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The Director of Operations at the Sierra Leone Police, Assistant Inspector General of Police, Braima Jah, has informed journalists at the Police Headquarters that, on Tuesday, 6th June, at Fala check point, a group of people led by one Sheriff bulldozed the check point, but were chased and arrested in Bo City. He said police discovered in the vehicle a revolver pistol, pepper spray, military fatigues including boots and uniforms, a head face mask,

a giant pen knife, batons and a compass. AIG Brima Jah was updating the press on daily happenings and security operations across the country. He made mention of social media threats of protests and unrest on civilians across the country as the June 24th elections approach and that the police have apprehended suspects involved in creating such content. He noted that citizens should be politically tolerant and obey the rule of law or risk facing the full force of the law.

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LOCAL NEWS

By Jariatu S Bangura

Former President of the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ), Umaru Fofanah, has disclosed that 73% of female journalists globally face online violence during the course of their work.

Speaking at a training organised by SLAJ for the safety and security of female journalists, Fofanah said most times women shy away from exposing perpetrators after such intimidations and violence due to fear.

"73% of women journalists face online violence whilst working as journalists, 25 have received sexual abuse threats, 18% have received threats of sexual violence, 20% receive offline violence in connection with the online violence and 26% impact on mental health, 41% have been targeted online and disinformation campaigns, 25% have reported violence by their employers," he said.

He said female journalists are scared away and deprived of doing their work and reporting the truth online. He emphasised the need for female journalists to understand the situation before they report to avoid violence or harassment.

He underscored the importance of female journalists being thought on safety in Sierra Leone as other countries have been ahead of that.

He noted that while all journalists are in danger, female journalists are in more danger because they face threats in different forms including their lives, sexual harassment, assaults and even threat to their family members.

He said nobody likes to be exposed negatively, but that journalists

73% of female journalists face online violence

-Umaru Fofanah

across the world are not safe since they report on issues relating to government officials and wrongs taking place in other offices.

He, however, noted that no story is worth dying for as journalists and that even though they might need the stories but should tread with caution and not endanger themselves.

Speaking on behalf the President of SLAJ, Mohamed Konneh disclosed that the training was done through a grant given by the Irish Aid to a consortium in order to expand the democratic space in Sierra Leone and ensure media capacity building to promote peaceful elections and women participation.

He said SLAJ wanted to make sure that journalists are safe during the electioneering process, more especially female journalists.

He said barely some days to the elections, journalists should come together to ensure a peaceful electioneering process for the democratic rights of all.

He said the project is being implemented at a time when the country is seeing an increase in tensions influenced by hate speech and lot of messages on the social media and the issue of fake news, misinformation and disinformation.

He said a total of 250 female journalists across all regions were targeted for the training on basic safety and security tips that are crucial for their protection during elections coverage.

President of Women in the Media (WIMSAL), Eastina Taylor said for the past weeks, a number of such trainings have been organised for the safety and security of female



journalists.

She said most times around the world, female journalists are the ones that get into trouble when covering stories during elections.

She said based on the past experiences, most women shy away

from their duties or going into the field to get stories, but noted that should there be ways to overcome those challenges faced by women, there was need for them to come out in numbers and report issues that are affecting their lives.

Skye Bank promotes staff

Skye Bank SL Ltd has announced the promotion of 30 professional employees following a transparent and robust performance management review in line with global best practices.

According to its Managing Director, Abiola Bolaji, the Bank's consistent growth over the last 12 months has been due to the immeasurable effort and sacrifice of its employees. He explained that promotion is one of the numerous incentives employed by the Bank to reward employees and boost their passion as they work towards the accomplishment of their individual career goals as well as the delivery of the Bank's



strategic objectives.

The beneficiaries of this wholesale performance review exercise spanned the Bank's senior, middle, and junior management levels even as the management strives to

continuously put employees in the best position to grow and be successful in today's highly competitive work environment.

Over the past months, Skye Bank has demonstrated that employee performance and rewards remain a critical pillar of the Bank's business operations. The Bank has consistently provided adequate resources to deepen core job skills while entrenching a culture of high performance among employees.

This announcement comes as the Bank continues to expand its presence in the provincial area of the country to increase the Bank's service coverage for its customers. The Bank's Management has obtained the Bank of Sierra Leone's approval to establish a

branch along Station Road in Makeni City. The construction project will commence this June and operations are expected to commence before the end of the current year 2023. This will be the second provincial branch after the official opening of the Bo Branch located at 148 Mahie Boima Road, on May 25, 2022.

The bank has also successfully launched its corporate internet banking, retail internet banking and mobile banking app to serve the convenience of its customers. This will help to drive the cashless and financial inclusion policy of the Bank of Sierra Leone. The Bank's Automated Teller Machines and Point of Sales services will be launched before the end of this month.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

In celebration of its 60th anniversary of providing quality medical service to Sierra Leoneans, West End Clinic, last Friday and Saturday administered free medical treatment to hundreds of its neighbours and retainers.

The free medical treatment includes laboratory test and give-away of drugs to people of all ages.

West End Clinic Hospital is one of the oldest private medical facility located at Edward Street in the Western of Freetown and has operated for 60 years now.

Speaking to Concord Times during the free treatment session, the Medical Director of the Hospital, Dr. Olabisi Claudius-Cole said her mother who was a Midwife Nurse started the medical facility 60 years ago as maternity clinic.

She also told Concord Times that, her father who was working for the government as a Medical Doctor, later joined the facility until in the year 2000 when she (Olabisi Claudius-Cole) took over from her parents.

"We could have organized a party as a way of celebrating this 60th anniversary, but we decided to

administer a two-day free treatment to our community people, our customers and every Sierra Leonean during this two day period," she said.

She disclosed that, the give-away drugs worth over 40 thousand new Leones (40 million old Leones), disclosing that they targeted 1,500 people for the treatment.

Medical Matron of the hospital, Femi Claudius-Cole who also doubles as Founder and Chairperson of Unity Political Party, said they do things because it is the right thing to do and that they were born to a family that always gives back to society.

She said she had done free medical treatment severally not only in



Freetown, but in some other parts of the country and also in slum areas.

"I have been administering free medical treatment to Sierra Leoneans before I even join politics. I continue when I joined politics and I will do it always," she said.

Many of the beneficiaries of the free medical treatment who spoke to Concord Times, including Marian Conteh and Alimamy Sesay, all elderly people expressed gratitude to have benefited from the free treatment gesture.

Sierra Leone: First female wins Chinese Bridge competition

By Alfred Koroma

A female student has on Friday 9th June won the Chinese Bridge Competition regional final in Sierra Leone for the first time. Haja Isatu Conteh, Applied Accounting student at the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM) and Chinese Language student of Fourah Bay College Confucius Institute, was declared champion of the 22nd "Chinese Bridge competition after defeating nine other competitors.

Conteh described her winning as exciting, saying she never thought she could do it. "The feeling is just very exciting. At first I thought I couldn't do it. But with the help of my teachers and continuous study and perseverance, I made it.

It is really historic to have the first female emerge as champion of the competition, says Nathaniel Margai, Local Chinese Lecturer, Confucius Institute, University of Sierra Leone who won the 16th Chinese Bridge competition in 2017. "It is an achievement not only for the Institute but for the nation as a whole. We will prepare her well for the competition in China," he said.

Chinese Bridge is an annual

international Chinese Proficiency competition for Chinese language students born and raised outside China but are studying the language at universities outside country. The competition is meant for students to showcase their knowledge in the Chinese language and culture.

"One World, One Family" is the theme for Friday's competition. Speaking at the event, the Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, H.E Wang Qing said the theme is a reflection of how China sees the world and its pursuit to building a human Allen community with a shared future.

He congratulated the contestants who went through all the preliminaries and reach the final, saying it is heartening to see many Sierra Leone people, especially young students, are interested in China and Chinese language.

H.E Wang furthered that more Sierra Leoneans now have better understanding of Chinese culture through the Language and other Chinese cultural practices, including Chinese Opera, Chinese Tea Arts, Chinese Martial Arts, and Traditional Chinese Musical Instruments. "It shows the charm of Chinese culture, the power of mutual



Haja Isatu Conteh (right) will represent Sierra Leone at the next Chinese Bridge Competition in China

appreciation of civilizations and the potential of China-Sierra Leone relations."

Also, representative of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of USL, Prof. Conteh Morgan sees studying Chinese as an added possibilities for Job employment in Sierra Leone and called for the introduction of the Chinese Language in the curriculum at IPAM.

Having emerged champion of last week's competition, Haja Isatu Conteh, would now have to compete with other global champions in China.

Competing in China, she said will help improve her Chinese proficiency and studies and set the path to achieving her dream of becoming a Chinese teacher.

LOCAL NEWS

By Yusufu S. Bangura

To increase access to secondary school education for 3,300 out of school children in the Western Area of Sierra Leone, ChildFund in collaboration with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has on Friday 9th June handed over construction sites to companies for the construction of secondary schools.

The official handing over ceremony took place at the Sierra Leone Muslim Congress Secondary School, Eastern and Sengbeh Pieh Secondary School, Hamilton respectfully.

The three-year project (April 2023- December 2025) will be implemented by ChildFund Sierra Leone in partnership with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School (MBSSE) in 6 schools in the Western Urban and Rural Districts. The total cost of the project is USD 1,555,000 (One Million Five Hundred and Fifty Five Thousand).

The two construction companies, Associate Investment Enterprises and HI Construction and General Services would construct two set of three classrooms block with office, store, ramp and railing, two set of separation VIP Latrines with menstrual hygiene for girls and urinal for boys.

They would also construct two mechanised borehole with solar power, six taps and with Elevated Water Tower with two 10,000 Litter water tank.

Delivering her statement on behalf of the Country Director of ChildFund, Victor Kamara, the Programs and Sponsorship Director for ChildFund, Isatu O.C Venn said ChildFund is an international organization that promotes societies whose individuals and institutions participate in valuing, protecting and advancing the worth and rights of children especially girls.

She said they have been in Sierra Leone since 1985 and their main focus is on the protection of children, adding that they implement their work on three live stages, stage one they target children from 0-5 years, stage two 6-14 years and stage three is from 15-25 years.

She further said for the construction of schools fall under

ChildFund hands over construction sites to two companies



The Programs & Sponsorship Director for ChildFund cutting the tape for the construction to commence.

stage two where they focus on having children that are educated and confidence, adding that last year they did assessment of various schools.

She said the project is an inclusion, noting that they are also looking at children with disabilities, pregnant girls and sucking mothers.

She said they work with the deputy directories in identifying the schools and luckily Sierra Leone Muslim Congress and Sengbeh Pieh Secondary Schools were among the schools selected, so she congratulated both schools because they were others out in the country that are looking for support.

"The main focus of the project is training of teachers on the code of conduct and radical inclusion, construction of classrooms to decongest over crowding in the schools, construct VIP latrines to make sure that we improve on sanitation and handwashing in schools, so it a three year project for different schools in the country so we are targeting two years this year. We are requesting for support from the schools, community stakeholders to maintain the structures that will be constructed," she said.

Also speaking, Compliance Advisor from Korea, Grace Eunhye Yong stated that the project is geared towards the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 and the government's National Policy on Radical Inclusion in Schools.

She said the reason why the project was chosen in Sierra Leone was that the country has high poverty rate and gender inequality which cause serious threat to children's education.

She added that the rate of girls dropping out of schools is also high, so the project will promote intervention to reduce social control discrimination and promote educational rights among out-of-school adolescent girls.

She further said the purpose of the project is to increase access to quality education and to provide safe, inclusive and equal education services to pupils.

She said the project will also improve community's awareness on education.

"Today, we are here to create a safe in educational environment for pupils, during this project the school will create safe educational environment with classrooms, gender toilet that will be use by girls and proving drinking water sanitation for them. I want to assure you all that we will not stop here but we will strive until the end when all children have rights to education," she said.

Speaking from the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School Education, Suliman Sandy applauded KOICA for supporting President Bio's flagship program, noting that KOICA has for over decades been supporting Sierra Leone's educational sector.

He added that the Ministry is charged with education programmes for all pupils in the country, so they were happy for the support because President Bio

places premium on human capital development, so the KOICA and ChildFund intervention is a step in the right direction.

He continued that the project is geared towards ensuring that out of school girls are supported to continue their education and communities are meaningfully engaged in the protection of marginalized children and enrolling them to school.

He concluded that the 6 schools that are due to be constructed in the Western Area will help return a lot of drop out girls and urged all stakeholders in the educational sector to come together and build a sustainable Sierra Leone for the project to succeed.

In a statement from the Principal of Sengbe Pieh Memorial Secondary School, Brima Kamara commended KOICA and ChildFund for such a support and encouraged the donors to fund more educational projects.

He said the project serves as a morale booster to teachers, pupils and community stakeholders because it will increase the number of classrooms for pupils to have proper accommodation, so he pleaded that such projects are to be established all across the country.

He promised that they would make sure that they take good care of the structures that would be constructed in due time.

The handing over ceremony attracted stakeholders in the communities, pupils, parents, ex-pupils, engineers from the two companies and members of the Fourth Estate.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Ishmael Dumbuya

EPA concludes plastic wastes collection

The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has used its commemoration of World Environment Day 2023, to officially end its plastic wastes collection that started Tuesday 6th June 2023. The plastic waste collection was climaxed at the Tourist Board, Aberdeen in Freetown.

Delivering his remarks on behalf of the Minister of Environment, Acting Director, Environmental Quality Control and Management, Edwin Baimba, commended EPA for organizing such an exercise, an exercise of plastic waste collection that will help raise awareness on the hazards of plastic pollution in the country.

Director Baimba stated that plastic is one of the most popular resources in the modern world, adding that it is cheap, easy to produce, durable and light.

He added that most of the plastic ever produced globally are designed to be thrown away after being used only once, which results in single-use disposable plastics waste accumulation.

“According to UNEP’s report, only nine percent of the nine billion tonnes of plastic the world has ever produced has been recycled, most ends up in landfills, dumps, or in the open environment. These plastics have

potential health effects on humans and animals, causing flooding, and the marine environments are negatively impacted,” he mentioned.

He further explained that the World Bank funded the Government of Sierra Leone through the Environment Ministry in developing a National Plastic and Plastic Wastes Management Policy, noting that the Policy was approved by cabinet on the 15th March 2023. He added that the Policy will be popularized nationwide and shared with development partners and relevant MDA’s, CSO’s, the private sectors, and business entities.

He concluded that the Policy tries to achieve five critical goals, which are; Plastic Pollution Elimination, Transition towards Circularity, Economic Development and Employment across the Plastic Value Chain, Strong enabling environment and sustainability, as well as Financial sustainability for managing plastic wastes.

Bondi Ngavao, the Board Chairman, EPA, expressed delight at the conclusion of the plastic waste collection exercise.

He noted that the exercise was geared towards raising awareness on the dangers and negative implications of plastic pollution.

He mentioned that Sierra Leoneans should ensure that their mindsets are



worked on and changed when it comes to plastic disposal across the country, adding that if mindsets are not changed, the efforts of EPA is baseless and insignificant. He explained that the climax of the commemoration was followed by a 4 day plastic waste collection from 5th - 8th June, from the East and West end of Freetown.

He ended that similar plastic collection exercise will be carried out in the regional headquarter towns of Bo, Makeni, Kenema and Kono to

help create awareness across the country.

The European Union representative, Holger ROMMEN, stated that the EU joins EPA in commemorating the World Environment Day, adding that the issue of plastic pollution is a serious challenge that people have been faced with globally, causing series of health and environmental challenges. He added that the EU is very much committed to ensuring that plastic pollution is battled across the world.

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Troubles in Senegal: Amnesty speaks of 23 dead and calls for an investigation



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Amnesty International said on Thursday it had counted 23 dead in the unrest that shook Senegal last week, more than the official toll of the authorities, and demanded an independent investigation.

Senegal was plagued from June 1 to 3 with its worst troubles for years after the condemnation of opponent Ousmane Sonko to two years in prison in a sex scandal. The announcement of the sentence sparked violence which officially claimed 16 lives.

The court decision makes, in the current state, ineligible for the presidential election of February 2024 a personality popular in youth and underprivileged circles.

Through 18 interviews, authenticated videos and death certificates and autopsy reports attesting to gunshot wounds, Amnesty gives an increasing human toll and denounces excessive use of force as well as attacks on the freedom of expression and information.

"Almost 23 dead, according to our figures, including several by bullets, were recorded between Dakar and Ziguinchor" (south), Amnesty said in a press release. Three were minors, the NGO said.

Bassirou Sarr, 31, in Dakar, Fallou Sall, 25, and Ousmane Badio, 17, all three died as a result of gunshots, reveal testimonies from their relatives collected by Amnesty.

For its part, Mr. Sonko's party, Pastef, reported Thursday 26 deaths through the voice of its spokesperson, El Malick Ndiaye, reported the information site Dakaractu.

Amnesty says it has noted, in videos it has analyzed, the presence, alongside the police, of armed men in civilian clothes who violently attack demonstrators. "The State must not allow the presence of individuals

not identified as part of the security forces for law enforcement operations, nor the use of force. These are clear violations of international law" said Seydi Gassama, executive director of Amnesty Senegal, in the statement.

The organization denounces attacks on freedom of expression. The authorities suspended access to popular social networks and internet access via mobile phones for several days.

Asked by AFP, the government did not react. He previously justified the use of force by the need to restore order in the face of what he presented as an attempt to destabilize the state, including by armed men.

Prior to Amnesty, Human Rights Watch also criticized the authorities' response to the unrest and called for an investigation.

The authorities have banned two opposition marches scheduled for Friday and Saturday against President Macky Sall, the first for non-compliance with the deadlines for requesting authorization, the second for risk of disturbing public order, the prefecture said. Concern is widespread of a new conflagration. It is fueled by uncertainties about the fate of Mr. Sonko, likely to be arrested after his conviction, and whether or not the president will run for a third term.

Mr. Sonko is generally presented as not being able to appeal his sentence. The young woman who had filed a complaint against him for rape, charges finally reclassified as "corruption" of a person under 23, appealed the verdict, said one of his lawyers, Me El Hadji Diouf.

The positions of the lawyers diverge as to the consequences of this appeal and the possibility of a new trial.

Ethiopia: WFP and USAID suspend part of their food aid

The World Food Program (WFP) announced on Friday that it was in turn suspending part of its food aid to Ethiopia due to diversions, the day after a similar announcement by the American government.

"We will temporarily cease food aid in Ethiopia, but nutritional assistance to children, pregnant and lactating women, school meals programs and activities to strengthen farmers and herders" in the face of external shocks will continue without interruption, indicates the PAM in a press release.

"Diversion of food is absolutely unacceptable."

WFP executive director Cindy McCain said in the text, welcoming "the Ethiopian government's commitment to investigate and hold those responsible accountable."

On Thursday, USAID, the US government's international aid agency, announced the suspension of its food aid to Ethiopia, denouncing a "widespread and coordinated operation to divert" this aid.

USAID "intends to immediately resume food aid as soon as we have confidence in the integrity of the distribution systems to get aid to its intended recipients," the agency said.

The Ethiopian authorities, in a joint statement with USAID, assured Thursday evening that a joint investigation was underway "so that the perpetrators of these hijackings are accountable".



A worker walks next to a stack of bags of food destined for the Tigray... - Copyright © africanews AP/Copyright 2022 The AP. All rights reserved.

Friday, the WFP said "redouble efforts to improve controls and safeguards to ensure that food aid reaches the beneficiaries, vulnerable populations across Ethiopia".

"WFP is working closely with its UN partners, humanitarian organizations and local actors to reform the way aid is distributed across Ethiopia," the UN organization said in a statement.

About 20 million people, or 16% of the 120 million Ethiopians, depend on food aid, the UN humanitarian agency (Ocha) estimated at the end of May, due to conflicts or a historic drought in the region. Horn of Africa which displaced 4.6 million people through Ethiopia.

Equatorial Guinea: WHO declares end to Marburg virus outbreak

The UN's health agency on Thursday declared an end to a nearly four-month outbreak of Marburg virus in Equatorial Guinea, saying the disease, a cousin of Ebola, had caused 35 confirmed or suspected deaths.

"The outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease in Equatorial Guinea ended today with no new cases reported over the past 42 days after the last patient was discharged from treatment," the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a statement.

The highly virulent microbe causes severe fever, often accompanied by bleeding and organ failure. It is part of the so-called filovirus family that includes Ebola haemorrhagic fever, which has caused several deadly epidemics in western and central Africa.

The outbreak, declared on February 13, was the first of its kind in Equatorial Guinea, a small coastal state in central-western Africa.

"A total of 17 laboratory-confirmed cases and 12 deaths were recorded. All the 23 probable cases reported died," the WHO said.

"Four patients recovered from the virus and have been enrolled in a survivors programme to receive psychosocial and other post-recovery support," it added.

The statement paid tribute to local health workers and support by partner organizations for the "hard work" in tackling the outbreak, much of which entails

tracing and isolating people in contact with patients.

- Tanzania outbreak - The outbreak in Equatorial Guinea coincided with that on the other side of the continent, in Tanzania. Six people died in a two-month episode, which was formally declared over on June 2.

The first outbreak of Marburg in Africa was recorded in South Africa in 1975.

Outbreaks or sporadic cases have been also reported in Kenya, Angola, Ghana, Guinea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, as well as Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania this year.

The suspected natural source of the virus is the African fruit bat, which carries the pathogen but does not fall sick from it.

Fatality rates in confirmed cases have ranged from 24 percent to 88 percent in previous outbreaks, depending on the virus strain and case management, according to WHO.

There are currently no vaccines or antiviral treatments, but potential treatments, including blood products, immune therapies and drug therapies, as well as early candidate vaccines, are being evaluated.

The virus takes its name from the German city of Marburg, where it was first identified in 1967, in a lab where workers had been in contact with infected green monkeys imported from Uganda.

Ugandan president on "forced leave" because of Covid-19



Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni attends the state funeral of Kenya's ... - Copyright © africanews John Muchucha/Copyright 2020 The AP. All rights reserved.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, 78, announced on Thursday that he had taken a "forced leave of absence" after testing positive for Covid-19.

"Yesterday morning, I noticed symptoms resembling mild flu," the head of state wrote in a statement, adding that a test had confirmed that he had been infected with the Covid-19 virus.

"I have therefore isolated myself... (and) I have delegated my work for today and tomorrow to Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja", he added.

"Thank God all is well, and I am only experiencing mild symptoms. However, I still prefer to take precautions and isolate myself for the time being", he added.

Mr Museveni, one of the world's longest-serving

leaders, has ruled his small East African country with an iron fist for several decades.

Once hailed as a reformer, he took the reins of Uganda in 1986, helping to end the authoritarian regimes of Idi Amin Dada and Milton Obote.

But the former rebel leader has since cracked down on dissent and changed the constitution to keep himself in power.

In Uganda, the repression of civil society, lawyers and activists has increased in recent years, according to many human rights organisations.

According to the Ministry of Health, Uganda has officially recorded 170,255 cases of coronavirus infection and 3,632 deaths since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

Kenya: Nairobi's national park faces climate and human threats

Nairobi is known as the "Green City in the Sun", due to its pleasant climate and numerous green spaces. Situated at an altitude of 1,795 meters above sea level, the city enjoys mild temperatures throughout the year.

The bustling metropolis is also home to Nairobi National Park, a wonder that's located just outside its centre.

The park is a vast wildlife reserve that covers 117 square kilometers. It's thought to be the only park in the world that's located within a capital city.

"We are privileged as being the only city that has a natural park," says Nickson Otieno from Niko Green, a sustainability consulting firm.

"Nairobi rightfully deserves that name because we are a green city that is full of biodiversity, but this is under immense threat," he adds.

Nairobi National Park is famous for its diverse wildlife that includes lions, rhinos, giraffes, buffalos and various species of antelope.

Visitors usually go on game drives to marvel at the park's natural habitat.

But experts say Nairobi National Park is faced by a myriad of threats, including pollution, human-wildlife conflict, infrastructure development and poaching.

"Some years back, we had an incident where we had lions walking on the streets, and this is something that we have not seen for generations," says Otieno.

"That tells us actually we have to rethink how we coexist, how we develop our infrastructure while at the same time conserving the rich nature that we have had as a city," he adds.

"The biggest challenge for the park is because of the growing population on the periphery," says conservationist David Mascall.

"Today, we are talking about climate change, we are talking about the importance of clean air. Here we have an environment in the middle of the city where the air is unpolluted, living on the periphery on the southern side is paradise because you are not breathing in all the nonsense and the rubbish, the noise and all the rest of it. Very, very critical to the park," he adds.

Cities around the world are having to face up to the challenges of human-caused climate change, which fuels more extreme weather such as intense wind, rain and freezing temperatures.

Many cities worldwide have promised to plant more carbon-absorbing trees to help fight climate change. Research has shown the shade of mature trees also helps reduce unhealthy "heat islands," especially in poor neighborhoods.

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Call for Applications for a National Consultant

Mapping of blended finance to support financial intermediaries and FINTECHs firms in Sierra Leone

Deadline: 20th June 2023

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) with financial support from the European Union (EU) is implementing a four-year project "Supporting Informal Enterprises Transition Towards Sustainable Growth and Formalization in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions". The project aims to unlock the potential of the informal economy for inclusive growth and transformation by developing and supporting the implementation of favourable regulatory conditions and relevant incentives for businesses to formalize. UNDP Sierra Leone is seeking the services of an experienced expert to undertake investment intelligence and identify and map out sources of finance to support financial intermediaries and FINTECHs firms targeting the informal enterprise sector in Sierra Leone.

The assignment will be executed in 18 working days. The consultant will work closely and coordinate with the Sierra Leone UNDP Sierra Leone Country Office and Project Management Unit (PMU) team based in Pretoria. During the execution of the assignment, consultations will be done with key project partners, the European Delegation to Sierra Leone, and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Must be a Sierra Leonean National**
- **Possess a minimum of a master's degree in banking and finance, microfinance, development finance, development economics, business management, or a related field**
- **Have 10 or more years of professional experience in the financial sector of an African country**
- **Have practical consulting experience in the development of financial products**
- **Work experience with financial institutions such**

as banks, microfinance, and insurance companies.

Only one submission per person is allowed. Once the application is complete and submitted, revised versions of the application will not be accepted.

The deadline for applications is **5:00 pm on Tuesday, 20th June 2023**. Proposal should be submitted directly in the portal no later than indicated deadline.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing via messaging functionality in the portal. UNDP will respond in writing including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry.

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

Offers must be submitted directly in the system following this link: <http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org> using the profile you may have in the portal. In case you have never registered before, you can register a profile using the registration link shared via the procurement notice and following the instructions in guides available in UNDP website: <https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders>. Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.

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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).

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. 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

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

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Invitation for Bids



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING SIERRA LEONE ROADS AUTHORITY

Procurement Number: SLRA/DUR/NCB/2023/010-12

Date of First Issue: 9th May, 2023

The Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) has secured funds from the Road Maintenance Fund Administration (RMFA) for the following activities:

- Concrete Works along hilly sections from Blama to Njala Komboya in Bo District (Lot1);
- Reinstate Embankment Slope along Lumley Aberdeen Beach Road (Lot2),
- Dredging Works at Jeremiah Street and Culvert at Regent Junction (Lot 3)

SLRA invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who can demonstrate technical and financial capabilities for the procurement of the said works. The table below shows a summary information on the bids.

| Lot No. | Name of Project | Location | Road Length (km) | Procurement Number | Bid Security (Le) New Leones | Source of Fund |
|---------|--|--|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Concrete Works along Hilly sections from Blama to Njala Komboya in Bo District (Lot1) | Bo Districts | 2.9 | SLRA/DUR/NCB/2023/010 | 40,000.00 | RMFA |
| 2 | Reinstate Embankment Slope along Lumley Aberdeen Beach Road (Lot2) | Car Park Opposite Kallon Building/Diamond Casino Freetown Urban District | 85m | SLRA/DUR/NCB/2023/011 | 15,000.00 | RMFA |
| 3 | Dredging Works at Jeremiah Street and Culvert at Regent Junction (Lot 3) | Freetown Urban Districts | | SLRA/DUR/NCB/2023/012 | 10,000.00 | RMFA |

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document between 09:00 – 16:00 hours Mondays - Fridays at the address below. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Le 1000 (One Thousand Leone) New Leones per Lot. Payment for the Bidding document must be deposited into the following accounts shown below:

- 1) Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Name: NPPA-Revenue
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165
- 2) Sierra Leone Commercial Bank Limited
Account Name: Revenue from sales of Bidding Document Sub Treasury
Account Number: 003001081791112183
Currency: Leones
- 3) Rokel Commercial Bank (SL) Limited
Account Name: Revenue from sales of Bidding Document Sub Treasury
Account Number: 02-011012428
BBAN: 002001002101242863
SWIFT CODE: RCBKSLFR

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **Wednesday 14th June, 2023 at 11:00 am**. All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A valid Business registration certificate

- q Bid Security from a reputable Commercial Bank
- q A valid tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q A signed Integrity Pact; [find attached in bid document]
- q A valid Ministry of Works Certificate (Class I&II)
- q A valid Sierra Leone Roads Authority Certificate
- q A signed Integrity pact

A bidder may bid for all the lots, but will not be awarded more than one (1) lot, except if the bidder demonstrates the ability to deploy equipment and personnel on more than one lot at the same time.

Bidders are encouraged to visit the sites independently.

Further information regarding this notice can be obtained from the Director of Maintenance, SLRA between 9:00 – 16:00 hours Mondays - Fridays.

Bids will be publicly opened on Wednesday, 14th June, 2023 at 11:15 am at the SLRA Conference Room, Kissy, Freetown, in the presence of all bidders or their designated representatives and anyone who may choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Director of Procurement
Procurement Department
Sierra Leone Roads Authority
P. O. Box Number 1324
Kissy, Freetown.
Tel: 232226565/076-898-740
Fax: 232 22 222346
Website: www.slra-gov.org
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Agriculture Value Chain Development Project



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Individual Consultants)

Country: Sierra Leone

Project: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Assignment Title: **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR VILLAGE SAVING LOAN SCHEME (VSLA) ASSESMENT AND DEVELOPEMT OF MAUAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION.**

Reference No. SLE-2000001544-0002-CS-ICS

The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI) towards the cost of Agriculture Value Chain Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consultant as part of the post of **Consultancy Services for Village Saving Loan Scheme (VSLA) Assessment and Development of Manual for Implementation**

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project**

The consulting services ("the services") include:

- An assessment in project communities with FBOs that are already using the VSLA methodology; exploring the adaptabon of VSLA approaches through guidance on VSLA operations procedures, formation and sharing of successful models for economic development, sustainability and self-reliance. Identify and evaluate the key driving forces for forming, supervising, and sustaining VSLA groups in operational communities.
- Mapping of available Financial funding streams for the FBOs and communities.
- To critically examine how community savings scheme leverage the opportunity of quick access to finance by rural farmers to improve Agricultural productivity and other livelihoods through the VSLA Scheme.
- Formulate an implementation manual of VSLA Methodology to enhance the project technical and MAFS staff for the establishment of sustainable and viable multi-stakeholder platforms for the project.
- Develop a manual (resource material) that can be used for capacity building of the AVDP and MAFS staff on specific business plan development, operations and record keeping of VSLAs.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations accessible at the IFAD website: www.ifad.org. The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse accessible at the IFAD website.

Interested consultants shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. Consultants with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. Consultants are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, or b) have a business or family relationship with a member of the client's board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of the EOI, (ii) the selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. Consultants have an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

The **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project**, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security now invites eligible Individual consultants ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services in the form of a curriculum vitae (CV). A consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual consultant selection (ICS) method set out in IFAD' Project Procurement Handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. Interviews will not be conducted as part of the selection process.

The shortlisting criteria are:

Qualification: A master's degree in Business Administration, or Sustainable Economic Development, Agriculture from a recognized University and other relevant area = **30 marks**

Experience:

Minimum of 10 years' experience working in monitoring and evaluation development Sector with local and International Organizations, Business and Research Institutions = **30 marks**

Minimum of 7-year experience working with community Savings groups, developing training packages on Financial Literacy, Income Generation Activities, and sustainable Savings model and also demonstrated understanding of VSLA methodology with farmers = **30 marks**

Experience in sub-Saharan Africa: **10 marks**

Clarifications may be requested by e-mail not later than 12th June, 2023, so that responses can be issued to all consultants not later than 13th 2023.

The address for requesting clarifications is: Email: avdppmu@gmail.com

Expressions of interest in the form of Curriculum Vitae must be delivered by e-mail or hard copy to the following address on or before 16th June, 2023 at 16:00 GMT.

Agriculture Value Chain Development Project
23 Torwama Road, Freetown
avdppmu@gmail.com

Invitation for Bids

Guma Valley Water Company

Supply of Water Treatment Chemicals

Procurement Number: *Guma/NCB/ING/Mile13/CHEM/2023*

Date of First Issue Monday, 22 May, 2023

The Guma Valley Water Company has allocated some of its funds for the procurement of Water Treatment Chemicals and hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submitted sealed bids for any of the following Lots below:

| Lot | ITEM | Quantity Required | Unit of Measure | Bid Security NLe |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Guma/NCB/ING/MILE13/CHEM/2023-02-01- (Lot 1) | Hydrated Lime | 3000 | 25Kg bag | 26,000 |
| Guma/NCB/ING/MILE13/CHEM/2023-02-02- (Lot 2) | Calcium Hypochlorite | 544 | 45Kg Drum | 41,500 |

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 1000 GMT to 1500Hrs GMT from Mondays to Fridays.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Wednesday, 21 June, 2023 at 1430 Hrs GMT. All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A valid Bid Security from a reputable Commercial Bank
- q A valid copy of Business Registration Certificate
- q A valid copy of current NaSSIT Clearance Certificate
- q A valid copy of NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
- q A valid copy of Council Certificate
- q A valid EPA Environment Permit for importation of Chemicals
- q A Signed Bid Form
- q A signed Integrity Pact
- q Evidences to demonstrate that bidder can successfully execute a contract
- q Partial bids will be disqualified

Bids will be publicly opened on Wednesday, 21 June, at 1435 Hrs, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Procurement Unit

Guma Valley Water Company;

7th Floor, Guma Building

12/14 Lamina Sankoh Street

Freetown

Email: gumaprourement@yahoo.com

Supply of Water Treatment Chemicals

Procurement Numbers: Guma/NCB/ING/MILE13/CHEM/2023

Tel: +232 76 695 025

Purchase of Tender Documents

Tender documents shall be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of SLL 400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Leones), into any of the accounts below, and submit receipts to the above-mentioned address.

Bank: Name: Union Trust Bank

Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury

Account Number: 210 113 253-01

BBAN: 00-400 111 325 312 0144

Bank: Name: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank

Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury

Account Number: 003 001 108 179 111 2183

Bank: Name: Rokel Commercial Bank

Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury

Account Number: 02-0110 12 428

BBAN: 002 001 002 101 242 863

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PRESS RELEASE
INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS

Mile 91 Town, 25th March 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCIAL

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

SiLBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

END

Signed:

Daniel M. Amara
Secretary General

Approved By:

Stanley Bangura Jr
Chairman



Guild of Editors – Sierra Leone

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Public Notice Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24th March, 2023.

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

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

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

The cover price remains the same.

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

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Signed:

Donald Theo-Harding
Chairman, GoNE-SL.

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