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## At Elections Steering Committee meeting: EMBs assure adequate preparedness for June 24



Members at the meeting

By Jarlatu S Bangura

The Multi-Stakeholders Election Steering Committee has concluded its 9th meeting geared towards the preparedness of electoral bodies for the June 24th general elections.

According to the Chairman of the Committee, Jacob

Jusu Saffa, the meeting was one they held to discuss electoral issues including electoral financing, voter education and voter registration. He said they wanted to make sure the electoral process is smooth since it will be run by the state.

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**PERSONAL GLIMPSES**

By: Winstanley, R Bankole Johnson

**NO PEACE FLOAT/PARADE – UNLESS AND UNTIL.....!!**

I understand that the Chairperson of our Electoral Commission Sierra Leone (ECSL) - indisputably tethered to State House - Mr. Mohamed Konneh has allotted a specific date for a joint Peace Float/Parade between the All Peoples' Congress (APC) Party and the Sierra Leone Peoples' Party (SLPP), presumably to either demonstrate to the world that political tensions do not exist between the two major parties or that he is on top of situations. Incidentally I insist the ECSL is indisputably tethered to State House because if they were not, they would have challenged the unconstitutional "Presidential Directive" to conduct the June 24<sup>th</sup> Elections on Proportional Representation (PR) basis, which even the Speaker of Parliament Dr. Abass Bundu had earlier averred would constitute a treasonable act without a national referendum.

**Volte Face**

I would be astonished if the APC Party becomes ever complicit and fall for that bait for a charade of a proposed joint Peace Float/Parade. But I suspect the prior support or concurrences of both the Political Parties Regulations Commission (PPRC) - whose role the ECSL would appear to have usurped - and the Security Sector (Police principally) must have been obtained on that. Whatever the backstory, I am intrigued by two questions popping up from this volte face by the Security Sector towards the APC Party as follows:

1. If for the past five uninterrupted years the Security Sector have been consistently declining APC requests and applications for parades/peaceful public assemblages (amongst themselves) ostensibly on grounds of avoiding infiltration by thugs and vagabonds with contrary intentions, what makes them think that (given President Bio's public aversions that our Security Sector cannot be up to the tasks during this electioneering period) those same thugs and vagabonds will not infiltrate crowds on the day of the proposed Peace/Float Parade to cause mayhem and blame it all on the APC Party supporters?
2. What guarantees would the ECSL, PPRC and Police give to the APC that in the event the Peace Float/Parade degenerates into public riots, the Police will not use it as a ploy to selectively mass arrest and mass detain our APC rank and file members until after the elections just so as to reduce our number of voters countrywide?

**"Ambush"**

In the same way that a single "Sparrow" does not make a "Summer", so too it is that a single Peace Float/Parade for APC and SLPP parties - ostensibly organized by the very institutions that all along have been the harbingers of hate, oppression, suppression against the APC and for the worsening political divisions in this country (PPRC, ECSL and Security Sector) - cannot make lasting peace between the two parties. And if I am permitted to paraphrase from a recent letter from the SLPP Secretariat to the Sierra Eye, organizers of the proposed Mayoral Debate between APC's Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyer (OBE) and SLPP's Gento Kamara, the intention of the ECSL would seem like a ploy to "ambush" the APC Party and its supporters into what is evidently a pre-cooked shambolic process to just give the world the sunshine (that a sort of "Gbanya Fakie Peace" exists) and in the process expose them into orchestrated riots and eventual selective mass arrests and detentions until after the elections. It could also be a ploy by the SLPP to feign crowd support (which they evidently don't have as was recently observed by the EU Country Head) and to capitalize on APC popularity countrywide by showing those same video clips of massive crowds to the International Community as evidence of a kind of national unity and political stability that has long departed our shores. Remember how the SLPP leveraged on a photo opportunity with former President EBK during a State House rapprochement to deceive the UN in 2018 that peace exists in Sierra Leone when that was not the case?

I do not trust the abilities of the PPRC, ECSL and Police to be impartial in the event of a breakdown of law and order orchestrated by SLPP miscreants embedded within APC ranks during those Peace Float/Parades or for whatever reasons. We have witnessed too many brushes between the Security Sector and the APC that has caused the latter serious damage to continue trusting them. And I just believe that as a Party, we would be more comfortable to work with more credible partners and media houses to facilitate a real inclusive and respectable Peace Float/Parade than with the Police to show that the APC is, and has always been a political party genuinely committed to peace and stability.

**Preconditions**

My reservations thus far does not infer that the ECSL organizing a Peace Float/Parade between the two political parties is untenable. It is just that "PEACE" by its very nature (and unlike an event) is a process that has to be worked upon untiringly and continuously for effective and lasting results. It is the same as with for the atonement or forgiveness, remission and cleansing of sins that cannot be attained without penitence or repentance. Accordingly if the ECSL, PPRC and Security Sector are so desirous of ensuring lasting peace between the two well-known political antagonists (APC and SLPP), then their correct starting blocks should be at directing their "Principals" (President Bio and the SLPP) along preconditions as follows:

1. Extend their unequivocal public apologies to the leadership and membership of the APC for branding them as "Terrorists"; "Unfit for

purpose and not even for themselves". A single day's "Peace Float/Parade" will never be enough to atone for such irreparable damage caused to inter-party relationship over the last five years by the SLPP and its leadership against the APC, worsened by public assertions of the President Bio that: "Our country has always been divided". Without that our International Partners will consider the SLPP as ridiculous to be seen parading the streets with those they once publicly declared as "Terrorists".

2. The "unconditional" release all APC political detainees on remand, including the restoration of any bail conditions seized - including from a former APC Councillor of the Freetown City Council that prevented him from being nominated to contest the forthcoming Local Council Elections
3. Produce all (impartial) Investigative Reports on all public riots and massacres that resulted in loss of uncountable lives and properties and the disappearance of persons since 2020 incorporating the Mile-91, Tombo, Lunsar, Pademba Road, 10<sup>th</sup> August riots and beyond - especially that on the death of late "Evangelist Samson". All of such Reports - where deaths occurred - to be fully supported by detailed Forensic/Corona analysis
4. Revisit compensation rates already paid and arrange for equal monetary payments to be made to surviving family members of all citizens deceased on account of those riots (from 2020 to date) irrespective of circumstances or work status to wit: Security Sector or Civilian
5. A public commitment by the SLPP to prosecute violators of their party's pledge to the peaceful conduct of elections campaigns in their South-Eastern strongholds and to stop the brutalization of APC stalwarts in those areas as seen recently in Bonthe, Bo, Moyamba, Pujehun and Kailahun - even on dedicated APC Campaign Days agreed with the PPRC, ECSL and the Security Sector.

It is unthinkable that the APC would condescend to any Peace/Float Parade when the level of political tolerance exhibited by the APC in their own North-Western strongholds is not being reciprocated by the SLPP in their own South-East strongholds. For example up to 29<sup>th</sup> May, various attacks were being orchestrated against APC supporters throughout the South-East regions (including a recent audacious attempt to attack the convoy of the wife of our Presidential Candidate Mrs. Betty Samura Kamara in Pujehun) without the police in attendance effecting any arrests.

6. All restrictions or limitations imposed by the Security Sector on the number of vehicles and persons that should be accompanying our APC Leader and Presidential Flag bearer Dr. Samura Kamara are rescinded forthwith, and that from now on until the elections are over, his movements anywhere throughout this country should be as free and as unfettered as those of his counterparts Dr. Julius Maada Bio and his supporters.

**Level Field**

In the past we have witnessed the worst forms of atrocities being suppressed under the guises of "superficial" reconciliations called "Alternative Disputes Resolutions" which, rather than them healing wounds, have left them festering like sores and forming the basis for enduring pre-conceived but unsubstantiated and unfounded biases transcending generations. The APC Party therefore should not condescend to any Peace Float/Parade without the requisite guarantees from the government MDAs organizing or that will be supporting them. The speedy arrival and strategic deployment of the International Observers and ECOMOG Forces particularly in the hinterlands is an imperative in this regard, because we all know that professionalism within our Security Sector is best manifest when they know that they are not the only ones armed.

What the public actually wants is that the elections processes be played according to the rules and be conducted on a level playing field that is Free, Fair, Transparent, Credible, Non-Violent, Fully Participatory and Inclusive. Nothing more: nothing less!! A Peace/Float (charade of a) Parade is not a priority. Rather a speedy resolution of all above six (6) issues is what should be exciting minds at the National Elections Watch (NEW), Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) Center for Accountability and Rule of Law (CARL), Institute for Governance Reforms (IGR) and the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ), as well as those of our International Partners supporting our elections processes - EU, Britain, Germany, USA, Ireland et al.

As a grassroots political party whose memberships often bears the brunt of brutalization by law enforcement agencies, the APC leadership owes it to its support base that they are fully protected and guaranteed of their safety and security under the law before allowing them to participate in any Peace Float/Parade organized by the ECSL. Should the party ever make the sad mistake of swallowing any bait by the ECSL (that is still refusing to comply with the extant laws demanding publication of disaggregated Voters Registration Results by Polling Centers, Wards, Constituencies, Districts and Regions) to take part in any Peace Float/Parade before government compliance with the listed preconditions, then they should be ready to take full responsibility for the dire unforeseen consequences on them post 24<sup>th</sup> June.



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## LOCAL NEWS **Kaifala Marah woos Kono to vote APC**

"I am not in Kono to assert leadership but to join hands with my brothers and sisters to deliver Kono for the All Peoples Congress (APC) come 24th June 2023", said Dr Kaifala Marah, on 29th May, in Kono as he launched the APC campaign in the District.

Delivering his message - What Kono Do We Want, Dr Kaifala Marah said "We want a progressive Kono, but that dream begins with a peaceful Kono, a reconciled Kono, and one in which we must forgive one another". We have to be careful how we handle our relationships so that together, we

will realise our full potential. He called on all in Kono to understand that with peace we will be able to deliver Kono for the APC.

"We are here today without some of our brothers and sisters; we have to reach out to them and embrace them," adding that as Konos they have to work with sincerity of purpose.

He pointed out that "a single finger cannot pick a stone but requires many fingers to do so; noting that Kono's progress requires closer coordination, collaboration and cooperation among the leaders.

### At Elections Steering Committee meeting: EMBs assure adequate preparedness for June 24

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He said they have been working with partners to mobilize resources even though the government is fully supporting the process, adding that the meeting was initially meant to raise funds but they later realised to expand it to discussing other issues. He commended the efforts made by the Ministry of Finance for providing funds to the electoral bodies.

He assured that the government was committed to supporting electoral process and other institutions to have free and fair elections.

Minister of Finance, Sheku Fantamadi Bangura said his ministry did promise to provide funds to the Electoral Commission Sierra Leone (ECSL) and other elections management bodies in a timely and predictable manner between now and the 24th June, 2023.

He said as at 29th May, the government had transferred a cumulative amount of NLe340million into the election basket fund maintained at the Bank of Sierra Leone.

He said the aforementioned amount was an addition to the NLe 366.5million that was disbursed to the ECSL and other electoral bodies in 2022.

He also stated that they have transferred NLe171million to the ECSL to meet the cost of distributing the voter ID cards, procurement of polling materials and logistics, training and salary of polling staff, logistics for elections result management, among others. Chairman of Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, Mohamed K. Konneh, told the gathering that the theme for the June 24 elections is 'Safu elections' which means that they want to make sure that peace be maintained before, during and after the elections.

He said so far meetings have been held with political parties especially the main opposition All People's Congress (APC) party, which had issues that have already been addressed.

He also informed the members of the committee that out of the 13 Presidential candidates, there is only one female representative among them and among all the elective positions; there is only 33% female candidates.

He stated that they have published the voter register although what is expected was not published as it has not been the usual norm to publish information of voters.

Mr. Konneh also added that contract has been awarded to a South African company for the printing of the ballot papers which be brought into the country before the elections date.

He disclosed that on the 2nd June, an amount of NLe 82.5million would be transferred to the ECSL as instructions have already been done to do the payment.

According to the Chairman of the Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC), Abdulai M. Bangura, campaign processes have kicked off and so far it has been relatively peaceful.

He said they have held several meetings and that they are still holding meetings with political parties and other electoral bodies in making sure that there be peaceful elections process.

The Committee, however, concluded on the noted that the ECSL endeavours to reply with immediate effect whatever written complaints are made to avoid any form of casualties in the coming elections and also make sure that engagement be done with all political parties on whatever development they make as institution.



Dr. Marah addressing supporters in Kono

Officially launching the campaign in the district on behalf of Dr. Samura Karama, Dr Marah brought warm greeting from Dr. Samura Kamara, saying Dr Samura Kamara could have loved to be in Kono but that he launched the party's One Nation Manifesto in Freetown today. He assured Kono that Dr Samura will be in Kono soon.

Dr. Marah underscored that the APC has the proven track record to save the ailing economy, and called on his Kono people to vote the APC for change.

He thanked the people Kono and the leadership of the party for the warm reception accorded him and his team. He commended them for their determination to deliver all the seats in the district for Dr Samura Karama and the party.

Former Transport Minister Logus Koroma, called on the people of Kono to pay back to a party that brought good roads, and electricity, among other development projects in the District, adding that it is only the APC that cares for the people of Kono.

## Convict gets 10 years imprisonment for sexual penetration

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Alhaji Momoh-Jah Stevens has sentenced 24-year-old Abu Bakarr Sannoh to 10 years imprisonment after he was found guilty of sexually penetrating a 12-year-old pupil.

Sannoh was before the court on a one count indictment of Sexual Penetration contrary to Section 19 of the Sexual Offences Act 2012, Act No. 12 of 2012, as repealed and replaced by Section 4 (a) (ii) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2019, Act No. 8 of 2019.

State Prosecutor, Jane B. Kamara, had alleged that the accused on the 29th January 2022 in Freetown, in the Western Area of the country, engaged in an act of Sexual Penetration with a child.

State prosecutor J.B Kamara made an application upon the accused arraignment for the accused to be tried by a judge alone instead of a

judge and a jury of which Justice Momoh Jah Stevens granted the said application.

The convict denied the allegation upon his arraignment and the State Prosecutor Jane B. Kamara led in evidence a number of witnesses including the victim in support of his case.

In his judgment, Justice Momoh Jah Stevens said the accused tried to make against the detective officer when he read his confessional statement in court that the officer forced him to confess to the crime, stating that he was innocent of the accusation.

Justice Momoh Jah Stevens cautioned the accused in his choice of words that he was not forced to do anything rather he made a confessional statement to the offence. Justice Stevens said his confessional statement indicted him already.

## LOCAL NEWS

# AfriCaribbean Festival signs partnership with Air Senegal

The AfriCaribbean Festival announced on Monday the signing of a partnership with Air Senegal as the official airline of its annual festival held in Freetown. Through this partnership, Air Senegal will offer cheaper round-trip flights to festival attendees from New York, Paris, and Milan for the next three years, starting in December 2023.

The partnership will bring more people to attend the event from different parts of the world and boost the tourism industry in Sierra Leone and the Africa region as a whole. It will also benefit Air Senegal by bringing in more passengers and helping to increase the airline's presence in the region and the international travel market.

The AfriCaribbean Festival is an annual event that facilitates cultural exchanges between Africa and the Caribbean. With this partnership, festival goers will have a unique experience traveling to Freetown, making the event more accessible and creating new opportunities for African and Caribbean cultural exchange and collaboration.

Danna Labor, co-founder of the AfriCaribbean Festival, said the goal of the AfriCaribbean Festival is to bridge the borders between Africa and the Caribbean and promote a blend of African and Caribbean cultures with a view to marketing Sierra Leone's tourism potentials and fostering socio-economic development in the country. He said the AfriCaribbean Festival creates opportunities for African and



Caribbean creatives, entrepreneurs, and industry professionals to connect and exchange ideas, build meaningful relationships, and collaborate on projects which will be beneficial for both African and Caribbean countries, as it will create new business opportunities and open up new markets for them.

In a release dated 29 May, Labor stated that they are "very delighted that Air Senegal could see their vision of combining African and Caribbean cultures," adding that by "providing discounted flights, Air Senegal is making it easier for the global community to take part in the AfriCaribbean Festival and experience the rich culture of Sierra Leone".

Air Senegal's goal is to create a unique travel experience that allows participants to discover the culture, history, and tourism potentials of Sierra Leone. This will also give Sierra Leoneans the opportunity to experience the unique culture and traditions of the Caribbean and celebrate the



AfriCaribbean Festival.

The airline's head of marketing Penda Mbaye said they "look forward to making the journey more accessible to patrons around the world so that more people can experience the joy and spirit of the AfriCaribbean Festival".

The Caribbean, also known as the West Indies, is a chain of islands stretching across the Caribbean Sea. It is a distinct region within the Americas comprising Jamaica, Barbados, the Bahamas, the British Virgin Islands, and many other countries.

The maiden AfriCaribbean Festival held in Freetown last December attracted hundreds of indigenous Sierra Leoneans as well as over 130 visitors from Jamaica, Barbados, Cayman Islands, and the United States – most of



vibrant celebration of the cultural diversity and spirit of the Caribbean, with a wide variety of activities such as music, dance, art, and food. Carnival Meets Lantern, the signature event, featured ecstatic performances by local artistes and a parade of Caribbean culture by visitors. The performances included traditional Caribbean music, dance, art, and theatre. It also included varieties of floats, costumes, and decorations that represented the vibrant culture of the Caribbean.

"We had a lot of success with the maiden festival," Danna said, adding that the event provided visitors with the opportunity to explore some of the country's most popular tourist attractions, such as Bunce Island.

Despite these successes, Danna said they strive to make each year a memorable experience, and so they seek continued cooperation from the Tourism Ministry and Freetown City Council, as well as the Sierra Leonean people. "It is only through this kind of collaboration that we can continue to create truly unique and enriching experiences for our visitors," Danna concluded.

## SLeNCSA, partners chat way to national control list, implementation of ATT

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

The Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms (SLeNCSA) has on May 29 organized a two-day workshop on the establishment of a National Control List for implementation of Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in Sierra Leone.

The hybrid workshop which was held at the Sierra Bay Hotel in Aberdeen was anchored on the theme 'An effective National Control List (NCL) for ATT implementation' with specific focus on the establishment, review and use of NCL, including the ammunition list.

As co-implementer of the expert project, Expertise France alongside the German Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA) aims at partnering with SLeNCSA in strengthening Sierra Leone capacities to develop a national control system in organizing an activity to take place in hybrid form.

Speaking on behalf of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Commissioner of SLeNCSA, Rtd. Binneh Kondeh Conteh the commission has spent a lot of energy and time to popularize the ATT and sensitize and educate security

personnel of the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies on the implementation of the ATT in their various operational areas.

"Today, we are all assembled here to start another very significant process relating to Sierra Leone's commitment to fulfilling another obligation of the ATT. This is the preparation of National Control List of firearms for Sierra Leone", he said.

He said within the context of the ATT, the National Control List comprises items that are subject to specific regulations by a state because of their sensitive or dangerous nature, adding that the preparation and establishment of a National Control List of firearms for Sierra Leone as required by the ATT, is indeed a matter of national security interest.

The SLeNCSA boss continued that Article (2) of the ATT specifically requires such state party of the ATT to establish a NCL a national control list of conventional firearms, related ammunition and parts and components.

Expertise France Ms Sigrid Lipott said the main goal of the workshop is to sensitize all relevant Sierra Leone



Participants of the workshop at Sierra Bay Hotel, Aberdeen, Freetown

authorities involved in the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty to the importance and application of a NCL.

He said the success of the implementation of the ATT and NCL will be approached through thematic and sub-thematic presentations,

discussions and exchanges of experiences and expertise between national, national, international and European experts, consisting best practices of national control lists at the international level, a review of different approaches to setting up a NCL among others.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# Minor discharged on allege sexual penetration

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Momoh Jah Steven has discharged a minor, Alie Humper Bendu (not his real name) a juvenile, who was alleged to have sexually penetrated a child below the age of eighteen years to wit 14 years.

The juvenile was in court on one count of sexual penetration contrary to Section 19 of the Sexual Offences

Act of 2012, as repealed and replaced by Section 4 of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2019 Act No. of 2019.

The state prosecutor, M.P. Sesay had alleged that the accused, on 18 February, 2022, in Freetown, Western Area District, sexually penetrated the victim who was below the age of 18 years, to wit 14 years.

When the charge was put to the

accused by the court's registrar, he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Taylor Younge, from the Legal Aid Board, applied to the court to discharge the accused because there was still not a single evidence against the accused person since the matter was committed to the High Court.

The lawyer told the court that the matter has taken too long and that the state has not produced any

witness in the matter.

Justice Momoh Jah Stevens ruled that because the state has failed to proceed with the matter, he had no option but to discharge the matter for wants of prosecution.

He further stated that he will not acquit the accused person; he said whenever the persecution has witnesses against the accused they can bring them to court.

## Chinese Embassy bids farewell to 6<sup>th</sup> Chinese Medical Team

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Defence, have bade farewell to the 6th the Chinese Military Medical Expert Group.

Speaking on Monday, May 29, at the farewell dinner that was held at the Embassy in Freetown, Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Wang Qing, said it was clearly indicated that President Julius Maada Bio, as Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF), attaches great importance to the development of close relations between the two countries and two armed forces.

He said the 6th Chinese Military Medical Expert Group was dispatched to Sierra Leone in February 2022 to enhancing military medical cooperation between the two sides, noting that the cooperation dates back to 2015, when the Chinese side came to help Sierra Leone in fighting against Ebola.

He disclosed that all the members of the Chinese Military Medical Expert Group were carefully selected from the People's Liberation Army of China and that they have proven with solid actions that they love Sierra Leone and were serious with their lofty mission here.

He further noted that over the past years, they have been working side by side with their Sierra Leonean counterparts at the Tropical Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Center (IDPC) at the 34 Military Hospital, where they exerted immense efforts in helping the Sierra Leonean side screen, prevent and control all kinds of epidemics.

He said the team has exchanged experience and expertise with the Sierra Leonean colleagues by discussing difficult cases and providing guidance to technicians, adding that they have also



upgraded the software and hardware of Infectious Diseases Surveillance System, helping turn the clinical laboratory of 34 Hospital into one of the most advanced labs in Sierra Leone and also visited villages and offered free consultation and medicines to patients in need.

He said the team had also worked with the University of Sierra Leone, Njala University, Connaught Hospital, handling 8,000 samples from all over the country, and gave a thorough detection on eight kinds of infectious diseases in Sierra Leone.

"In particular, they identified anthrax last year and immediately informed the Sierra Leonean Government which responded swiftly to control the spread of this dreadful disease. Their dedication and hard work vividly demonstrate the genuine friendship between China and Sierra Leone. They have endeavored to contribute to the building of an even stronger China-Africa Community with a Shared Future proposed by

President Xi Jinping and supported by Sierra Leone," he said.

He said last year, a brand new China Aided Myohaung Officers' Mess and Single Officers' Quarters were commissioned by President Bio, a batch of machinery, vehicles and engineering equipment were donated and delivered by the PLA to the RSLAF, boosting the morale of soldiers and contributing to the consolidation of peace, security in Sierra Leone.

He also mentioned that last month, President Bio also commissioned the Type-C vessel to the maritime wing and named it "Madam Yoko" to remember the great female leader in the history of Sierra Leone.

He said since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1971, China-Sierra Leone relations have reached an all-time high level and become a model for China-Africa relations and South-South cooperation and both countries relations are based on mutual respect, equality, mutual trust, mutual support and win-

win cooperation have grown even stronger.

He promised that under the important consensus reached by President Xi Jinping and President Bio, they will continue to enhance the mutual understanding of the people of both countries, deepen the traditional friendship between the two countries, and push forward the China-Sierra Leone friendship and cooperation to a new level, bringing more benefits to the people of both countries.

Deputy Minister of Defence Col. (Rtd) Muana Massaquoi, said the friendship between Sierra Leone and the People's Republic of China is a long and fruitful standing friendship that started in 1971 when Sierra Leone voted for the adding of china into the five permanent Seats at the United Nations Security Council. He said over the years, Sierra Leone has benefited immensely from the goodwill of the Chinese people in the areas of infrastructural development, medical, trainings.



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# Obituary Announcement

**I**t is with deep sadness that the Chalobah and Jenkins-Johnston families are announcing the passing of their beloved Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, cousin and friend, Omodunni Marionette Chalobah which sad event took place at the Mariposa Hospital, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. She was 78 years old.

She is survived by her children Bai and children. Sonji and husband Papi and their children. Synchay and wife Fay and their children.



Brothers, Derris Jenkins-Johnston and wife Juliet, Dephon Jenkins-Johnston and wife Nana.

Sisters in Law Christiana Jenkins-Johnston, Comfort Swarray, Theresa Moiwo and husband Dennis, Dolcie Boyah and husband Kes.

Beloved Nephews and Nieces other family members include Nelson-Williams family, Jones family, Benjamin family, Shears family, Sillah Family, Bockarie Family, Faulkner family, Charley family, Lisk family, Caulker family, Otto During Family, Decker family, Rosemond Bakari and family, Sarah M. Pratt.

Close and childhood friends – Catherine Thorpe, Oreh Awoonor-Renner, Jennifer Renner-Thomas, Cleopatra Warritay, Yvonne Gibril, Frances Easmon, Dunstannette Macauley, Liliane Koroma, Yvonne Kponou.

Thanksgiving and farewell service will take place at St. Augustine's Church Hill Station on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm. The vigil will take place Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm at St. Augustine Church, Hill Station. The Internment will be at the Ascension Town Cemetery.



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### Nigeria faces fuel shortages as subsidies are removed



People stand in line with plastic containers in a fuel queue in the city of Lagos, Nigeria. - Copyright © africanews SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP2007

Nigeria is grappling with fuel shortages, as winding queues have started forming at filling stations across major cities. This comes a day after president Bola Tinubu announced fuel subsidies in his inaugural speech on Monday. According to local news reports, most filling stations were closed while others that were opened were selling above the approved pump price with a long queue of customers. Earlier in the morning before the news of the removal went round, the filling stations were selling at their different rates, but some closed down while others increased their prices by evening. Some customers had told newsmen they envisaged scarcity of fuel, hence the panic buying. On social media, many Nigerians had posted videos of filling stations already increasing prices, in some cases by more than 200%.

Some drivers of private buses, which many Nigerians rely on to get around, have also been unable to fill up their vehicles. This has left people stranded at major bus stops in the capital, Abuja, and the country's biggest city, Lagos. While the state oil company insists there is sufficient fuel supply, and advises against panic buying, some Nigerians have expressed frustration about the scarcity. In his inaugural speech, president Tinubu explained that the fuel subsidy was scrapped due to budgetary allocations, emphasizing that the system predominantly benefited the wealthy and had become increasingly costly to maintain. One of the major petroleum marketing associations has come out to say it does not support President Tinubu's plan. It said the new government should begin a dialogue before taking the decision, local media reported.

## South Africa: opposition seeks to prevent Putin visit



FILE - Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, speaks to South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa, right, during a summit in Johannesburg. - Copyright © africanews SERGEI CHIRIKOV/AFP

South Africa's main opposition party said on Tuesday that it had taken legal action to ensure that Vladimir Putin would be arrested if he set foot in the country, where he is due to attend a summit in August. The Democratic Alliance (DA) is asking the courts for "an order" stipulating that if Mr Putin arrives in South Africa to take part in the Brics summit (a group of countries comprising South Africa, Brazil, China, India, and Russia), the government must arrest him, as required by the International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC, based in The Hague, issued an arrest warrant against Vladimir Putin in March for the war crime of "deporting" Ukrainian children as part of Moscow's offensive against Ukraine. As South Africa is a member of the ICC, it is theoretically supposed to arrest the Russian president on his arrival in the country. But Pretoria, which maintains close diplomatic relations with Moscow and insists on its "neutrality" in the conflict in Ukraine, has not yet indicated whether it will do so. The DA explains that it has launched a "pre-emptive" judicial application to ensure that the government "respects its obligations" and hands Mr Putin over to the ICC if he comes to South Africa. No "judicial ambiguity" should persist, the

statement said. Kremlin spokesman Boris Peskov confined himself to saying on Tuesday that Russia would be "duly represented" at the Brics summit, without specifying whether Mr Putin planned to attend. Moscow "assumes, of course" that its Brics partners "will not be guided" by "illegitimate decisions", namely the ICC arrest warrant, he added. The DA's legal action comes as the government granted diplomatic immunity to officials attending a meeting of BRICS foreign ministers this week, followed by a summit of heads of state in August. Some read the decision as a preparatory step to provide legal cover for Putin's visit, but Pretoria insists it is standard procedure for the organisation of international conferences. "These immunities do not cancel an arrest warrant issued by an international court against any participant in the conference", the foreign affairs ministry defended itself on Tuesday morning. South Africa has been criticised since the start of the war in Ukraine for its proximity to Moscow. In April, Mr Ramaphosa said that the ICC's arrest warrant against Mr. Putin was putting a "spanner in the works" for South Africa.

## ICC's Khan calls for 'new way' to tackle DR Congo war crimes

The International Criminal Court chief prosecutor Karim Khan called on Monday for "a new way of working" to tackle war crimes in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Armed groups have plagued much of mineral-rich eastern DRC for three decades, a legacy of regional wars that flared in the 1990s and 2000s, and underreported conflicts simmer elsewhere in the vast central African nation. The ICC, operating since 2002, launched its first investigations in the northeastern Ituri region in 2004. The court since handed down three final sentences for crimes committed in the DRC.

"We've had cases, we've had convictions -- but there is a truth staring at us in the face... the rapes have not stopped, the crimes have not stopped," Khan told reporters after meeting Denis Mukwege. Mukwege won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 for his work on behalf of rape victims, and the two met at his hospital in Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu province. The ICC prosecutor, who also planned to visit Ituri, will complete his stay in the DRC in Kinshasa where he will meet with the authorities.

"The message is: we need to find a new way of working in my view, not in the same way that we've been doing since 2004," the prosecutor said.

He called for "stronger partnership" between the government, provincial governors, civil society, the African Union, the European Union and the United Nations to show a common will to put an end to crimes.

Mukwege did not speak publicly during the visit,



The International Criminal Court chief prosecutor Karim Khan meets DRC doctor Mukwege won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 - Copyright © africanews AFP

but has consistently called for an end to impunity and for "transitional justice" to stop the spiral of violence that has plagued eastern DRC since the 1990s. In the courtyard of his hospital, representatives of victims had gathered to welcome the ICC prosecutor, holding banners calling for justice. "SOS Justice -- we mourn our innocent brothers and sisters massacred en masse during the so-called liberation wars," read one of the signs. "At the ICC, we are only asking for justice," Felix Bafulwa, 63, whose father and brother were killed on October 28, 1996, told AFP. Neema Cikambasi, 43, recalled how rebels killed 11 members of her family that same day in October 1996. "The people killed were all buried in three mass graves."

## Three murders every hour in South Africa



Police remove a man shot in gunfire at Johannesburg on Monday, March... - Copyright © africanews Michael Yassukovich/AP

Nearly three murders were committed every hour during the first quarter of the year in South Africa, where record crime is on the rise, according to official police statistics published on Tuesday. Every three months, at a press conference broadcast live on television, Police Minister Bheki Cele paints a bleak picture of insecurity in one of the most dangerous countries in the world. Between January and March, the number of murders rose by 3.4% compared with the same period last year, with 6,289 cases recorded. But "fewer children were killed than last year", said Mr. Cele, with child murders down by 20%. "We are gradually making up ground on the

criminals", the minister said. By way of comparison, South Africa records an average of ten homicides per 100,000 inhabitants, while Japan is close to zero and France one, according to the World Bank. Sometimes described as the "epicentre of rape" because of the impressive number of complaints, South Africa opened more than 10,500 cases in the first three months of the year. This figure is down for once, with 2.8% fewer cases reported than over the same period last year. Cash-in-transit attacks, on the other hand, rose by more than 20% and thefts from residences by almost 6%.

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## Mauritania: Ruling party confirms landslide victory in second round of legislative elections

Mauritania's parliamentary elections have delivered their verdict. And the ruling party is rubbing its hands with an overwhelming majority in victory. El Insafe is credited with 107 of the 176 seats in the National Assembly. President Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani's party won 27 of the 36 seats at stake in the second round of legislative elections. Its allies will have 42 MPs.

The opposition had to make do with 27 seats. In the 2nd round, it won 3 seats out of 24 in the first round. Gender parity has yet to be achieved. The new Mauritanian legislature will have 24.2% women members. Opposition parties and some majority forces challenged the regularity of the ballot and called



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for a new vote. The results published by the Electoral Commission have yet to be validated by the courts in the event of an appeal.

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**CALL FOR PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS  
FOR THE GLOBAL FUND GRANT CYCLE 7 (GC 7)  
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: FROM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30TH 2027**

**Background:**

In December 2022, the Global Fund (GF) informed the Country Coordinating Mechanism Sierra Leone (CCM SL) of the Country allocation of US \$ 126,444,674 for HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), Malaria (M) and Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) programs covering the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

In addition, Sierra Leone is qualified for other opportunities for funding from The Global Fund beyond the allocation amount including the Matching Fund of US\$9,000,000 for RSSH Innovation and US\$800,000 for scaling up programs to remove human rights and gender related barriers

CCM SL will submit funding applications to the Global Fund and will oversee grants implementation on behalf of the country. As part of this role, the CCM nominates organizations to implement the programs Global Fund support through grants. These organizations are known as Principal Recipients (PRs).

This funding available through GF can be received by one or more PRs to implement grant activities including disbursement of funds to other organizations, who serve as sub-recipients (SRs) or sub-sub-recipients (SSRs) or Service Providers (SPs) in line with Grant Agreements with The Global Fund. The purpose of this, is for financing to effectively cascade to smaller organizations, and for programs to be carried out to reach those populations or groups which may not be otherwise easily reached by government entities.

The primary responsibility of a PR is to ensure positive impact in the fight against HIV, TB, Malaria and the building of systems for health by establishing/maintaining systems in place. The PR is expected to:

- Receive and manage the funds from GF
- Implement the program and manage grant funds prudently to effectively achieve goals and objectives of the proposal
- Enter into a Grant Agreement with each SR with terms and conditions that will enable the PR to meet the requirements of the Grant Agreement signed between the Global Fund and the PR
- Make efficient and effective arrangements for contracting and disbursing funds to SRs and put in place a system to manage the SRs, including the on-going monitoring, evaluation and supervision of sub-recipients.
- Arrange for Procurement and Supply Chain management in compliance with applicable laws of Sierra Leone and GF policies
- Monitor, evaluate and report on the progress made on program objectives to GF and the CCM and request for additional disbursement of funds
- Support CCM SL processes by facilitating communication, interaction and synergies among implementing partners

**Implementation Arrangement:**

The Global Fund recognizes that comprehensive national programs that are implemented through a multi-sectorial approach (e.g. involving government, non-governmental organizations and In-Country Partners) will increase opportunities to:

- Map high or low burden districts of HIV/TB and Malaria
- Scale-up existing service delivery to a broader range of population groups and high burden districts of HIV/TB and Malaria;
- Raise awareness of service availability, including primary prevention and treatment services at the community levels;
- Move quickly towards the provision of access to prevention, treatment, care, and support to all persons in need, including key populations and people who may not already be included in national disease programming;
- Contribute to sustainability of programmatic interventions over the longer term, through the increased capacity that comes from a broader range of implementing partners.

The CCM SL will take into consideration lessons learnt from Ebola and the COVID-19 epidemics, which shows that there is urgent need to strengthen the Health system through multi-sector engagement by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

**Principal Recipient (PR) - 1:**

A 'PR-1' will be responsible to implement the following interventions under Malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and RSSH

- Planning, Policy and Monitoring of the GC7 Grant Implementation with respect to and not limited to Testing, Treatment and Prevention in the fight against HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.
- Ensure implementation of GC7 Interventions in District Hospitals, PHUs, Clinics and Private Hospitals and Schools,
- Responsible for Procurement and Supply Management (PSM) & Last Mile Distribution of medicines and health products..
- Responsible for Laboratory Services, Health Transportation, Ambulance Services and referral systems
- Ensure Implementation of Health workforce and CHWs interventions
- Implementation of Health Management Information System (HMIS).
- Implementation of Supervisions of National Health Programs, Directorates and DHMTs
- Selection of SPs and SRs/SSRs

**Principal Recipient (PR) – 2:**

A PR-2 will implement the following interventions under Malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS, and RSSH

- HIV, TB and Malaria programs targeting key and vulnerable population
- HIV and TB active case findings
- Prevention, care services, KPs condom promotion and distribution
- Nutritional Support
- Human Rights & Gender based Prevention activities
- Mitigate barrier to services for KPs
- Legal Services to KPs
- Demand creation for uptake of TB, Malaria and HIV testing Services
- Strengthening Community Systems and support to CHWs
- Strengthening Behavioral Change Platforms at community level
- Behavioral Change Community and Mass media outreach (Print and Electronic)
- Community Led Monitoring and Advocacy at community and National Level.
- Monitoring and Capacity building of CBOs and SRs
- Selection of SPs and SRs/SSRs

Before grant signing, the Global Fund through its Local Fund Agent (LFA), will assess the proposed grant implementation arrangements, the implementers' capacity and compliance with applicable Global Fund

minimum standards, track record and the effectiveness of internal controls and systems. This assessment may include the review of the implementer's budget, work plans, and other grant related documents. More information on GF PR's capacity assessment is available here ([https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/12961/lfa\\_capacity-assessment\\_guidelines\\_en.pdf](https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/12961/lfa_capacity-assessment_guidelines_en.pdf)).

**PR Selection Criteria and Evaluation Marks:**

**1. Financial Management and Systems (20%)**

**Controls and System (10%)**

- Accounting and Financial Reporting including Integrated financial management systems;
- Systems in place to mitigate and manage financial fraud, corruption and theft.
- Safeguards GF or other donor funds and assets
- Provide space for acceptable auditing arrangements and provide certified financial audited account.

**Proven experience (10%)**

- Provide robust financial management and delivery track records;
- Capacity to disburse funds to SRs and suppliers in a timely, transparent and accountable manner;
- Capacity to work and collaborate with District Health Management Teams (DHMT), partners and other donors
- Capacity to manage and improve financial management of Civil Society SRs

**2. Governance and Leadership (20%)**

**Legal status and organizational structure (10%)**

- Legal status in Sierra Leone to enter into the grant agreement with the GF (Certificate of registration);
- Effective organizational leadership, management, transparent decision making and accountability systems;
- Internal controls, risk identification, mitigation, and implementation of controls;
- Adequate infrastructure and information systems to support proposal implementation, including the monitoring of performance of SRs and outsourced entities in a timely and accountable manner;
- Adequate Human Resource policies and procedures and clear demonstration on timely recruitment and maintaining qualified staff for effective grant implementation.

**Management (10%)**

- Adequate human resource capacity including health expertise in one or all areas (Malaria, TB, HIV and RSSH) and cross-functional expertise (finance, procurement, legal, Monitoring & Evaluation);
- Track record for achieving timely implementation and program results in Sierra Leone or in similar complexity environment in region.
- Existing PRs, current grant performance and mitigating measure to be submitted.
- Provide mechanisms to effectively interact with the CCM, national institutions, organizations, directorates, and programs relevant to GF Grants.
- Have minimum overhead costs on regional support to the Country Office in Sierra Leone.
- Experience working /managing GF grants in Sierra Leone or the Region.
- Mechanisms and systems to effectively respond to any issues arising during the grant implementation e.g. those related to performance or management actions linked to audits

**3. Procurement and Supply Management Systems (20%)**

- System to ensure timely procurement and distribute of health products in accordance with GF procurement policies. See GF Website: [www.theglobalfund.org](http://www.theglobalfund.org). If the service to be outsourced, provide clear presentation on how the outsourcing would be done and manage.
- Effective procurement procedures, manual and system for timely and transparent procurement of products and services.
- Provide available Procurement Plan for any current program as a reference document.

**4. Monitoring and Evaluation arrangements (20%)**

- Collect and record programmatic data with appropriate quality control measures.
- Mechanism for use of national reporting systems
- Support the preparation of regular reliable programmatic reports.
- Make data available for the purpose of evaluations and other studies.

**KEY DATES, TIMELINES AND APPLICATION METHOD**

**Call Posted: Friday 26th May 2023 @ 12 mid-day Sierra Leone Time**

**Call Closed: Monday 12th June 2023 @ 4pm Sierra Leone Time**

**Apply to: [ccmsierraleonesecretariat@yahoo.com](mailto:ccmsierraleonesecretariat@yahoo.com)**

**Documents Required with Application:**

- Letter of Expression of Interest (EOI)
- Organizational profile
- Past experience implementing Global Fund Grants or any other donors with similar volume of funds.
- Indicate Interested Intervention areas (HIV, TB, Malaria or RSSH) and Location (s)
- Performance in terms of successes and challenges in the implementation of Malaria

TB and HIV in Sierra Leone or any other African Countries.

**Note:**

- The Global Fund provides various guidelines for successful implementation of the grants such as:
  - 2023-2028 Global Fund Strategy
  - Applicant Handbook
  - Global Fund Information Notes on: HIV; TB; Malaria; Building Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health
  - Global Fund Modular Framework Handbook
  - Global Fund Technical Briefs
  - Guidelines for Grant Budgeting
  - Review Criteria of the Technical Review Panel
  - TRP Observations on the 2020-2022 Allocation Period
  - Operational Policy Note on the Design and Review of Funding Requests
  - Code of Conduct for Recipients of Global Fund Resources
  - Fiduciary Arrangements for Grant Recipients
  - Grant Regulations
  - Guide to Global Fund Policies on Procurement and Supply Management of Health Products
  - Guidelines on Implementers of Global Fund Grants
  - Standard Terms and Conditions for Grants
  - Operational Policy Manual

Further documentation on how GF funds are managed by PR is available online on Global Fund website <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/implementation/>

NOTE: This advert can also be acquired by visiting the website of the Country Coordinating Mechanism Sierra Leone at [www.ccm.sierraleone.org](http://www.ccm.sierraleone.org)

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	<b>HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER</b>
<b>COUNTRY PROGRAM:</b>	<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	<b>COUNTRY DIRECTOR</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>FREETOWN</b>

## HI is seeking for a qualified individual to fill the above-mentioned National Position.

WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Handicap International has clear institutional policies on "Child Protection", "Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption", "Disability, Gender and Age" and "Protection of Beneficiaries from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment". It is therefore mandatory for all staff to commit themselves to respect, uphold and promote these policies, and to sign the HI Code of Conduct.

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Handicap International "HI" (operating as Humanity & Inclusion) is an International NGO which has been working closely with the Government of Sierra Leone, international and national partners in the country since 1996 supporting vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Program areas include inclusive education, social and economic inclusion, rehabilitation, prevention of disabilities, advocacy and rights. Currently, HI is implementing four projects for the promotion of Inclusive Education, Mental Health, Accessible and Technical support and Protection. HI is currently in design/approval process for new projects to create a comprehensive portfolio, in line with the implementation strategy for 2022 and onwards.

#### Position's context:

In the short and mid-term, the Human Resources Manager is expected to lead the deployment at field level of strategic HR projects developed by HI at Federal level (Manager 2.0, Classification Project, HR Information System) as same as oversee and ensure the successful completion of field projects (Nationalization, Remuneration, Skills development, among others).

#### General Mission

Reporting to the Country Director, the Human Resources Manager defines and rolls out the HR component of the Programme's Operational Strategy in Mano River. S/he is the preferred contact for HR operations centres at Headquarters.

S/he ensures that HR activities are consistent with his/her budgetary framework and with HI's HR frameworks. S/he actively analyses changes in context so as to identify the risks and opportunities in his/her scope of responsibility.

#### Missions / Responsibilities:

- Assumes the role and stance of manager with regards to his/her HR and Administrative staff, with special attention to the contribution towards the professional development of the team members.
- Designs the HR part of the Operational Strategy of HI in Mano River and oversees its associated action plan.
- Rolls out standards, contributes to HI's Expertise and Accountability in his/her scope of responsibility.
- Operational implementation of HR:
  - Oversees the dimensioning and quality of the human talent
  - Oversees the Career Management and Skills Development systems.
  - Coordinates and guarantees the quality of the administrative management for all members of staff.
  - Assists managers with the implementation of HI's HR policies.
  - Is responsible for maintaining the social environment and ensuring the compliance with the legal HR framework.
  - Supports the Country Director with the deployment of the HR part of the Code of Conduct and the PSEA, the Fraud and Corruption Policy and other institutional policies.
- Oversees emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganises the priorities of his/her team in accordance with the humanitarian imperative, in order to ensure a rapid and effective response by HI.

#### Main Activities:

- Setting up the standard system as same as revising/updating the procedures and policies for the Sierra Leone Program ensuring the alignment to the new structure.
- Continuous update and successful implementation of the different phases of the new HR Information System (HIPEOPLE).
- Create/Update a skills development plan and ensuring its implementation.
- Ensure the team's competences are developed with the required training and coaching of the Human Resources staff to ensure efficient functioning.
- Improving the operational human resources in support of the field activities will be a key responsibility of the Human Resources Manager.

#### PROFILE SOUGHT

	Essential	Preferable
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master's Degree in the relevant fields of Human Resources Management, Administration, or equivalent in any related field of study</li> <li>Proven expertise in Operational Human Resources.</li> </ul>	
<b>Experience (type and amount of experience):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 10 years' experience in the Human Resources Field with increasingly higher levels of responsibility</li> <li>Minimum 3 years working experience in management of teams in humanitarian or development programs</li> <li>Experience with donors reporting</li> <li>Previous experience working in humanitarian/ development programs in Sierra Leone</li> <li>Demonstrated capacity building and training of teams</li> <li>Team motivation and direction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience creating and following HR budgets</li> <li>Experience in Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning activities is a plus.</li> <li>Experience setting up systems and procedures in new structures.</li> </ul>
<b>Skills (knowledge, abilities required for the position, refer to skills repository document):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent communication and writing capacities in English</li> <li>Proficient: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint</li> <li>Being capable of helping team members to progress: developing his/her staff's ability to work autonomously</li> <li>Knowing how to position oneself so things can move forward</li> <li>Knowing how to simplify and prioritise</li> <li>Proven proficiency in Emergency Response and Humanitarian monitoring and Emergency Preparedness</li> <li><b>Professional skills:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization design,</li> <li>sourcing and recruitment,</li> <li>Mobility,</li> <li>Training facilitation and/or design</li> <li>Management of training and skill development actions</li> <li>Personnel administration</li> <li>Payroll</li> <li>Remuneration and management of the wage bill</li> <li>Employment law</li> <li>HR IT Tools</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good communication and writing capacities in French</li> </ul>
<b>Personal qualities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent communication skills and diplomacy</li> <li>Ability to work independently and as a member of a team</li> <li>Flexibility</li> <li>Strong attention to details</li> <li>Good capacity to coordinate and consult with others</li> <li>Good organizational skills</li> <li>Practical, dynamic and solution oriented</li> <li>Open to cultural differences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emotional maturity</li> </ul>

Salary: As per HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 4 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with possibility of renewal based on performance and funding availability.

All interested candidates should send their CVs and cover letters only, with attachments bearing your full name; example: John Doe – CV (for your CV) and John Doe - Cover Letter (for your cover letter) with the subject of the position applied for by email only to: [recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org](mailto:recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org)

Closing date for applications is 2nd JUNE 2023

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6	5/31/2023 7:25	China Cup	NANTONG HAINEN COODIN	0 v 0	LAONING SHENYANG URBAN	3.52	3.13	1.72	8.20	4.60	1.19	1.78	3.35	3.15	4.20	1.99	2.38	3.70	2.37	2.09	2.60	1.25	1.59	1.81	1.20	2.85	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.67	2.43	1.30
7	5/31/2023 7:25	China Cup	TAIAN TIANKUANG	0 v 0	SICHUAN JIUNIUS	4.89	3.61	1.42	11.00	5.40	1.10	2.28	3.40	2.24	5.20	2.20	1.94	4.80	2.60	1.73	3.05	1.17	1.81	1.59	1.31	2.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.68	1.71	3.30	1.14
8	5/31/2023 8:55	Vietnam 2	PHU THO FC	0 v 0	PVF-CONG AN NHAN DAN FC	5.28	3.71	1.38	12.00	5.60	1.09	2.40	3.35	2.15	5.60	2.22	1.89	5.00	2.65	1.68	3.10	1.17	1.82	1.59	1.31	2.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.68	3.45	1.12
9	5/31/2023 9:55	Vietnam	GIA LAI	9 v 3	HANOI FC	3.32	3.37	1.70	7.00	4.50	1.23	1.72	3.50	3.20	4.00	2.15	2.50	3.60	2.60	2.23	3.20	1.22	1.81	1.73	1.30	2.75	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.66	1.93	2.35	1.38
10	5/31/2023 9:55	Vietnam 2	LONG AN FC	0 v 0	BA RIA VUNG TAU FC	2.64	2.88	2.16	5.60	4.00	1.33	1.48	3.70	4.30	3.35	1.97	2.85	2.95	2.32	2.50	2.65	1.25	1.59	1.82	1.21	2.85	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.64	1.75	1.86	1.56
11	5/31/2023 10:25	Japan	URAWA RED DIAMONDS	6 v 4	SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA	2.78	3.03	2.20	5.80	4.10	1.31	1.49	3.70	4.20	3.55	2.05	2.95	3.15	2.44	2.60	2.85	1.28	1.66	1.90	1.24	3.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.85	1.95	1.57
12	5/31/2023 10:55	Vietnam	NAM DINH	5 v 6	HONG LINH HA TINH	1.71	3.22	3.37	3.25	3.50	1.71	1.22	4.50	7.20	2.55	2.11	4.10	2.25	2.55	3.70	3.05	1.25	1.74	1.80	1.27	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.87	1.37	2.37
13	5/31/2023 12:10	Vietnam	HO CHI MINH CITY	14 v 12	DA NANG	1.99	3.13	2.69	4.20	3.65	1.50	1.33	4.00	5.60	2.95	2.04	3.50	2.60	2.48	3.10	2.85	1.28	1.67	1.89	1.24	3.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.73	1.84	1.59	1.92
14	5/31/2023 12:55	Armenia	VAN CHARENTSAVAN	5 v 4	ALASHKERT YEREVAN	4.40	3.42	1.50	10.00	5.20	1.12	2.09	3.40	2.47	4.80	2.14	2.06	4.40	2.55	1.83	2.95	1.19	1.75	1.64	1.28	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.72	3.00	1.18
15	5/31/2023 12:55	Georgia 2	FC MERANI MARTVILI	8 v 9	FC MERANI TBILISI	1.71	3.22	3.37	2.95	3.60	1.78	1.20	4.80	7.20	2.27	2.16	3.90	2.04	2.55	3.50	3.20	1.16	1.86	1.56	1.34	2.32	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.93	1.31	2.40
16	5/31/2023 12:55	Georgia 2	FC LOKOMOTIVI TBILISI	10 v 7	FC WIT GEORGIA	1.59	3.47	3.71	2.60	3.55	1.93	1.17	5.00	8.00	2.14	2.22	4.20	1.91	2.60	3.80	3.30	1.14	1.94	1.51	1.37	2.22	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.93	1.25	2.60
17	5/31/2023 14:55	Georgia 2	FC SPARTI	5 v 2	FC KOLAKHETI-1913 POTI	1.49	3.57	4.30	2.36	3.50	2.12	1.13	5.40	9.60	2.00	2.25	4.60	1.79	2.65	4.30	3.30	1.14	1.94	1.50	1.37	2.21	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	1.86	1.18	3.00
18	5/31/2023 14:55	Latvia	VALMIERA FC	3 v 4	FK METTA / IU	1.23	4.59	6.25	1.72	3.75	3.00	1.06	6.40	13.00	1.66	2.55	6.00	1.48	3.10	5.80	4.00	1.08	2.39	1.31	1.59	1.81	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	1.87	1.07	4.00
19	5/31/2023 14:55	Czech Rep 3	FC SLOVACKO B	0 v 0	FK HODONIN	1.67	3.42	3.37	2.80	3.65	1.83	1.20	4.80	7.00	2.21	2.24	3.85	1.98	2.65	3.50	3.45	1.12	2.02	1.46	1.41	2.12	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.45	2.03	1.30	2.43
20	5/31/2023 14:55	Poland 4	CZARNI POLANIEC	0 v 0	KS WIAZOWNICA	2.16	3.13	2.49	4.00	3.90	1.48	1.37	4.10	4.80	2.75	2.14	3.05	2.46	2.50	2.75	3.20	1.15	1.88	1.54	1.35	2.29	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.46	2.02	1.60	1.81
21	5/31/2023 14:55	Algeria	RC ABBAA	11 v 9	ASO CHLEF	1.74	2.83	3.81	3.55	3.30	1.68	1.18	4.50	9.20	2.65	1.90	4.80	2.35	2.25	4.20	2.33	1.43	1.43	2.32	1.14	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.47	2.07	1.57	1.33	2.50
22	5/31/2023 14:55	Algeria	MAGRA	14 v 1	CR BELOUZDAD	6.84	3.42	1.33	18.00	5.60	1.06	2.38	3.00	2.35	7.60	2.01	2.08	6.80	2.40	1.83	2.35	1.42	1.45	2.27	1.14	3.95	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.50	1.39	4.10	1.10
23	5/31/2023 14:55	Algeria	PARADOU	15 v 6	EL BAYADH	1.49	3.08	5.08	2.75	3.15	1.99	1.11	5.00	13.00	2.27	2.00	5.80	2.03	2.35	5.20	2.46	1.38	1.49	2.19	1.16	3.75	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.14	1.53	1.19	3.25
24	5/31/2023 14:55	Finland Cup	AC OULU	0 v 0	HAKA VALKEAKOSKI	1.84	3.03	2.93	3.55	3.65	1.60	1.27	4.40	6.20	2.55	2.07	3.50	2.27	2.44	3.15	2.95	1.19	1.74	1.65	1.28	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	1.87	1.44	2.07
25	5/31/2023 15:25	Czech Rep 3	MFK VITROVICE	0 v 0	SK UNICOV	7.62	5.28	1.15	15.00	6.80	-	3.65	3.95	1.53	6.80	2.75	1.54	7.00	3.35	1.38	4.30	1.05	2.65	1.25	1.73	1.66	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.57	1.84	4.50	-
26	5/31/2023 15:25	Finland Cup	JJK JYVASKYLA	0 v 0	KUOPION PALLOSEURA	10.75	4.89	1.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.50	2.65	1.50	6.75	3.25	1.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	-	-	-	-
27	5/31/2023 15:25	Finland Cup	FC KTP KOTKA	0 v 0	IF GNISTAN	1.46	3.71	4.30	2.27	3.55	2.17	1.13	5.40	9.20	1.96	2.32	4.60	1.76	2.75	4.30	3.50	1.12	2.06	1.44	1.43	2.07	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.50	1.94	1.18	3.00
28	5/31/2023 15:25	Finland Cup	TAMPEREEN ILVES	0 v 0	KAPA KAPULAN PALLO	1.32	4.01	5.67	1.95	3.55	2.60	1.08	6.00	12.00	1.78	2.38	5.60	1.60	2.80	5.50	1.12	2.06	1.44	1.43	2.07	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.61	1.79	1.10	3.65	
29	5/31/2023 15:25	Finland Cup	FC JAZZ	0 v 0	VASA IFK	1.53	3.47	4.10	2.43	3.60	2.03	1.14	5.20	8.60	2.03	2.29	4.40	1.84	2.65	4.00	3.50	1.12	2.03	1.46	1.42	2.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.49	1.97	1.21	2.85
30	5/31/2023 15:25	Finland Cup	JAPS	0 v 0	EKENAS	1.81	3.32	2.78	3.30	3.85	1.62	1.29	4.50	5.40	2.45	2.24	3.30	2.20	2.60	3.00	3.55	1.11	2.06	1.44	1.44	2.06	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.40	2.15	1.45	2.04
31	5/31/2023 15:55	Armenia	FC SHIRAK GYUMRI	7 v 9	FC NOAH YEREVAN	2.28	2.78	2.59	4.70	3.75	1.43	1.34	3.95	5.60	2.95	1.92	3.30	2.60	2.25	2.90	2.50	1.28	1.52	1.91	1.18	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.69	1.70	1.60	1.80	
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## Road to Paris 2024: Sierra Queens to face Cote d'Ivoire in first round

Sierra Leone's senior women's team, Sierra Queens, will start their journey to the Paris 2024 Women's Olympic Football Tournament with a first-round battle against Cote d'Ivoire in the qualifying stage.

The draw ceremony for the qualifiers took place at the CAF headquarters in Cairo, Egypt on Tuesday and pitched Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire amongst the other eight fixtures in the first rounds.

The winner between Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire over the two-legged first-round tie already scheduled for July 10-18 2023 will have to take on Tunisia on another home and away clash in the second round fixture that

has already been billed for October 23-31.

Possible progress for the Queens could place them for a third-round tie as the qualifying tournament has already been spread over four rounds in a home-and-away format and will be concluded in April 2024. Only two countries will represent Africa in the women's football event.

There are other exciting fixtures lined up ahead after the draw and among the entertaining matches lined up include a West African derby pitting Guinea and Ghana, while Uganda will take on Rwanda in an East African duel.

Burkina Faso will take on Mali in



another entertaining fixture in the first round. A total of 25 teams have entered the Olympic qualifying tournament, with 18 set to be involved in the first round. The remaining seven, headlined by champions South Africa are the highest-ranked teams from last year's TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) and will join the competition in the second round.

The nine winners from the first round will join the seven highest-ranked teams for a second-round tie involving 16 teams. The eight winners progress to the third round, then the fourth round where the

teams will be whittled to four.

Winners of the fourth round will qualify for the final tournament.

At the last Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, Zambia represented Africa, and the She-polopolo will start their journey towards a possible back-to-back qualification in the second round.

The first-round matches are scheduled for July 10-18 2023, the second round is October 23-31, the third round is February 19-28 February 2024 and the final round will be staged between April 1-9 2024.

## Cricket: South Africa coach makes few changes in Sierra Leone's senior squad



Sierra Leone's South African cricket coach, Kenneth Masinga has made few changes from the side that travelled to the ICC Men's T20 tournament in Kigali, Rwanda last November.

There was no room for Mohamed S. Khan, Zahid Khan and Edmond Ernest in the South African coach squad for the ACA T20 Cup- North

Africa Qualifiers- scheduled for June 24 through June 29 2023 in Abuja Nigeria.

However, all-rounder, Edward G. Ngegba, will continue his role to lead the Sierra Leone national cricket team again having been maintained in the 14-man squad with Aruna Kanneise as one of the new faces in the team.

Other notable names in the squad are former skipper, Lansana Lamin, wicket-keeper and U-19 captain John Bangura and experience Ibrahim Sinneh Kamara.

Alusine Turay, Abass Gbla, Moses Williams, Samuel Conteh, Yegbeh Jalloh, Miniru Kpaka, Chernor Bah, Raymond Coker, George Sesay and Ibrahim Sinneh Kamara completed the final 14-man squad while Aliyo Kamara, Eric Turay and Sulaiman Tarawallie are placed on the reserve list.

According to the Sierra Leone Cricket Association, the selection

was 100% done by the high-performance team led by Coach Masinga, and it reflects players who demonstrated commitment to effective training, good conduct on and off the pitch, and exemplary performances in club and test matches.

"Aligned with international standards, Cricket Sierra Leone is on a trajectory to lift banners high and at the last trial on Sunday, the Under-19 boys posted 255 runs all out in 44.2 overs, to set a punishing target of 256. The senior Patriots, fumbling on the go, could hardly chase the runs having only been squeezed to 100 all out in unexpected 19.2 overs, leaving 30.4 of such accounts gruesomely unattended to. As was the case, the young boys cruised to a 155-run victory, a win that explains the future that holds," SLCA stated.