASANE	2.03	3.27	2.88	3.55	3.80	1.58	1.30	4.40	5.60	2.65	2.23	3.50	2.40	2.65	3.15	3.60	1.18	1.97	1.61	1.39	2.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.53	2.14	1.51	2.06	
12	5/16/2023 14:55	Lebanon	FK ALDUA RIGA	6 v 1	RIGA FC	7.03	3.81	1.28	18.00	5.80	1.05	2.80	3.20	1.97	7.20	2.15	1.80	6.60	2.55	1.59	2.70	1.23	1.64	1.76	1.22	2.75	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.06	1.44	1.10	1.07	
13	5/16/2023 14:55	Ethiopia	ONE DAWA KENEMA	0 v 0	ETHIOPIAN MEDIAN	2.49	2.88	2.27	5.00	4.00	1.36	1.43	3.90	4.40	3.10	2.03	2.90	2.75	2.37	2.60	2.85	1.21	1.68	1.71	1.25	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	1.86	1.77	1.63	
14	5/16/2023 14:55	Czech Rep B	LIBERSEK BROD	0 v 0	VIKTORIA OTROKOVICE	2.36	3.27	2.05	4.40	4.20	1.40	1.47	4.10	3.95	2.90	2.25	2.70	2.60	2.65	2.45	3.65	1.10	2.12	1.41	1.47	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.37	2.23	1.76	1.63	
15	5/16/2023 15:35	Saudi Arabia 2	AL QADSIYAH	0 v 0	OHUD MEDINA	1.81	2.83	3.57	3.50	3.25	1.70	1.18	4.50	9.00	2.40	1.95	4.10	2.15	2.25	3.70	3.70	2.23	1.37	1.41	2.13	1.12	3.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.92	1.52	1.31	2.39
16	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	SALESURDS	16 v 7	MOLDE	4.89	3.76	1.48	11.00	5.40	1.11	2.22	3.40	2.29	5.40	2.30	2.05	5.00	2.75	1.83	3.40	1.19	1.92	1.64	1.35	2.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.74	1.83	3.35	1.17	
17	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	BRANN	4 v 6	STABAEK	1.21	4.89	8.60	1.69	3.50	3.30	-	6.40	18.00	1.69	2.55	8.20	1.51	3.10	8.00	3.70	1.16	2.06	1.55	1.42	2.36	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.01	1.61	1.05	5.00	
18	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	LILJESTROM	2 v 8	SARPSBORG 08	1.74	3.42	3.57	2.90	3.60	1.81	1.20	4.80	7.40	2.35	2.26	4.10	2.11	2.70	3.80	3.55	1.18	1.97	1.61	1.38	2.46	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.58	2.05	1.33	2.55	
19	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	ROSENBERG	12 v 11	HAUGESUND	1.51	3.57	4.89	2.37	3.45	2.14	1.11	5.40	11.00	2.07	2.28	5.20	1.88	2.70	4.80	3.40	1.20	1.88	1.67	1.34	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.73	1.85	1.18	3.30	
20	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	STROMSGODSET	15 v 11	SANDVISOR	1.72	3.47	3.66	2.85	3.55	1.83	1.19	4.80	7.40	2.32	2.26	4.20	2.09	2.70	3.85	3.55	1.18	1.97	1.60	1.39	2.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.59	2.04	1.31	2.60	
21	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	TROMSO	5 v 1	RODOLVUMT	4.49	3.57	1.55	9.40	5.20	1.13	2.06	3.65	2.47	4.90	2.13	4.50	2.70	1.92	3.50	1.19	1.94	1.63	1.37	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.92	3.05	1.21		
22	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	VING	3 v 9	ODOS	1.59	3.61	4.10	2.55	3.50	1.99	1.15	5.00	8.60	2.18	2.30	4.60	1.96	2.75	4.20	3.60	1.17	2.00	1.59	1.40	2.42	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.61	2.00	1.24	2.90	
23	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway	VALERENGA	10 v 14	HAMARKAMERATENE	1.60	3.52	4.20	2.55	3.50	1.98	1.15	5.20	9.00	2.18	2.28	4.70	1.97	2.70	4.30	3.50	1.19	1.94	1.63	1.37	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.65	1.95	1.24	2.95	
24	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	BYRNE	8 v 11	IEVV	2.09	3.22	2.78	3.65	3.90	1.54	1.31	4.40	5.20	2.70	2.27	3.35	2.44	2.65	3.05	3.80	1.16	2.05	1.55	1.43	2.32	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.48	2.24	1.54	2.00	
25	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	FREDRIKSTAD	5 v 12	KFUM OSLO	1.87	3.32	3.22	3.20	3.65	1.69	1.24	4.50	6.60	2.50	2.22	3.85	2.24	2.65	3.50	3.45	1.19	1.93	1.64	1.36	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.58	2.05	1.40	2.30	
26	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	KROKVIK	10 v 14	SKED FOTBALL	1.75	3.42	3.52	2.85	3.65	1.80	1.20	4.80	7.00	2.33	2.31	4.00	2.11	2.75	3.70	3.80	1.15	2.08	1.54	1.44	2.30	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.52	2.16	1.33	2.50	
27	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	KRISTIANSUND	3 v 2	RAHHEIM	1.66	3.52	3.86	2.65	3.65	1.90	1.17	5.00	7.60	2.21	2.36	4.30	2.01	2.80	3.95	3.95	1.14	2.14	1.51	1.47	2.22	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.52	2.17	1.28	2.70	
28	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	MOJNDALEN	15 v 8	RAHHEIM	2.26	3.22	2.54	4.00	4.00	1.47	1.37	4.20	4.70	2.85	2.25	3.15	2.60	2.65	2.85	3.70	1.16	2.03	1.57	1.42	2.36	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.49	2.23	1.65	1.84	
29	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	SOGNDALEN	1 v 6	HOEDD E	1.78	3.37	3.47	3.00	3.60	1.77	1.21	4.70	7.20	2.39	2.24	4.10	2.15	2.65	3.70	3.50	1.18	1.95	1.62	1.37	2.48	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.58	2.05	1.34	2.46	
30	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 2	START	4 v 13	SANDNES	1.65	3.66	3.71	2.65	3.55	1.91	1.19	4.90	7.60	2.25	2.32	4.30	2.02	2.80	3.90	3.75	1.16	2.08	1.54	1.43	2.32	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.56	2.09	1.29	2.65	
31	5/16/2023 15:55	Norway 4	TERDE	9 v 8	FLEDD SK	1.87	3.57	2.69	3.20	3.85	1.64	1.31	4.50	5.20	2.42	2.29	3.20	2.17	2.70	2.95	3.75	1.10	2.20	1.38	1.50	1.95	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.36	2.24	1.46	2.03	
32	5/16/2023 15:55	Romania 2	FC BUCAU	6 v 3	ASC OTEULUI GALATI	1.84	2.83	3.18	3.90	3.35	1.60	1.23	4.20	7.80	2.70	1.83	4.10	2.34	2.18	3.50	2.21	1.38	1.40</													

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OLIVER HOLT: Spurs' days among the elite of English football are over

Last week, Spurs let it be known that they had 'ended their interest' in appointing Julian Nagelsmann as their new manager.

On the very same day, by pure coincidence, I ended my interest in opening the batting for England in the First Test against Australia at Edgbaston next month.

I also ended my interest in replacing Erling Haaland in the Manchester City starting eleven against Real Madrid on Wednesday. And even though I knew he would take it badly, I told Gareth Southgate I had ended my interest in playing for England at Euro 2024.

There is not much that is funny about Tottenham's current parlous plight but the mix of face-saving fantasy and haughtiness contained in their dismissal of Nagelsmann's job prospects at a club lying seventh in the Premier League and heading south fast was bitterly amusing.

The truth is that Spurs should be begging Nagelsmann to be their next manager, not using his name as a public relations device. They should be moving heaven and earth to get the former Bayern Munich boss to north London and drag them from the stinking mire in which they are steeped.

The mess is piling up so high at Tottenham, you need wings to stay above it. An inventory of their woes is not a short list but somewhere high on it is the fact that their best manager of recent years, Mauricio Pochettino, is on the verge of joining their hated

rivals, Chelsea.

Pochettino's talent, combined with the brilliance of players like Harry Kane and Heung-Min Son, took Spurs close to the title in 2016 and the Champions League final in 2019 but his legacy has been squandered by chairman Daniel Levy. Kane remains but he may leave this summer. If he remains, he will be a shipwreck on a deserted beach.

Levy's managerial choices post-Pochettino have been a mixture of vanity appointments and staggering misjudgments. Player recruitment has been abysmal. Spurs are sinking. They will not be involved in the Champions League next season. They are one of the big six in name only now.

Levy's legacy is that the club plays in the best stadium in the Premier League and has one of the best training grounds. That should not be dismissed. But it ends there. He has failed repeatedly and conspicuously to build a team worthy of playing in that stadium. He is further away from that goal now than he has ever been. His failure to formulate anything resembling a cogent succession plan in the wake of the predictable departure of Antonio Conte earlier this season has cost Spurs a place in the top four. For a man who prides himself on his fiscal husbandry, that lack of foresight and planning will cost the club tens of millions of pounds in lost revenue.

So why would a manager like Nagelsmann, one of the most highly-



rated coaches in European football, want to join Spurs? Why would any of the best talents in the game want to go to a club that is a black hole for leading managers?

Yes, Spurs should be trying everything they can to get Nagelsmann. They should be trying everything they can to get Roberto de Zerbi from Brighton. They should be doing everything they can to get Vincent Kompany out of Burnley.

But why would any of those managers go to Spurs? Why would Nagelsmann, De Zerbi or Kompany risk their careers to go to a club that has become notorious for stymying the progress of managers? Each of them would surely have a raft of better options.

Spurs is a manager's graveyard. It is

a club where the shadow of Levy lingers over all and inhibits all. It is a club that relies on an excuse culture. It is a club that refuses to commit. It is a club that backs away from any vision that does not pay due reverence to the god of the deal. There is always a caveat. There is always a catch. It is a place where managers go to be unhappy.

Spurs have a team now that is barely the right side of ordinary. They are not in the same class as Manchester City or Arsenal. They have been overtaken by Newcastle United. They have fallen behind Manchester United, as they continue their recovery under Erik ten Hag.

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Sadio Mane and Joao Cancelo 'have NO future at Bayern Munich'



Sadio Mane and Joao Cancelo 'have no future at Bayern Munich' with both players expected to depart the German club this summer.

Senegal forward Mane, 31, only joined the Bundesliga champions in a deal worth an initial £27.4million from Liverpool last summer.

He has scored 12 times for Bayern in

an injury-disrupted campaign but it will be best remembered for his dressing room bust-up with Leroy Sane after they lost 3-0 to Manchester City in the Champions League.

Mane's game time has been limited all season and that situation has barely changed since Thomas Tuchel replaced Julian Nagelsmann as their

manager.

He was only introduced from the bench five minutes from the end of their 6-0 win over Schalke on Saturday, though did tee up Noussair Mazraoui to score in stoppage time.

And Sky Sport Germany report this was a 'clear sign' Mane will be put on Bayern's transfer list this summer. They add only Premier League clubs are likely to be able to afford Mane's €20m [£17.4m] salary.

Meanwhile, Portugal right-back Cancelo, 28, has spent the second-half of the season on loan at Bayern from Manchester City.

He has featured in 19 games during the spell, scoring once and setting up six further goals.

His loan deal included the €70m [£60m] option for Bayern to buy

Cancelo from City this summer but Sky report this isn't looking likely despite the possibility of haggling Bayern down in price.

With Cancelo adamant he won't be returning to City after falling out of favour with Pep Guardiola, reports suggest Barcelona are interested in taking him on loan next season.

Bayern are engaged in a nip and tuck race for the Bundesliga title. With two rounds of the season remaining, they are just a point clear of Borussia Dortmund at the top of the standings. They host RB Leipzig this Saturday before making the trip to Cologne on the final afternoon - May 27.

Dortmund, meanwhile, travel to Augsburg this Sunday before entertaining Mainz.

This would be the only silverware of an underwhelming season at the Allianz Arena, with Bayern crashing out 4-1 on aggregate to City in the Champions League quarter-finals and defeated by Freiburg at the same stage of the German Cup.

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