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Know your Presidential candidate

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 ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) President Julius Maada Bio.

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SLPP launches manifesto today

The ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) will today launch its 2023 elections manifesto that will catalogue areas they will focus on in the next five years, if re-elected into office by electorates.

The manifesto titled "The New Direction: Consolidating Gains and Accelerating Transformation," will be launched at the Eastern Technical University in Kenema.

There has been series of campaigns by civil society organisations for political parties to release their campaign manifestos so as to enable citizens properly digest the contents and be able to make informed decision come June 24.

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President Bio



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PROFILE: Know your Presidential candidates

By Alfred Koroma

Meet President Bio, the SLPP's strongman

Meet Sierra Leone's President, Julius Maada Wonie Bio, who is seeking re-election in June after serving a first five-year term.

He was elected President of Sierra Leone in 2018 and prioritised human capital development, becoming the country's first president to introduce free education for primary and secondary school pupils in government schools and government-assisted schools. He introduced several reforms and opened more space for women's participation in governance by passing into law, the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act.

On June 24, the presidential candidate for the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) will head to the poll, again, with Dr. Samura Kamara, the main opposition challenger he defeated in 2018.

Early life and education

President Julius Maada Wonie Bio was born on the 12 May 1964, in Tihun village, Sogbini Chiefdom, Bonthe District in the Southern Province of Sierra Leone. He belongs to the Sherbro ethnic group, one of the oldest ethnic groups in Sierra Leone. The President is the 33 of 35 children born to Sherbro Paramount Chief Charlie Bio II of Sogbini Chiefdom, who had nine wives. The President started school at the Roman Catholic Primary School in Tihun village where he was born and later completed his primary education at the Holy Family Primary School in Pujehun while staying with his elder sister Agnes, who teaching at the School. Completing primary education, Bio enrolled at the Bo Government Secondary School (Bo School). There he spent seven years and eventually became school prefect.

Career

The President is a retired brigadier in the Sierra Leone Army. He served as a military head of state of Sierra Leone from 16 January 1996 to 29 March 1996 under the National Provisional Ruling Council (NPRC) junta government.

After leaving School, Bio enrolled in Fourah Bay College, West Africa's oldest University. He entered the Sierra Leone Armed Forces military academy at Benguema as a cadet officer and graduated as a Second Lieutenant in the Sierra Leone Army in October 1987. After graduating from the military academy, the young Lieutenant was posted as a commissioned officer at the Lungi Garrison in Port Loko District the same year. He was later posted to

Kambia and reposted to Lungi as part of the Economic Emergency Unit, created to combat smuggling and other crimes along the Guinean border.

On the 29 April, 1992, Bio was among the group of young Sierra Leonean soldiers who overthrew Joseph Saidu Momoh's All Peoples Congress (APC) Government, bringing an end to a nearly two decades dictatorial one party state governance. They formed the NPRC junta government. Under the regime, Bio served in different capacities: first, as Secretary of State,

American University in Washington.

Multi-party politics

In 2005, the President Bio resurfaced in limelight, beginning a fresh political journey to regain power, but this time, through democratic means. He joined Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) and contested for the party's flagbearer position at its 2005 national convention held in Makeni. He came third in the election which was won by then Vice President, Solomon Berewa.

In 2011, he won SLPP's delegates'

Perhaps, President Bio is a bit unlucky. He took over governance in 2018, at a time Sierra Leone's economy was already dilapidating. A year later, COVID19 struck, shutting boundaries and devastating global business and economy. As the world gradually recovers from the COVID19 pandemic, the Russia invaded Ukrain, worsening the global crises. This brought serious economic challenges governments globally, but hitting Sierra Leone and other African nations the hardest. And President Bio's ambitious manifesto crippled.

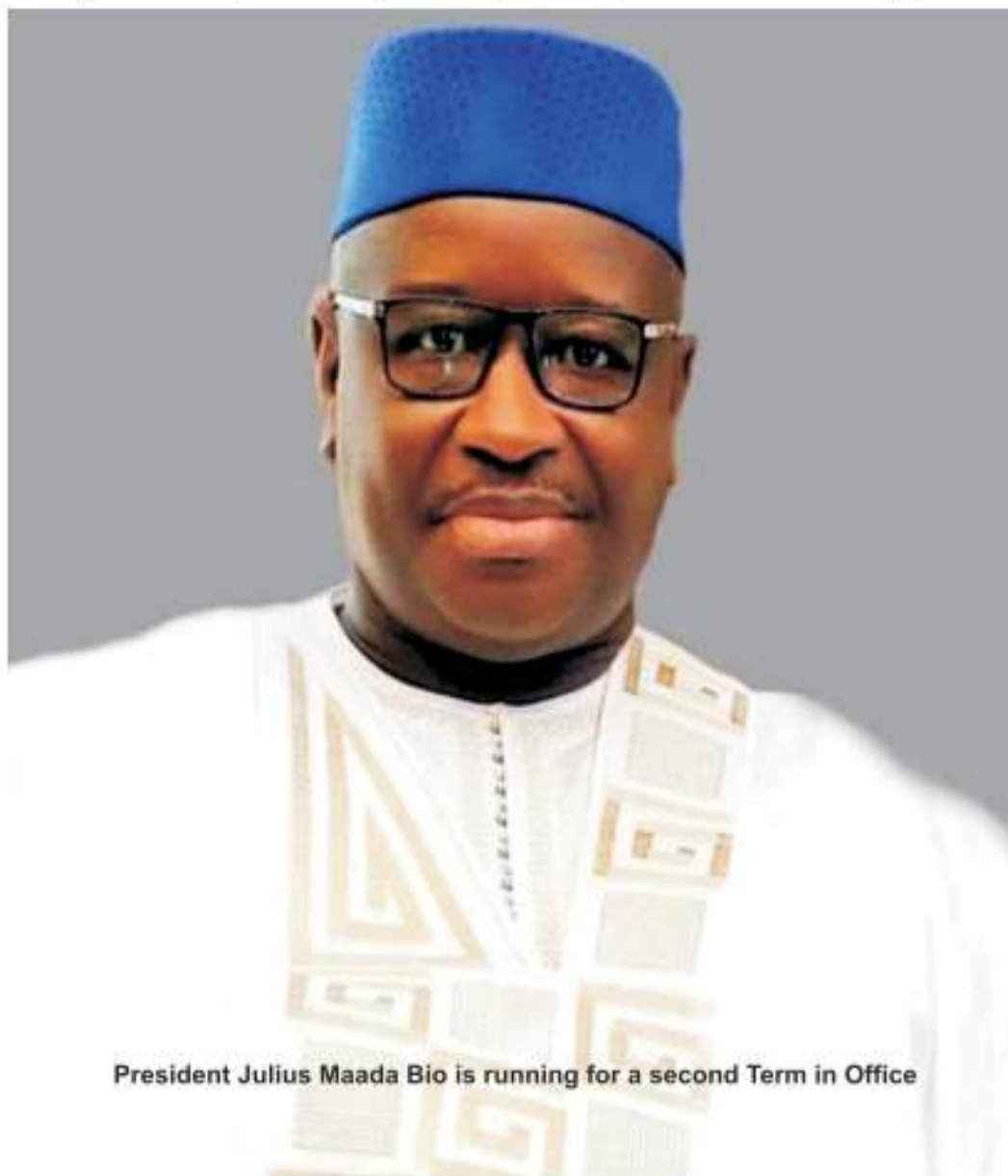
But despite the challenges, the President introduced the Free Quality School Education, increasing enrollment of pupils in primary and secondary schools. He introduced several reforms and opened more space for women's participation in governance. In January, he signed into law, the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act. The ground-breaking law provides women 30% quota for elective and appointive public positions, equal entitlement to employees training and other reforms that enhance women's rights and representation in public service.

He also abolished the decades-old death penalty law and repealed the Criminal and Seditious libel laws, extending the space for free speech and reducing threats against journalists in the country.

His administration constructed a brand new Freetown International Airport, a bigger, more spacious with advanced technology aviation in Lungi.

In the sport sector, Sierra Leone's national football team, the Leone Stars resurfaced in global football competition, qualifying to play the 2022 African Cup of Nations tournament in Cameroon for the first time in 25 years. Although the country did not win the tournament, it was a political goal and a fulfilment of the President's campaign promise.

As military head of state, President Bio is recognized for returning the country back to a democratically elected government when he handed power to Ahmad Tejan Kabbah of the Sierra Leone People's Party after winning the 1996 election.



President Julius Maada Bio is running for a second Term in Office

stationed in Bo, the second capital of Sierra Leone, and later, moved to Freetown as Secretary of State in charge of Information and Broadcasting, eventually rising to the position of Deputy Chairman of the NPRC which was headed by Captain Valentine Strasser as its chairman. Bio also served as Supreme Council of State throughout the regime's stay

On the 16 January 1996, Sierra Leone's strongman led a military coup, ousting Captain Valentine Strasser. In the same year, he handed over power to the democratically elected government of Ahmed Tijan Kabbah. Bio retired from the military and moved to the United States, there he acquired a master's degree in International Affairs from

election held at the Youyi Building in Freetown and became the presidential candidate for the party in the 2012 election. He contested the 2012 Presidential and Parliamentary elections, but was defeated by President Ernest Bai Koroma who ran for second term.

Despite the defeat, the SLPP candidate maintained his popularity among the supporters of the party and again maintained his position as the presidential candidate of the party in the 2018 polls. He won the election, narrowly defeating the APC candidate, Dr. Samura Kamara, who is his main challenger again in the next poll.

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LOCAL NEWS

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Marampa Mines receives largest singular importation of mining equipment

In their bid to bolster economic development in Sierra Leone, Marampa Mines has taken a step forward by shipping in the largest singular importation of mining equipment at the Freetown Terminal.

The equipment worth \$150M which substantiates that the importation, is an assurance of huge win not just for the mines, but also for Sierra Leone.

This largest singular importation will aid the company with their commitment of expansion and increased production, output of 3.75 Million Tonnes of high grade iron ore of Marampa Blu.

The equipment imported include a SAG Mill, which weighs around 900 tonnes when fully assembled, will had to be delicately transported from the port of Freetown to the mining site in Lunsar.

Also in the shipment is a Gyratory crusher, a re-grind Mill and two large 60T and 300T cranes.

All of the M3.75 Equipment has been designed specifically to meet the growing demands from the international markets for high grade iron ore, which is a key



Footage of equipment of Marapa Mines at the Freetown Terminal

ingredient for cleaner and less polluted steel production.

An Investment estimated at \$150M is what MML and its parent company, the Gerald Group is pouring into their operations to increase production from its current rate of

Rail and Port facility for the mining community, the region and the country.

Marampa Mines continues to demonstrate for all to see clearly its intentions to develop this asset to reach its full potential. As a country and as a people, we should continue to support our partnership with Marampa Mines as the nation is a 10% stakeholder in the business.

“We recently saw the CDA Cheque given to its mining communities (Marampa and Maforki Chiefdoms) of SLL38B, and now, we see their importation of a significant amount of mining equipment to boost their operations.”

By every indication and with these huge investments, Marampa Mines is now

SLPP launches manifesto today

From Cover



Leading the charge in that campaign is the Institute for Governance Reforms (IGR) , a tink tank which has undertaken a thorough survey on the needs and aspirations of citizens, and areas that should be considered by political parties when preparing their manifestos.

IGR had launched what it referred to as

the 'Citizens Manifesto' which content political parties, including the SLPP, had agreed to incorporate into their manifestos.

While President Bio has promised to prioritise agriculture if elected for the second term, the public is patiently waiting to see the difference the new manifesto will make going forward.



Vessels carrying the equipment of Marampa Mines rightly positioned to be in full charge of the rail and port.

3.25Million tonnes to get to 3.75Million tonnes annually.

The company is known from earlier discussions to having plans in mind to go up to 7Million tonnes annual production of high grade iron ore. However, to ramp up to that level of output, there will need to be a significant input of capital and an absolute need for Rail and Port.

It is on that end that MML has proposed to lead the consortium to develop the

The largest singular importation of mining equipment will aid the Company in their commitment of expansion to increase production output from 3.25 million Tonnes to 3.75 Million Tonnes of high grade iron ore, Marampa Blu. With a company like MML, surely, more goodies are destined for Sierra Leone and its people.

2023 presidential elections: who wins in what region? Part One

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

It is barely a month to the June 24 elections, and, with no disrespect to other political parties, the race for the presidency will be mainly contested between the ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) and the main opposition All People's Congress Party (APC). With that, it is but very vital to bring to the public a convincing predication as to who wins in what district. Over the years, voting pattern by districts and region largely determine who wins the presidential elections.

Since 2017, Sierra Leone has been divided into sixteen political districts and six regions, including the North-East, North-

West, South, East, Western Urban and Western Rural.

Based on our prediction, by and large, the SLPP is going to win the south, east, with a tight race in Kono while the APC will win the Western Rural, Western Urban and the entire north save for Kambia and Falaba.

Albeit APC winning the majority of the regions, SLPP is sure of securing some significant number of votes in Falaba and Koinadugu in the north-east region

Verdict: Determinants for the June 24 elections will largely be based on the number of votes and percentage secured by the APC and SLPP in Kono, Kambia and the Western Area Urban. Watch out!

LOCAL NEWS **Groundbreaker: 21 facts about Dangote Refinery**

The completion of the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals in Lagos State is a groundbreaking event, one that brings great pride to Nigeria, with great prospects of helping the nation experience transformations in the petroleum sector.

President Muhammadu Buhari on Monday, May 22 commissioned the plant which is arguably Africa's biggest oil refinery and the world's biggest simple-train facility.

There is no doubt that this venture will create more employment opportunities for Nigeria's teeming population.

Beyond this, here are 19 facts about the refinery that everyone interested should know.

1. It is located in Ibeju, Lagos, covering a land area of approximately 2,635 hectares.
2. World's Largest Single-Train 650,000 barrels per day Petroleum Refinery with 900 KTPA Polypropylene Plant.
3. The Refinery is powered by a 435 MW Power Plant.
4. At full capacity, it can meet 100% of the Nigerian requirement of all refined products and also have surplus for export.
5. Designed for 100% Nigerian Crude

with flexibility to process other crudes.

6. Self-sufficient marine facility with ability for freight optimisation. Largest single order of 5 SPMs anywhere in the world.

7. Diesel & gasoline from the refinery will conform to Euro V specifications.

8. The refinery design complies with World Bank, US EPA, European emission norms and Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) emission/effluent norms.

9. It incorporates state-of-the-art technology.

10. It is designed to process large variety of crudes including many of the African Crudes, some of the Middle Eastern Crudes and the US Light Tight Oil.

11. About 65 million cubic metres of sand dredged, costing approximately €300 million, using the world's largest dredgers.

12. Over 1,200 units of various equipment were bought to enhance the local capacity for site works.

13. Dangote Group bought 332 cranes to build up equipment installation capacity.

14. Also built is the world's largest granite quarry to supply coarse aggregate, stone column material,

Dangote Group bought 332 cranes to build up equipment installation capacity.



stone base, stone dust & material for break water (10 million tonnes per year production capacity).

15. In a bid to bring over dimensional cargoes close to the site directly, Dangote Group had to developed a port and constructed two quays with a load bearing capacity of 25 tonnes/sq metre.

16. Constructed two more quays in the port with a capacity to handle up to Panamax vessels to export, two quays to handle liquid cargoes.

17. The port will have 6 quays, including a roll-on/roll-off quay.

18. In the course of the civil works, 700 piles were drilled on some days,

with total number of piles up to 250,000.

19. It has 177 tanks of 4.742 billion litres capacity

20. Dangote is one of the few companies in the world executing a Petroleum Refinery and a Petrochemical complex directly as an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) Contractor.

21. Training of 900 young engineers in refinery operations abroad. Mechanical Engineers trained in the GE University in Italy. Process engineers trained by Honeywell/UOP for six months.

Dangote Refinery's First Product to hit market by end of July – Aliko

The billionaire businessman said the project was the realisation of a "clear opportunity" for Nigeria



President/Chief Executive of Dangote Industries Limited, Aliko Dangote

Aliko Dangote says the first product of the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals "will be in the market before the end of July,

beginning of August this year".

The President of Dangote Industries Limited stated this while giving the welcome address at

the inauguration of the 650,000 bpd refinery in Lagos State on Monday.

"Beyond today's ceremony, our first goal is to ramp up production of the

various products to ensure that within this year, we're able to fully satisfy our nation's demand for higher quality products," he said.

According to him, the accomplishment is to enable Nigeria to eliminate what he described as the tragedy of import dependency and stop — "once and for all" — toxic, substandard petroleum products from being dumped in Nigeria's market.

"Beyond this, we intend to ensure that our plants are run at the highest capacity of utilisation and the highest efficiency to enable us to export competitively to other markets, especially in the ECOWAS and wider regions in which 53 countries out of 55 are dependent on imports to meet their petroleum products demand," he added.

The billionaire businessman said the project was the realisation of a "clear opportunity" for Nigeria, citing the African Union's commitment to the creation of an African common market through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The facility is expected to produce Premium Motor Spirit (petrol), diesel (Automotive Gas Oil), aviation jet fuel and Dual-Purpose Kerosene (DPK), among other refined products.



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LOCAL NEWS

Savage investment group engages media on pest control

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Savage Investment Group and Angel Homecare Agency has on Saturday, 22nd May, engaged the media on their services on pest control and angel homecare.

Chief Executive Officer of the organisation, Ahmed Tejan Savage, said the company offers comprehensive home services to the public.

He said over the past year, Mr. Spray Pest Control, Cleaning and Fumigation Company has experienced tremendous growth and success, and that their team has worked tirelessly to provide exceptional service to their customers.

He added that for the past years they were able to expand their business in different locations, allowing even more people to benefit from their expertise.

"We have invested in the state of the equipment and technology, making our processes even more efficient and effective. This, in turn, has saved

valuable time and resources for both our team and our customers," he said.

He further states that there was no secret that the pest control industry can present some unforeseen challenges, but that they have been able to handle them with professionalism and expertise.

"We have dealt with complex pest infestations, including bed bugs, termites, rodents, and rodents, providing effective and long lasting solutions while ensuring minimal disruption to our customer's daily lives," he maintained.

He said they were faced with challenges like many other companies and that "we had to adapt to the unpredictability of the rise of the USD and inflation due to factors like Covid-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war, which reflected in the occasional delays in our service delivery schedules."

"We, however, did our best to communicate any changes to our clients and sought ways to minimize any negative impact of these



The CEO of Savage Investment Ahmed Tejan Savage and team

disruptions," he said.

He said the commitment, hard work, and expertise of their staff have enabled them to provide excellent customer service, build a repertoire of happy customers as a leading pest control, cleaning and fumigation company.

He further states that their overarching goal over the next year

will be to maintain their performance, improve on it, and provide customers with even better services.

"It is at this juncture that I would like to introduce to the market our new company called Angel Care," he said.

He said Angel Care is a Home Care, Maid and Nanny Services Company that offers a wide range of comprehensive solutions to meet the varied household needs of a client.

President Bio launches the Kabala - Krubola - Kono Road Project

The President, Retired Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, has officially launched the Reconstruction of the Kabala - Krubola - Kono Road Project (261km). The event was held in Dogolia Town, Koinadugu District, North of Sierra Leone. It was graced with fanfare by stakeholders, descendants and residents of Koinadugu and Falaba districts.

Making his keynote address before he officially launched the project, President Bio said his government has decided to reconstruct that road because it wanted to connect the two districts and ease the movements of people and goods in and out of the districts.

"I have being here before and I know how difficult it was to travel this route. That is why I said that if we really cared about the people of Koinadugu and Falaba districts, we should construct this road," he said.

He was amazed at the sizes of onions that were presented to him as gift from the Koinadugu women farmers, and stated that their product was a demonstration that they have the ability to do more if they were supported and had easier access to market.

The Minister of Works and Public Assets, Mr. Peter Bayuku Konteh, said as a government, they were always concerned about value for money, quality and timely delivery of service whenever they were awarding contracts.

The Director General of the Sierra Leone Roads Authority, Ing. Amara Jambai Kanneh, said the award of



contract to Pavi Fort Al Associate was a show of commitment to the implementation of Local Content Policy. "The bulk of the money that we are paying the contractor will be spent here, and they are also employing the locals," he explained.

Mr. Kanneh confirmed that the level of preparation by the contractor was high and that works were going on at faster pace.

He reassured the President and stakeholders of the supervising role of SLRA to ensure that the works will be done within the specified time and the quality will be assured.

For the people of Koinadugu and Falaba districts, the launch of the road project marks the solution to their decades of struggle.

The Paramount Chief of Dembelia Mosaia Chiefdom, Sorie Jawara, lamented that the road project was one of the greatest developments that generations before them had prayed for, and the current generation has



witnessed.

PC Jawara stated that a paved road will influence other development projects, including the establishment of international market, that will be beneficial to the two districts and country in general.

The Chief Executive Officer of Pavi Fort, Mr. Alimu Bah, expressed the commitment of his company to ensure

that the road works will be done within the specified period.

The Kabala - Krubola - Kono Road Project will be implemented in four phases. The first phase, Kabala to Limbaya Junction (61km), is expected to be completed in 2025 and the other phases will ne subsequently constructed.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Officials of the SONOCO Flour Mill's Factory have on Friday, May 19, received the first shipment of equipment at the Queen Elizabeth Quay for the construction of a forty thousand tons flour mill, which will be producing breads, cakes and pastries in the country.

Speaking to newsmen, Managing Director, Sonoco SL Limited, Amadu Justice Bah said the presence of SONOCO is a remarkable win for the country because the company based in Guinea is a huge conglomerate in Africa that is ready to invest in Sierra Leone.

Three years ago, President Bio launched the bread-making factory which he said would prevent the shortage of flour and ensure constant and sufficient supply of bread in the market and create employment in the country.

Since it was launched in October of 2019, the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Coup d'état in Guinea brought the project's activities to a standstill. Following that that long delay, skeptics described the project as a scam.

SONOCO flour mill construction becomes concrete reality



While unloading the first consignment of equipment for the bakery offloaded from a vessel at Queen Elizabeth Quay.

the SONOCO Managing Director said despite circulating rumours of its demise, the ambitious project in Sierra Leone has defied skeptics by transforming into a tangible reality. He said despite the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Coup in Guinea, building a factory from scratch requires long process.

Amadu Justice Bah described the day as a momentous time in the history of SONOCO project and a symbol of hope that will bring employment for Sierra Leoneans by professionalizing the trade of bakery industry.

He said the project is a direct response to the vision of the President Bio Human Capital Development with focus on middle manpower by training young



Offloading the equipment from the vessel.

profession, adding that the bakery will respect all the standards in terms of environment, safety and nutrition that will help strengthen the health of the consumers.

"This project is a beacon of hope that values over 60 million US\$ and it is going to create money for our suppliers, employment for the bakers and will transform the way bakery is done in the country. It will also solve our bread and butter issue through reducing our reliance in dollars through the export of our products," he said.

He said hence the project is completed there will be no shortage of flour in the market will be a thing of a past and the factory will help foreign exchange by exporting its products.

Justice encouraged Sierra Leoneans not to politicize the development, stating that the company will next two weeks publicize vaccines for employment of citizens.

Juldeh Jalloh, Group Director SONOCO said when president Bio went to Guinea, he requested SONOCO to extend investment in Sierra Leone. He said the arrival of the long-awaited vessel equipment demonstrates SONOCO's commitment to investing in the Sierra Leone's prosperous future.

"Dispelling any doubts that may have emerged, SONOCO Flour Mill's project remains firmly on track, overcoming the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic," he stated.

Justice Bah reiterated that regardless of the unprecedented circumstances, SONOCO remains dedicated to its long-term vision for Sierra Leone, ensuring sustainable progress and fostering employment opportunities.

He concluded that the project's undeniable progress showcases the company's unwavering commitment to Sierra Leone and its potential to shape a thriving future for the nation.

Africell Sierra Leone conducts Health and fitness walk for workers



builds relationships with your peers and adults in and outside place.

John Konteh added that as a company they are very passionate about sports as there are lots of empirical evidences of their support to some of these sporting disciplines such as football, volleyball, crickets as the list goes on.

John Konteh continued that the Africell inter-departmental LELEMU tournament will commence on Sunday the 28th May 2023 at the SS camp X-tray Arena and therefore called on their valued subscribers to witness football at its best as they have talented players which have the skills and enthusiasm to play football.

John Konteh concluded by thanking all those that made it humanly possible to attend this epoch-making Africell health and fitness walk initiative.

The Africell health and fitness work was climax with a group photos and merriments in a quest to show gratitude for making this event a success.

Africell is the leading telecommunications company in Sierra Leone that has invested in various sectors in the country such as entertainment, education, health, infrastructure etc. and as well gives local talents the platforms they deserve by bringing them to a wider audience.

The Africell Health and fitness walk was well attended by staff from various parts of the country as they started from the Africell headquarter at Wilberforce and designated to Leicester Peak on Saturday the 20th May 2023.

Addressing the gathering at the finished point, the Chief Cooperate Affairs Manager of Africell Jose Abass Bangura said every employer knows that the most important assets to any company are their employees as the ultimate goal employers want from employees is to reach maximum productivity levels and in a quest to accomplish such supporting fitness is one of the most beneficial choices any employer can make to encourage their workers to reach their full potential.

Joe Abass Bangura furthered that as a company they decided to organize the Africell health and fitness walk to improve employees'

health and wellness, reduce healthcare costs, and increase engagement and job satisfaction.

Also, Joe Abass Bangura said during the health and fitness work the management of Africell provided some first aid treatments and as well vehicles for those whom might get hurt during the work but however thank God there was no casualty during the process.

Mr. Bangura continued that this initiative will help employees not to get sick easily as when an employee uses less sick days, they contribute more to overall productivity and reduce the hassle of trying to find replacements at the last minute.

He added that employees who are fit creates a sense of confidence, which allows them to set higher goals and to always strive for excellence and as well encouraging exercise is a good way to promote teamwork which encourages personal growth, increases job

satisfaction, and reduces stress during and after work.

On his path, the Media Manager of Africell, John Konteh said as a company they decided to embark on lots of sporting activities like the health and fitness walk, the LELEMU inter-departmental football tournament, the Sports meet and the Africell Freetown marathon as a way to keep their workers fit physically and psychologically which help reduces employees' stress levels as a good exercise has the phenomenal ability to lessen the amount of stress felt from physical and emotional tensions in life.

John Konteh furthered it is obvious that employees who are not stressed are more focused as they contribute to a much higher level of productivity.

Similarly, John Konteh said that involving in sport helps you stay in shape, teaches you how to organize your time, boosts friendships, and

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NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

UK to ban foreign students from bringing family over

The United Kingdom is expected this week to announce restrictions preventing foreign students from bringing family members into the country.

The move follows reports that net migration into the UK has hit 1 million with Tory MPs asking Prime Minister Rishi Sunak "to get a grip on the rocketing numbers".

UK current immigration law permits dependants to accompany their spouses or parent(s) who have a valid student visa. According to the report, UK ministers are expected to announce the immigration clampdown on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The ban will affect all master's students and some other post-graduates, but it will not apply to PhD students who are highly skilled and whose courses last between 3 to 5 years.

If implemented, the crackdown will affect many Nigerian students hoping to pursue their postgraduate studies in the UK, as they accounted for the highest increase in the number of dependants accompanying persons with study visas in 2022.



Nigerian students, who just got evacuated from Ukraine amidst the ongoing war ... - Copyright © africanews KOLA SULAIMON/AFP or licensors

The Times (UK) had also reported in February that the UK was nursing the ban and that Sunak and Suella Braverman, the home secretary, were becoming more concerned after a near-eightfold rise in the number of family members joining foreign students. media reports had reported how the home secretary considered reforming the graduate visa route. Under her proposal, foreign students would have to obtain a work visa by getting a skilled job or leave the UK within six months after the end of their studies.

Meet the youngest Senegalese film director breaking barriers at Cannes festivals



Senegalese film director Ramata-Toulaye Sy poses for a photo - Copyright © africanews LOIC VENANCE/AFP

The youngest film director in this year's Palm d'Or race, who is a French-Senegalese director Ramata-Toulaye Sy presented her first film, "Banel & Adama", on Saturday.

Born in France to Senegalese parents, she brought out this romance as a tribute to her African culture and also to fill a gap in the film landscape.

"All I wanted, little by little, was to really deconstruct, deconstruct this vision of Africa that we have, even on the place of women in relation to Banel. And that's why she's an unsympathetic character. She's not the smooth, oppressed, black African woman who seeks help, who we expect. Banel, I know she's very unsympathetic and a lot of people can't like her and so much the better. It's completely assumed and that's also why we wanted to deconstruct all the codes we knew about cinema and Africa," said Ramata-Toulaye Sy, a French-Senegalese

director. Banel & Adama is the story of a young couple whose love is put to the test by the traditions of their village, located in northern Senegal, on the border with Mauritania. Ramata is now hoping that her film at this year's Cannes festival will position her for better

recognition. "The competition, we didn't expect it. We are in Cannes. We're in competition, it's a first film, it's an African film, it's an unexpected film. I know that in the articles, people always say "Who is she? We don't know her". But I know myself, I have been here for a long time. I work and have worked to be here. I didn't just end up here yesterday, in fact. I studied film, I was at university, I went to La Fémis, I co-wrote features. So you didn't know me. But today, you know me," said Ramata-Toulaye Sy, a French-Senegalese director. The daughter of Senegalese immigrants, Ramata-Toulaye Sy was born in the Paris region where she spent her entire childhood. It was on the benches of the Fémis, the prestigious film school, that she had the idea for Banel and Adama, the script of which she presented at her graduation competition in 2015. She wrote it as a tribute to her family culture. But also to fill a glaring lack of representation in the film landscape.

Mauritania's ruling party wins majority seats in local and legislative polls

The ruling party in Mauritania scored a comfortable victory in last week's legislative and local elections, according to official results on Sunday, a litmus test for the veteran head of state ahead of next year's presidential poll.

The elections were the first since 2019, when President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani came to power.

He has overseen the West African country's relative stability in the increasingly violent Sahel region and is widely expected to seek re-election in 2024, although he has not confirmed his plans.

Ghazouani's El Insaf party was the favourite to win among the 25 parties vying for the backing of the country's 1.8 million voters.

El Insaf took 80 of the 176 seats in parliament, announced the head of the independent electoral commission (CENI), Dah Abdel Jellil.

Thirty-six other seats went to parties allied to the president and 24 to the opposition, nine of them to the Islamist Tewassoul movement.

Tewassoul -- which is seeking a strict application of Islamic law -- was the main opposition group in the outgoing parliament, in which El Insaf had a comfortable majority.

There will be a run-off vote on May 27 for the remaining 36 parliamentary seats.

El Insaf won all 13 regional councils and 165 of the 238 local constituencies up for grabs.

The opposition has complained of "massive fraud" in the elections, which saw an official turnout of 71.8 percent.

Ghazouani, 66, is a general considered one of the main architects of Mauritania's success against jihadism, in his former role as army chief.

His party was the only one to field candidates in all constituencies in this month's parliamentary and local polls.

This was forecast to give him a boost in next year's presidential ballot, in particular with the vast, arid country's rural electorate.

Tunisian journalists protest in Tunis over press freedom



Tunisian columnist Haythem Mekki (L) and radio presenter Elyes Gharbi (C) gesture as they wait outside the offices of el-Gorjani Criminal Brigade in Tunis on May 22, 2023. - Copyright © africanews

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Dozens of Tunisian journalists have held a demonstration outside the El Gorjani Police Research Department in Tunis in support of two journalists under investigation. The protesters including one of the summoned journalists Elyes Gharbi, denounced what they called attempts to stifle press freedom in the country.

"We are here because we are being reproached for certain remarks made in the program of May 15, 2023. These comments were, in our opinion, constructive comments. They are critical, of course, but constructive. Today, there is perhaps another reading on the part of the authorities. We will explain to the authorities that we are journalists. And as such, we have the right to criticize. As such, we criticize in a constructive spirit and in a spirit where there is freedom of speech, freedom of thought and we will defend that," Elyes Gharbi, radio presenter said.

The summoning of the two journalists follows the use of anti-terrorism laws to increase to five years a jail term handed to Khalima Guesmi, also at Mosaïque FM radio station, after he appealed a one-year sentence delivered in November.

Guesmi was found guilty of having intentionally

disclosed "information relating to operations of interception, infiltration, audiovisual surveillance or data collection", his lawyer said after the latest ruling. "There is a frank and clear (political) orientation towards lockdown and repression, which targets disobedient media," said Mahdi Jlassi, president of the journalists' union.

"We are once again raising the alarm against the rollback of freedoms in this country and the legal proceedings targeting journalists, lawyers and trade unionists, and other people for comments, articles, or even a song." On Monday, two Tunisian students were detained after posting a satirical song on social media that criticised police and laws against drug use.

Around 20 journalists are currently being prosecuted for their work, Jlassi added.

Several local and international rights groups and trade unions on Tuesday warned "against the seriousness of the repressive direction of the current authorities" and called on activists and civil society "to mobilise to defend freedoms and human rights".

These groups have criticised the decline in civic freedoms in Tunisia since President Kais Saied launched a sweeping power grab on July 25, 2021.

Police demand 'cold drink' in South Africa

"I need a cold drink," says the policeman to the driver, nonchalantly leaning against the lowered window. The sun is beating down on the windscreen of the car that has been stopped for a while on the side of a busy Johannesburg road. Under his cap with the glittering SAPS (South African Police Services) logo, the officer is clearly making it clear that he has plenty of time. Spinning a set of keys on one finger, he chews gum tirelessly.



South African police officers prepare riot gear as the EFF demonstrates outside the ... - Copyright © africanews EMMANUEL CROSET/AFP or licensors

With lace-up boots and fatigues, he has the uniform and the bad habits; in South Africa, a desire for a "cold drink" during a roadside check is a well-known injunction to drop a few hundred rands (the equivalent of tens of euros).

A small packet of blue notes, adorned with a buffalo head on one side and the anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela on the other, surreptitiously slipped into the hand of the officer to avoid a fine, the impoundment or even the police station.

In a country with one of the highest crime rates in the world, the police have a sulphurous reputation for being both inefficient and corrupt. Two out of ten murder cases are solved, according to official figures. And those who can afford it rely instead on private companies to provide security.

"So what do we do?" the policeman asks.

At the wheel of a brand new red SUV, the 40-year-old Frenchwoman takes a quick look in the back. Her daughter is sleeping in her child seat. The engine has already had time to cool down.

Not convinced that she has exceeded the speed limit, she hesitates between leaving a small sum of money behind or going into a long argument with the policeman who is determined to pocket a few tickets. Next door, on a police van, a telephone number for an "anti-corruption hotline" is proudly displayed.

- "Even if you are drunk" -

"They want to make some money before the weekend to drink," said Lwando, a 25-year-old Uber driver, who was interviewed by AFP. He spends most of his time on the roads of the South African megalopolis, and he is convinced that the number of checks on the weekend is increasing.

In total, according to the 2021-2022 police report, more

"Even if you are drunk and not fit to drive, as long as you have money, they let you go," the driver continued reprovingly, adding that the amounts demanded depend on "the greed of the cop".

According to an internal affairs officer interviewed by AFP on condition of anonymity, corrupt police officers do not discriminate, with cases regularly reported on the highways of wealthy business districts as well as in the townships.

"It's just opportunistic tendencies on the part of some people who always want more," she said.

It will "lead to the downfall of the whole organisation and all its members because, for the public, it is the whole police force that is corrupt," said a senior policewoman interviewed by AFP, who did not wish to give her name.

Nearly 160 cases of fraud and corruption involving police officers were reported in 2021-2022, according to official figures. The phenomenon exists elsewhere in Africa and the world. According to a report by Transparency International, one in four Africans paid a bribe during 2018, from public services or the police.

"A criminal and disciplinary investigation is opened for each case of alleged corruption," a police spokeswoman, Brenda Muridili, assures AFP.

"There are of course one or two rotten people in our ranks, but most of the police officers work hard," she said, urging people not to generalise.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF SIERRA LEONE
(COMMERCIAL AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION)

BETWEEN:

**SIKO HOLDING (SL) LTD
 MOTIHAIM REGENT HIGH WAY
 FREETOWN**

- PLAINTIFF**AND**

**MOHAMED S. KAMARA
 (C.E.O OF VICTORY TEENS' ORGANISATION)**

- 1st DEFENDANT

VICTORY TEENS' ORGANISATION

- 2ND DEFENDANT**&**

**MRS. KADIE KOROMA
 ALL OF NO.7 PEDRO DRIVE
 KAMAYAMA, LUMLEY
 FREETOWN**

- 3RD DEFENDANT

TAKE NOTICE that this action has been commenced against you, **MOHAMED S. KAMARA, VICTORY TEENS' ORGANISATION & MRS. KADIE KOROMA** in the High Court of Sierra Leone by Siko Holding (SL) Ltd., in which the Plaintiff's claim is for inter alia recovery of the sum of \$14,848.00 (Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourty Eight United States Dollars) being the amount due to the Plaintiff as at November 4th, 2022 with Interest on the said sum at the rate of 35% per annum in line with the prevailing money market conditions. an order for specific performance to compel the 3rd Defendant herein to submit her identity card to the Plaintiff for the transfer of title of the Nissan Rogue to be completed at the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) in accordance with the terms of the contract dated the 11th day of January, 2022. Damages for breach of contract, any other or further reliefs that this Honourable Court may deem fit and just and costs.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that by Court Order dated the 11th day of January, 2023 that service of the Writ of Summons in the said action on the said Defendant be effected by publishing same in a widely read newspaper in Sierra Leone.

If you desire to defend the said action you must enter or cause an appearance to be entered on your behalf at the High Court Registry, Law Court's Building, Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown within 14 days from the date the publication was made. In default of such appearance judgment may be entered against you.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title: Assessment and Solar electrification of the Country Office

Job Summary

As a complementary package, ChildFund Sierra Leone would like to electrify its Country office at 84, Regent Road, Hill Station, Freetown. The service provider will be responsible for:

- Ø Providing materials as well as the establishment of a reliable hybrid power backup system (Solar and Batteries) and electrical network that offers good voltage and able to support the equipment indicated in the electricity consumption balance table below. The system should have a capacity of at least 12 hours of autonomy.
- Ø Provide the equipment listed in the table below. The entire hybrid system must comply with the ISO 13297:2014 standard, and must comply with the following requirements:
 - No cable or trunking should pass outside the premises.
 - Electrical wiring protection panels must be properly labelled.
 - A plan of the electrical network must be displayed next to the protection panels and in the technical room.
 - The cables must not occupy more than 80% of the capacity of the trunking.
 - All cables and sockets must be labelled.
 - A label should be affixed every 15 meters on the cable to indicate the socket/outlet number.
 - Each cable must correspond to one and only one socket, cable bursting is prohibited.
 - Every office will need 2 outlets/Sockets and the meeting room will need 5.

List and Tech Specs of Items to be provided
300 watts Solar Panel
OUTBACK POWER 80AH MPPT Controller
GEL Battery 12v - 200 Ah
MAGNUM Energy MS Series Power Inverter Chargers (4100w, 24V, 105A)
Metalic Support for the Batteries
Metalic Support for the Solar Panels
Junction Box AEPVCB-8
Electrical cable for panels (2 X 16mm ²)
3 watt,12 volt LED Bulb (for the offices)
5 watt,12 volt LED Bulb (for the meeting room)
trunking with divider 100x50 mm
Electric cable for charge controller (1 X 50 mm ²)
20 KVA Power Regulator (YAMAHA)
Electrical socket recessed in the trunking
VGW 3X1.5 3X2.5 electric cable
Supplies and related services
Installation costs

List of equipment

The current total of electricity consumption per day is estimated at 159.272(w-h/d).

- a. Profile of prospective Firm/Consultant:
 - Experienced solar installation and management firm or engineer with more than three years track records in Sierra Leone.
 - Capable of executing the tasks indicated in the technical description above
 - Availability to execute tasks with high quality work
 - Capable of training users
 - Readily available to carry out assessment
 - Available to provide remote support
 - Can provide one year warranty for the solar panels.

Our office is open from 22 to 26 and 29 to 30 of May 9:00am to 3:00 pm for site survey (site visit). The deadline for expression of interest is Wednesday 31st May, 2023.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Procurement Committee through SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org

Or Hand Delivery at ChildFund's Office: 84 Regent Road, Hill Station, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Note:

- Successful consultant or firm will be required to read and sign the ChildFund Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedure
- Upon successful selection, the consultant or firm will be required to sign a contract that will clearly capture the conditions for this work.



EXTERNAL JOB VACANCY

Sierra Diamonds Limited is looking for a qualified candidate for the following position:

Position: Paramedic Location: Tongo Field, Sierra Leone
 Department: HSE Reports to: Mine Risk Manager
 Hours: 44 per week Contract Type: Fixed Term

Key deliverables:

- Providing emergency and routine medical support and patient care services including primary, occupational medical care to ensure a healthy and "fit for purpose" workforce in support of SDL operations.
- Adheres to the policy, procedures and protocols related to advanced life support guidelines that is in accordance with the HPCSA schedules.

Key Duties Include:

- Plan, initiate and control medical emergency preparedness (ambulance and clinics), and response services 24/7.
- Arranging and coordinating medical evacuations in accordance with Company medical insurance guidelines and continually updating management accordingly.
- Occupational health surveillance and screening processes and administration (entry/ annual/ exit).
- Plan and manage primary health care and preventative medicine services.
- Plan and coordinate First Aid Training.
- Conducting weekly hygiene and health inspections, and reporting appropriately.
- Drawing up of weekly medical statistics and reporting to the HOD timeously.

Skills and Qualifications required:

- Demonstrated competency in advanced airway management inclusive of intubation, mechanical ventilation, ECG monitoring/ defibrillation, cardiac pacing/ cardio inversion, administration of scheduled medication, setting up and monitoring of continuous intravenous infusions (IVAC machine attachments)
- Advanced Life Support Paramedic (ALS Certification);
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS Certification);
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS Certification);
- Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers (Certification).

How to apply:

To apply for this role, please submit your updated CV and copies of certificates to any of the following addresses depending on your location: For the attention of:

The Human Resources Department
 Sierra Diamonds Limited
 Tongo Camp Site, Tongo Field

Or

The Human Resources Department
 3 Cole Street, Murray Town, Freetown, Sierra Leone

sd recruitment@sierradiamondsltd.com
 Please indicate the job position in the subject line
 Closing Date: Wednesday 31st May 2023

Applications will be treated as and when they are received.

opportunity statement:

All posts are advertised on an equal opportunity basis and qualified women and men are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

3 put on bail for allegedly cultivating cannabisativa

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Alfred Turay and two others made their first appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngeba of the Court No:1 for allegedly cultivating grade A drug to wit cannabisativa.

The three accused were standing trial on two count charges to wit conspiracy to cultivate cannabisativa and unlawful cultivation of cannabisativa. The charge sheet was read out to them and they pleaded not guilty to all two charges.

it was alleged that on diverse dates from 4th May 2023 at 'Obar Wata' Kerry Town, the accused conspired with someone unknown to cultivate cannabisativa without lawful authority.

It was also alleged that the three accused on the above same date and place, cultivated a grade A drug to wit cannabisativa weight 2.62.4 kilograms without lawful authority contrary to the laws of Sierra Leone.

The state prosecutor sought for a date due to the absence of her witness, who she said will be available on the next adjourned date.

Meanwhile, the Defence counsel applied for bail to be administered to the accused persons, saying that, they are Sierra Leoneans under the jurisdiction and they have reliable and creditable sureties to look into their matter.

He said they will not tamper with prosecution witness and that they will not jump bail.

He said they will make themselves available whenever they are called upon.

Bail was granted to the accused persons in the sum of 2 thousand new Leones with sureties who must be above 40-year-old and must be employed with the file verified by the Bench

The matter was adjourned to the 26th May 2023 for further hearings.



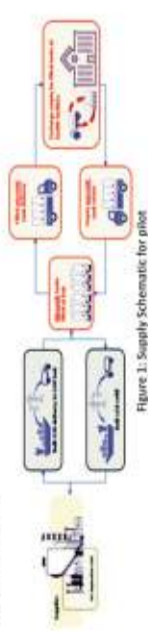
Invitation To Bid (ITB)

Reference	ITB/CHA/VE/SL/0222
Posting Date	19 th May 2023
Closing date	8 th June 2023

The Clinton Health Access Initiative is preparing to implement a supply chain that includes a liquid oxygen (LOX) source to explore the effectiveness of an alternative oxygen supply chain in Sierra Leone to supplement existing oxygen sources. This alternative supply chain is proposed to begin with an ISChaber filled with LOX sourced from any cost-effective source which is then shipped to a filling station by a qualified filling agent. This filling agent will proceed to fill 46-50L LOX cylinders (micro-VE tanks) with the LOX from this ISChaber. The micro-VE tanks will then be trucked to selected facilities in Sierra Leone. Figure 1 below depicts this supply chain.

CHAI invites interested and capable vendors to submit bids for the supply of one or more of the following services required for the supply chain proposed above: micro-VE filling operations, first mile transport from filling source to Freetown, Sierra Leone, and last mile transport from Freetown, to designated health facilities, detailed in specification package (Annex B) of this ITB. When preparing your submission please be guided by the form attached as Annex A, and CHAI code of conduct and ethics for suppliers in Annex C. Please note that CHAI is running a separate ITB for the hardware that would be required to establish new micro-VE filling operations (e.g. ISChaber, micro-VE tanks, and transportation).

Any queries or clarifications on this ITB should be submitted via the email: SLprocurement@clintonhealthaccess.org quoting ITB/CHA/VE/SL/0222 in the subject line by 19 midnight GMT on 14 June 2023. Responses will be shared via ITB solicitation channels, as well as in email replies. Quotations must be submitted on or before 12 midnight GMT (posting date above) via the email: SLprocurement@clintonhealthaccess.org quoting Reference ITB/CHA/VE/SL/0222 in the subject line should your submission exceed 2MB and cannot be sent by email; send an email to request an upload link with the subject "Requesting upload link to SLprocurement@clintonhealthaccess.org". Quotations submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Vendors may submit for one lot, all lots, or any combination of lots described. All products must be assessed against CHAI's quality policy. Vendors may be requested to submit additional information and/or cooperate with a site visit from CHAI to the filling site prior to final purchase order.



Terms and conditions

Delivery Terms: DPU (DDP/EXW/2020)

Contract Reference and Dates, if needed, shall be done by: Reference and Dates, if needed, shall be done by: Exact Addresses of Delivery Locations (Identify at all multiple)

1. UBC Matru Hospital, Bo road, Matru Jang, Matru
2. Koidu Government Hospital, Bona Street, Koidu, Kono district
3. Koidu Government Hospital, Mikenti road, Koidu, Kono district
4. Emergency Hospital, Gadhuch, Supindun, Western Area Rural (WRH)

Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (if delivery services are to be provided, quote may be required by CHAI)

Delivery Schedule: Specify in comments section of Annex A

Mode of Transport: Please specify

Preferred Currency of Quotation: United States Dollars

Validity: Varies (see Annex B)

Deadline for the Submission of Bid: Closing date above

Language: English

All documents, including catalogs, brochures, and operating manuals, shall be in this language and submitted, shall be in this language and submitted.

Payment Terms

1. 100% after project delivery and inspection of goods delivered to final destination preferred but other terms can be negotiated
- 1% of total contract amount for each day of delay and maximum of 30 days after which contract will be terminated

Unpaid Damages

1. Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest evaluated price
2. Delivery period
3. Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions

Evaluation Criteria

1. Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest evaluated price
2. Delivery period
3. Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions

Micro-VE filling operations

Product: Micro-VE filling operations

QTY: 6 months

Country: Sierra Leone

*Vendors may propose alternative sites according to their base of operations.

Product: First mile transport to Sierra Leone*

QTY: 6 months

Country: Sierra Leone

*Only applicable if filling operations are based outside of Sierra Leone.

Product: Last mile transport to health facilities

QTY: 6 months

Country: Sierra Leone

Annex A: Product information and vendor details

Products information, required quantities and detailed delivery location is found in sheets 1 and sheet 2 of Annex A. This can be found via this Product Information and vendor details link. Download the excel sheet, complete, and include in your application. If you are unable to access this link, please contact us via SLprocurement@clintonhealthaccess.org and we will email the documents to you.

Annex B: Technical Specification and Shipping requirement

Technical specifications for items can be found via this link. Specification and checklist download the excel sheet, complete, and include in your application. If you are unable to access this link, please contact us via SLprocurement@clintonhealthaccess.org and we will email the documents to you.

Annex C: CHAI code of conduct for suppliers

The CHAI code of conduct for suppliers is a minimum set of requirements that suppliers must meet to qualify to do business with CHAI and remain in good standing with the organization. Please read the document via this link: Code of Conduct for Suppliers and apply for this solicitation only if your organization can comply with these requirements.

Annex D: Requirements for submission of Lot 2 & 3

Suppliers for Lot 2 and Lot 3 must submit a detailed proposal supply and distribution plan. Core requirements that must be met by suppliers in this proposed supply plan include:

1. Suppliers must deliver the minimum response volumes for each facility, with an additional 30% buffer for unexpected needs. See Table 1, below.
2. Suppliers must ensure the minimum number of usable cylinders (i.e. full enough to supply patients) are available per need at any given time. See Table 2, below.
3. Suppliers should explicitly account for the cost and volume implications of off-gassing which occurs during delivery. See Table 4, below.
4. Suppliers must submit a detailed plan and account for how safety, security and liabilities will be managed.
5. The supply plan must include route information, expected cost per month and frequency and volume of deliveries (in Ltr, liquid and number of cylinders).
6. A redundancy and/or risk mitigation plan should be provided in advance, to address the event that a supplier does not have the capacity to deliver the full volumes to any of the sites required in a safe manner. Suppliers for Lot 2 and Lot 3 will be expected to work within a specific set of constraints for the project, including:
 - Usage limited to a supply of 250 micro-VE cylinders, with a capacity of 30L. Detailed specifications are here:
 - Availability of storage space in government owned central storage at this address: Central Store, Off Jomo Kenyatta Road, New England Villa, Freetown, Sierra Leone
 - No fuel, vehicles or additional human resources will be provided by the government unless specifically requested (requests will be taken into consideration when bids are evaluated, with the sustainability of the cost and complexity of requests accounted for).

Key information for each of the delivery sites is summarized in the table below. Applicants may apply by delivery to one or more sites for the first or last mile.

Table 1: Site location, distance, and target times, by facility

Facility name	Distance	QTY coordinates	Extended Distance	Drive/Travel time from storage to facility (min)	Round conditions (in Ltr, liquid and number of cylinders)
Koidu Government Hospital	300m	6.42826; 11.05417	374	5 hours	Fully paved road
Emergency Hospital	300m	6.42826; 11.05417	374	5 hours	Fully paved road
UBC Hospital	300m	6.42826; 11.05417	374	5 hours	Fully paved road

Table 2: Minimum liquid oxygen volumes required, by facility

Facility name	Distance	QTY coordinates	Extended Distance	Drive/Travel time from storage to facility (min)	Round conditions (in Ltr, liquid and number of cylinders)
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*Please note, above table shows rounded up requirements based on Google Maps. Round conditions with seasonal differences should be accounted for in the delivery plan.

Table 3: Minimum liquid oxygen volumes required, by facility

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Table 3: Detailed description of road conditions, by facility (Valid as of April 2023. Vendors are encouraged to validate the road conditions).

Health Facility: UBC Matru Hospital

Road Condition: Similar route from Freetown or Conakry. 200m of route is off the main road. The road is single track, dirt road. Alternative route is paved, two-lane road. Conditions: The route is paved, two-lane road. From Freetown, route is paved, two-lane road. From Conakry, route is paved, two-lane road. From Freetown, route is paved, two-lane road. From Conakry, route is paved, two-lane road.

Health Facility: Koidu Hospital

Road Condition: Similar route from Freetown or Conakry. 200m of route is off the main road. The road is single track, dirt road. Alternative route is paved, two-lane road. Conditions: The route is paved, two-lane road. From Freetown, route is paved, two-lane road. From Conakry, route is paved, two-lane road.

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Table 4: Key information for potential MicroVEs to be used in pilot.

Model	TBD
Total number available	252
Volume	45 - 60L at operating pressure of 20 PSI and fill pressure requirement of 35-50 PSI
Off-gas rate	0.73 kg per day

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