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Dr. Samura Kamara after casting his ballot By Alfred Koroma & Alhaji Sani

fter a tough political campaign, Sierra Leoneans have on Saturday on Saturday, June 24th, 2023 voted to elect President, Parliamentarians and Local Council heads for another five-year

Huge number of voters turned out to vote

but voting was delayed in many parts of the country because of late arrival of voting materials. Inaccuracy of voter registers also caused crowds of voters to wait longer in queues.

Speaking to the media after casting his vote, President Julius Maada Bio acknowledged the challenges and encouraged citizens to exercise patient and

"Every process gets glitches," he said. "I heard that polling did not open at 7am, but that does not mean anybody should go home because we have prepared for this day for a very long time. I will just appeal to people to be patient and cast their vote. It's about the future of this country; it's about the own future. It's about the future their own children."

"Vote saful, wait for the result saful, if you win celebrate saful, if u if u loss, sidon saful," the President said.

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about June 24 on strengthening elections? health sector access



nder the Health System strengthening domain, BudgIT Sierra Leone team had extensive engagement under the Covid 19 Transparency and Accountability project (CTAP) 3 on the 16th and 17th of June, 2023.

BudgIT Sierra Leone is a civic nonprofit organization that enhances citizens' understanding of the national budget and matters of public spending using tech tools to simplify the budget and to raise the standard of transparency and accountability in government.

BudgIT Sierra Leone primary goal is to use creative technology to intersect civic engagement and institutional reforms in Sierra Leone. BudgIT Sierra Leone began operation in September 2020 as a registered non-governmental entity to drive citizens' participation in governance and promote development through efficient service delivery, advocate for effective fiscal and resource governance and provide support for CSO's and government institutions.

BudgIT focuses on the following key areas: Service Delivery Tracking and Reporting, Institutional Support, National Resource Governance and Health System Strengthening.

The team engages regional Stakeholders in the Health Sector on Strengthening Health Sector Access in Sierra Leone. Two regional health stakeholders and two civic meetings were held in the Southern City of BO and the Northern City of Makeni simultaneously.

The meeting attracted senior members in the health sector including the District Health Medical Team represented by the District Medical Officers, District Health Sisters, Public Health Superintendents, Community Health Officers, Nurses, other health professionals and Civil Society organizations to discuss health sector accountability research report and the challenges of inadequate funding for the health sector in Sierra Leone.

The BudgIT Sierra Leone divided themselves into two teams: Alhassan Sesay the Country Lead and Brima Sesay the Institutional and Stakeholder Engagement Lead engaged stakeholders in the Southern City of Bo and Daniel Conteh Research Programmes Officer and Alfred Bangura the finance officer engaged stakeholders in the northern town of Makeni.

In the two engagements, the team presented the CTAP 3 and the Health Sector Accountability Report. In their presentations, they pointed out the following as encapsulated from the reports: government policy response to the covid 19, pattern of covid revenue and expenditures, transparency and accountability framework adopted by government, government budget

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allocation as a result of covid 19, availability of covid 19 budget and expenditure data, the procurement policy followed, measures taken by government to cushion the effects of Covid 19, the challenges and obstacles to covid 19 transparency and accountability.

The challenges in the health sector as elucidated in the reports are government failure in increasing support to the health sector in that allocation to the health sector has been between 6% to 7% of total expenditure over the last five years (2018-2023) which is below the 15% threshold under the Abuja Declaration that all African Union member states signed to in 2005, corruption in the health sector, poor infrastructure, policy inconsistencies, resource short falls, capacity gaps, brain drain, perennial strike actions among others.

During the course of the deliberations, engagement is a key component of the service delivery in Sierra Leone. NaCCED North-East pointed out that allocation from 7% to 15% as stated by civic engagement is quite crucial in ensuring citizens awareness, involvement and participation in the development agenda in the country. He pleaded that they want to see recommendations in the Health Sector Accountability Report in the next National Action Plan (NAP5) as a commitment from government. Ibrahim S.M Kpaka from the Civil elucidated that Health Care All People's Congress (APC) Party. Accessibility as a result of inadequate The elections were covered by a huge health infrastructure, poor health financing, problem with mobility international observers who are international standards. health system in Bo district and the rest role to play in any democratic elections. of issues affecting the health sector. dispensation. These issues she narrated include; no Following the elections on June 24, care for the care givers that is, there some observers issued preliminary codes from government and poor release its preliminary report today. referral process characterized by poor mobility or transport system, poor Evin Incir, EU Chief Observer budget process and slow disbursement applauded all Sierra Leoneans and



Brima Sesay, the Institutional and Stakeholder Engagement Lead addressing participants



Participants at the engagement

the regional coordinator South for the inadequate funding, logistical and the Abuja Declaration for improve

Ibrahim Jalloh regional coordinator for include; government to increase materials among others.

National Council for Civic Education resource constraints, poor health health sector access, strengthen the and Democracy (NaCCED) Paul A. infrastructure, poor data management, human resource base, investment on Sengeh mentioned that civic corruption among others as the binding health infrastructure, revitalization of engagement or stakeholder constraints or challenges to health the National Emergency Medical Services (NEMS), robust monitoring of work of NaCCED and awareness Several recommendations were health care institutions and raising and civic education are key tools brought to the fore for action by management, increased training that enhances citizens involvement in government and other health opportunities for health professionals, the development process in the country. stakeholders. These recommendations adequate provision of health care

What national and international observers say about June 24 elections?

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

n June 24, 2023, Sierra Leone held one of the most closely contested elections between Society Organization Health Alert Party (SLPP) and the main opposition,

But in the late afternoon of June 24, the deliberations vividly mentioned elections. She affirmed that despite the vote.

delay in the commencement of the polls, voting was ongoing in most areas of the

The g7 Election Observer Mission's the governing Sierra Leone People's Preliminary report on their findings of general elections that was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel on June 25 highlighted layout at most of the 25 number of both national and polling stations they visited met

constitute the key challenges facing the believed to have a critical and crucial Head of Delegation, Habib Urrehman Mayar, noted that the voter turnout was of the regions in Sierra Leone. Matron There observations and high and the elections were largely Hawa Daramy- District Health Sister recommendations they make are peaceful. He further said some of the polling staff did not have any

The Eminent Women noted in their press statement that voter turnout was are no health care provisions for the reports on their findings on the highly encouraging with long queues, caregivers, lots of health care elections. The European Union Election that electoral logistics were not professionals without approval or pin Observation Mission will officially deployed on time and that only few centres kept to the 7am start time.

Eminent Women commended the security presence in almost all polling centres and also shed light on the of funds. All the other participants in Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone negative influence of social media. They both the stakeholder engagements and (ECSL) staff for their dedication also highlighted the prevention of civic engagements that contributed to towards the successful run of the potential voters with their voter IDs to

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From Cover

For Dr. Samura Kamara, presidential games." candidate of the main opposition All He further urged the ECSL to ensure unverified, manipulated and skewed results.

ongoing decline of democracy to (SLPP) said there will be no run-off in (APC). The candidates tightly faced continue under their watch in Sierra

Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara cast election with a landslide victory. his vote at the MAFA field polling "The facts is, we have won this centre located at Regent Road in election," Prince Harding, Chaiman Both presidential candidates have Lumley.

Despite expressing confident of clear from our internal auditing." winning the elections, Samura He accused the main opposition All Kamara raised series of concerns Peoples Congress (APC) of spreading regarding the overall process.

The Presidential hopeful catalogued series of concerns around the voting process which includes delay in But says, the party has tallied the commencement of polls, poor results, and it is very clear that organization of the polling stations President Bio has won the election. especially where he voted, "All we are saying is that there will be intimidation of APC party agents in no run-off. We are not going back for a the APC presidential candidate South, especially in Bonthe, Pujehun. second round. That one is clear," the Furthermore, Kamara pointed out SLPP Chairman said. the presence of missing names on The election campaign was largely

of winning the elections, they wouldn't have been playing all these

People's Congress (APC),he's on an that all eligible voters have the President, Julius Maada Bio is irreversible path of overwhelming opportunity to cast their votes, even if victory and would not accept it requires extending the voting period by an additional two days.

In a post-elections press conference, He urges ECOWAS not to allow the the ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party opposition All Peoples Congress the awaiting June 24 election results and that the party will win the

false information to distract the democratic process of election and cry

both the Electoral Commission of laced with violence, political Sierra Leone (ECSL) and his party's intolerance, lawlessness, indiscipline and the spread of fake news and hate In a statement, he said, "If they were speech on social media, mainly, by afraid of me, or if they were confident members and supporters of the two

main political parties.

Thirteen (13) political parties contested June 24 Presidential and Parliamentary election. The current seeking a second term under the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP). His main challenger is Sumura Kamara, candidate for the main each other in the 2018 pool that took President Bio to State House, after narrowly defeating Kamara, then ruling party candidate.

of the SLPP told the media. "It is been been in politics and governances for years. Bio, a retired brigadier in the Sierra Leone Army led the country from 16 January to 29 March 1996 under the National Provisional Ruling Council (NPRC) junta government. Prior to that, he served as Information Minister in the same NPRC regime headed by then Military Head of State, Captain Valentine Srasser. Samura Kamara, served as Financial Secretary in the NPRC regime headed then headded by the current President, and subsequently served as cabinet Minister in the previous Ernest Bai Koroma administration.

> The issues around the 2023 general elections in Sierra Leone centers on the economy. Many citizens are not happy with the way things are going at the moment. Prices of food have increasingly soared in the last five years with rising inflation and an increasing draining of the Leones against the US Dollar, fueling violent protests at some points. These issues so muchly armed the opposition during the campaigns,

> If elected for a second term, President Bio intends to prioritize agriculture. His manifesto, titled, the 'New Direction Consolidating gains and Accelerating transformation' contains five initiatives. Key among them is the 'Feed Salone', an Initiative to boost agricultural productivity and ensure food security in the country.

In his first term, he focused on human capital development, launching a Free Quality School Education project that increased enrollment of

pupils in primary and secondary schools. He also introduced other reforms and opened more space for women's participation in governance. But Bio's last five years governance did not satisfy the bread and butter issue that interest the common Sierra Leonean more. His government saw an increasing surge in the prices of commodities with incommensurate salaries, hitting the poor the hardest. He came to office in 2018 with elaborate an manifesto, but five years frantic moves for impactful delivery on those promises got crippled with the consequences of the blistering global economic crisis caused by the outbreak of COVID19 and the Russian-Ukraine conflict.

Samura Kamara, the main opposition candidate has promised he will fix the economy if elected President. Handpicked by former president Koroma as preferred successor, Samura Kamara's victory was thwarted in 2018 by the fact that many of the members and supporters of his party were aggrieved with the manner in which the former President unilaterally selected him among other senior party members who had also expressed interest and mounted campaigns for the same position.

Also, the image of the outgoing Koroma administration, at the time, had been riddled by the poor handling of the Ebola funds and other economic misdoings.

Any of two main political parties'

candidate who loses in this election will make history. If Bio cannot secure a second term, he becomes the first one term President and the first incumbent to lose reelection since the start of Multi-party democracy in Sierra Leone. If Samura fails to unseat him, he becomes the main opposition candidate to lose presidential election twice in a row. Counting of the results from Saturday's poll is ongoing, and it's expected to last for couple of days. A candidate needs to secure 55 percent of the total vote cast to be declared winner. If no candidate hits the target, the election goes into a runoff. Whoever is wins 2023 general election, has a range of issues to handle in a deeply polarized society.





To Ensure Non Violence in Elections. All Elections Processes Must be Followed and Should be Done Inclusively

LOCAL NEWS

By Ishmael Dumbuya, Hassan G. Koroma, Yusufu Bangura, **Emmanuel Gborie**

n the eve of the June 24th polls, Concord Times deployed reporters in some major cities including Bo, Kenema, Kono and Makeni to observe the process.

In Kenema

Kenema, in the Eastern Region of the country demonstrated a great deal of tranquility in the conduct of the elections.

All stakeholders in the electioneering process were committed to peace before the commencement of the process.

On Friday, 23rd June, Concord Times went to Kenema and conducted series of interviews In Kono ranging from the police, officials of the Electoral Commission for country were closed on Saturday, All stakeholders in the Sierra Leone (ECSL), international observers and voters. In all of the interviews conducted, they were all committed to peace and nonintimidation on polling day.

"We will ensure that a peaceful election is held in Kenema, as a result we have ensured that we move around the entire Kenema District preaching peace and Though there were evident observers and voters. In all these national cohesion," Maggoh Amara, Information Officer, deployment and late arrival of all committed to peace and non-Kenema Regional Police H e a d q u a r t e r . centres, late voting and absence the Polling Day. Concord Times spoke with the Chairman for ECSL coordinators in Kenema, Malikie Barrie, who stated that the ECSL in the region will ensure that there is a free, fair, and credible election, which will in turn enhance peace as they vote for their respective cohesion," Sgt John Abass Observers, United Nations and cohesion.

Alpha Moigula, a Kenema resident and a voter urged all voters to be law abiding and peaceful during the course of the polling.

International and local observers such as Commonwealth, Carter Center, National Elections Watch and Council of Churches Sierra Head of Media, Sierra Leone enhance peace and cohesion in centers. Leone (CCSL), were all on the Police, Tankoro Division, Komba the country. ground promoting peace and Sorie noted that it was the Also speaking to this medium conduct of the elections and there cohesion in the region. In responsibility of the police to after casting his vote at Admire were no intimidation or violence addition, this medium spoke to the various party agents at the

"We are so far satisfied with the conduct of the elections and there were no intimidation from the security sector," Victor Amara, APC party agent at Mano Junction.

SLPP party agent, Sia Benya expressed determination to monitor the election in a free, fair In Makeni and credible manner.

Peaceful voting in Kenema, Kono, Bo and Makeni



As the elections across the Kono District laudably electioneering process were experienced very peaceful committed to peace before, the elections.

speculated to be one of the most conduct of their elections. within the district.

challenges and concerns over late interviews conducted, they were election materials at some polling violence before, during and after of some ECSL staff, yet people "We will ensure that a peaceful were seen courageously and election is held in Bombali votes. Some were tenaciously at ensured that we moved around everything went smoothly. their centres till around 8pm just the entire Bambali District International and local observers candidates.

in Kono.

during the election.

were under control and that there district, former President Ernest were no such alarming situations Bai Koroma raised concerns on that could have affected the the level of security in the voting smooth conduct of elections.

Arrival of ECSL officials from the cast his vote. ongoing at the ECSL Office in further appealed to all Sierra Koidu City, Kono District.

Voters queuing to cast their ballots

commencement of the process. Makeni demonstrated a great Kono from the look of things was deal of peacefulness in the

inevitable areas for unrest during On Friday 23rd June, Concord the elections due to the recent Times reporter went to Makeni heightened political tensions City and conducted series of interviews with the police, ECSL, One of the residents and a first-

Nort East region.

successful conduct of the election Northeast region will ensure that the region. there is a free, fair, and credible In addition, this medium spoke to election, which will in turn the various party agents at the

centers to take on the process: He however added that things station 3 in Makeni, Bombali process at the center where he SLPP party agent in the same

> rights and appealed to the betterment of the country. Electoral Commission to sort out

certain aspects of the voting process that have been marred with challenges especially in the center where he voted.

He later called on Sierra Leoneans to remain peaceful and law abiding citizens and also urged the Election Management Bodies, National Security Agencies and all stakeholders to make sure everyone is treated fairly.

time voter in Makeni, Warah Kamara said she felt good after casting her vote because she has started taking part in decision making.

She continued that as a first-time voter she didn't not face any patiently waiting to cast their district, as a result we have challenge while voting as

Kamara, Reginal Media Officer, Development Programme (UNDP), National Elections Until now the ECSL has not Concord Times spoke with the Watch, Council of Churches complained about any disruption Training and Education Officer at Sierra Leone and Sierra Leone or feud during the course of the ECSL in Makeni, Atieu Jalloh, Red Cross were all on the ground election that affected the who noted that the ECSL in the promoting peace and cohesion in

"We are so far satisfied with the ensure security in the district Sesay (KEE Koroma) Memorial from the security sector and the School, polling centre 4078, voters. However, the process is peaceful, and we are happy with turnout of voters," said Mariama Bangura, APC party agent at Makeni turntable.

Polling Centre, Hassan Foday interiors of the district and He confirmed that there was no also said that they will ensure collating of district result is still security where he voted. He that they monitor the election process in a free, fair, and Leoneans to exercise their voting credible manner for the



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LOCAL NEWS Politics is not a do or die thing

By Alfred Koroma

Former MP admonished constituents



The final day of Hon. Hindolo's peace gala competition in Moyiba Community, Kissy, Freetown

is not a do or die thing."

he said. "We don't want electioneering processes. violence."

after elections.

Hon. Hindolo Peace Gala Hon. Sandy furthered that the

Constituency 120 on peace electoral process. belongs to, support me. If you campaign to educate his together the youth. don't believe in my ideology, constituents on the new support where you believe.

This election should be peaceful and we should conduct

Constituents on the new Eight communities

Eight communities

participated in the ten million "I felt good that the competition brought plenty guys onboard. I ourselves in a peaceful manner, maintain peace during the

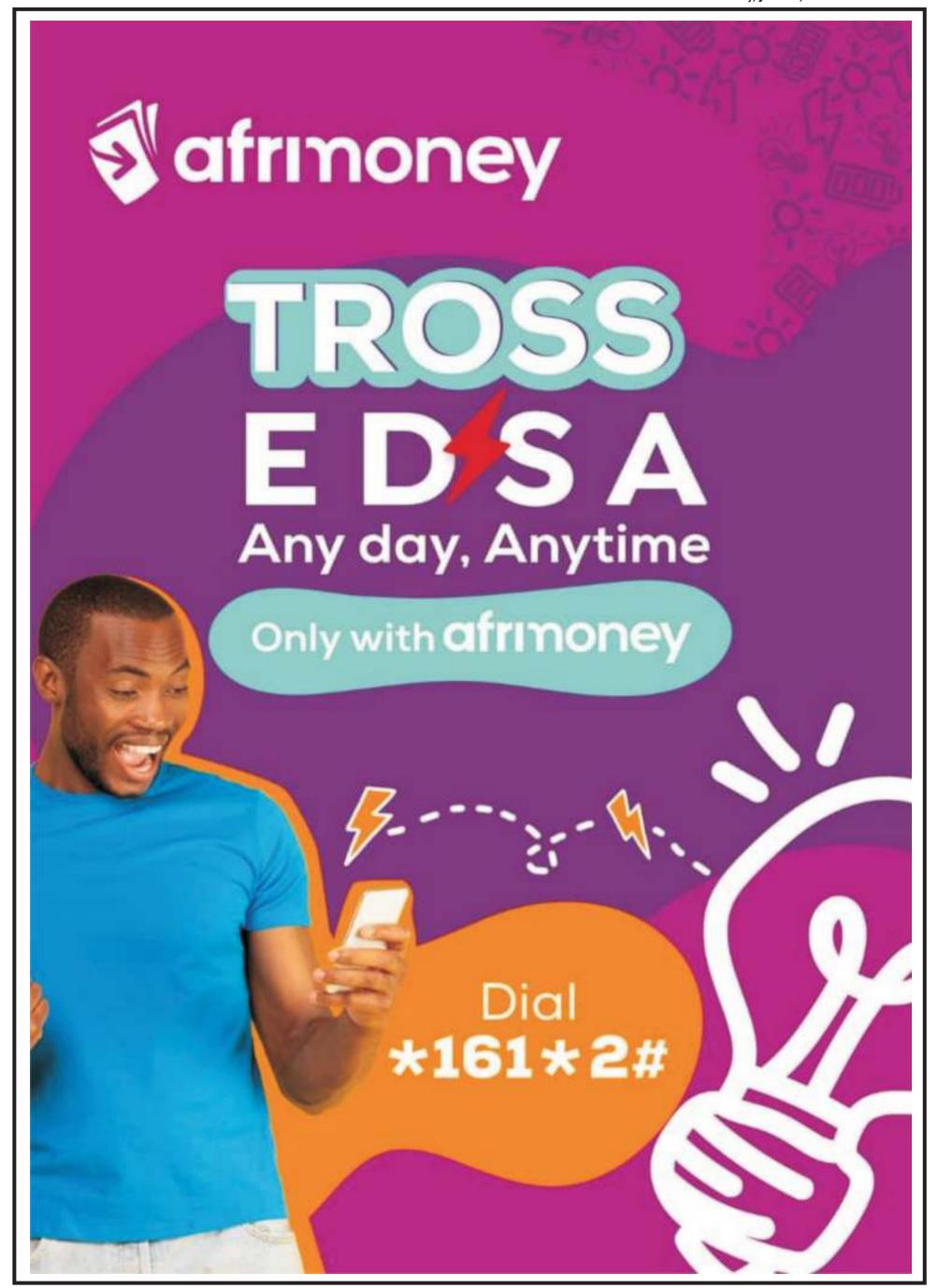
We organized this competition The former MP was speaking to send a message that we are on the final day of a peace all one people. Election football competition he happens in one day; it comes organized to send a loud and goes. But as community message of peace and to engage people, we will ever remain young people whom he said are together, he told crowds of always victims or perpetrators spectators while speaking on of violence before, during and the final of the football gala competition.

Competition is one of many Peace Gala came at the right

beneficiaries expressed delight for the competition and commended the former MP for his initiative.

Imphasizing on the need steps the former MP took to time as the country is into a said, noting for far too long, the for peace during the consolidate peace before June crucial general elections, stakeholders of our community electoral process, 24 election. The gala saying he wants the people to have been neglecting this former MP, Hon. Hiondolo competition follows a Peace get the message of peace at the venture, but that Hon. Sandy Tennison Sandy advised Rally the MP organized, back of their minds and and not has made the difference, is a constituents to be careful with how they exercise their engaging commercial bike allow anyone to use them to mark of true leadership. Jacob political rights, noting 'politics riders and other youths in perpetrate violence during the furthered that the youths have been the perpetrators and It's about ideology. If you talks. That happened before he He said he used football victims of violence during and believe in Hon. Hindolo's launched a House-to-House because he knows football after elections but this message ideology and the party he peace sensitization and unifies a nation and brings of peace is timely and will create the anticipated difference.

> Leones (Nle 10,000) star priced brought plenty guys onboard. I peace gala competition see friends that I have not seen targeted at the youth in for long. Everybody has come Constituency 120. Speaking to onboard despite their political Concord Times, the alignment," another constituent of Moviba Community, Sulaiman Bah said. He further expressed delight with the turn out of the youths in the Moyiba community to preach peace and Today is my happiest day love across their neighborhood. because my community Bah said youths in their benefited from the competition, communities are football lovers Lansana Jacob, Head Coach of and football brings them one of the teams that together but party politics is participated in the competition one thing that often divides





Population Services International-Sierra Leone Job Description

Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (ME&L) Specialist (EpiC Sierra Leone) Job Type: Consultancy/Independent Contractor

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone Start Date: To be determined. End Date: To Be determined

Reports to: Country Project Manager-EpiC SL

Grade: TBD

Background Introduction

Population Services International (PSI) is a network of locally rooted, globally connected organizations working to achieve consumer-powered healthcare — people-centered health systems that ensure quality, affordable care wherever and whenever it is needed. Our origins in sexual and reproductive health have grown into a broader mission. Today, we work with the public and private sectors as well as local communities, prioritizing people's voice and choice and developing solutions to meet their essential health needs. Over the past five decades, we have helped push boundaries, break taboos, set trends, and develop innovative solutions to complex global health challenges.

There are over 9,000 "PSI'ers" around the world. It's a diverse group of entrepreneurs and professionals with an unusually wide range of backgrounds - from the medical industry to the music business - all with unique skills we bring to the job,

PSI Sierra Leone seeks to recruit, on an "independent contractor basis" the services of an M&E Specialist to assist with, amongst other pieces of work, data management for the Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project activities which are aimed at increasing the coverage of COVID 19 Vaccination in Sierra Leone

Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) is a five-year global project funded by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). EpiCreceives COVID-19 funding to bolster health systems necessary to address COVID-19 and reduce

Currently, EpiC and its consortium members implement COVID-19 activities in more than 45 countries worldwide. The project delivers high-quality technical assistance at the community, facility, district, regional and national levels and builds relationships with relevant partners working to address COVID-19.

In Sierra Leone, EpiC works hand in hand with Sierra Leone's Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) to identify and address gaps that are not currently covered by other partners throughout the country but more especially in the 7 districts that have the lowest COVID-19 vaccine uptake

Reporting to the EpiC Sierra Leone Country Project Manager and working closely with the M&E Coordinator for the organization, the MEL Specialist will take a leadership role in developing and supporting EpiC Sierra Leone project's data management, utilization and reporting through the EpiC Global Infolink's database platform. The support will include data collection, cleaning, validation and visualization, co-leading administration of the project's activity data base. The MEL Specialist will also work with the global EpiC M&E team on co-design and oversight of implementation of new components of routine data collection (by adding to existing database).

The MEL Specialist will lead the ongoing capacity building and skills maintenance in data management and utilization for program quality improvement among the EpiC Sierra Leone country project team. The position will contribute to consolidating and building EpiC project's evidence and knowledge resources and showcasing the impact of our covid-19 vaccination work both internally and externally. The MEL Specialist will also support the EpiC project team and its mplementing partners in oversight and guidance on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) activities. The position will work very closely with the Impact Malaria program M&E team, and when needed, also provide guidance to other program colleagues within the country office.

The specific job functions are as follows:

Leadership on routine & periodic activity data collection and management

Provision of routine covid-19 vaccine management information system backstopping to the EpiC SL team

Technical ME&L assistance to the EpiC project team Contribute to the learning agenda of the project.

Key Responsibilities

Work with the Project Manager (EpiC) and the M&E Coordinator to contribute to strengthening the EpiC Project MEL

Manage routine data, including data cleaning and entry in the global EpiC Infolink's software platform to ensure timeliness, completeness, consistency and quality.

Leading the design and testing of data collection, data entry and supervision tools

Creating data analysis plans and effectively implementing them

Undertake critical review of existing data collection forms & reporting tool to identify gaps and feed this to the EPI M&E team

Liaise /coordinate with the central DHIS2 unit of the MOHS and other partners to share with them critical and relevant covid 19 vaccine data-related findings from the field aimed at strengthening the overall system

Ensure timely and complete reporting and feedback of routine data system, including data quality review, relying on support from the EpiC program Team.

Provide technical leadership for the development, validation and implementation of data collection tools and processes,

including the adaptation and improvement of the existing suite of quantitative monitoring tools for EpiC Sierra Leon Coordinate regular review of data at national and district levels to identify any trends, patterns or unexpected changes, and to support data for decision making with the rest of team.

Implement processes for tracking progress of routine monitoring (new data tracker detailing reporting elements and their periodicity for tracking, monthly deadlines for receiving data and estimated processing time at country level) Coordinate EpiC Sierra Leone project team's ongoing skills building and provide in-house guidance on the appropriate use of the database

Contribute to evidence generation, documentation and information-sharing on covid-19 vaccine integration by working with the EpiC Project Communications Officer to co-author articles and success/ change stories.

Presenting at conferences and meetings evidenced-based data for internal and external stakeholders

Maintain active involvement/ participation in external technical MEL working groups, and other technical bodies, as appropriate, based on the project's needs

Carry out additional tasks, as delegated by the Project Manager and PSI Sierra Leone Country Representative.

Qualification and experience

A Masters' degree in a relevant field mainly public health, epidemiology, statistics demography, etc.

At least 3 years of proven experience in monitoring and evaluation in reproductive, maternal child health, or a related field Quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis management skills, specifically with database manager

(preferably in DHIS2) and survey instruments development (preferably in Kobo Toolbox or ODK) Experience conducting monitoring, evaluation and research in a global public health setting.

Solid technical background in Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health and other related aspects

Competence in qualitative and quantitative analysis software programs (SPSS, Epi-Info, SAS, etc.)

Ability to guide, coach and oversee others to produce accurate, timely results and products collaboratively

Technical writing and strong presentation skills to both internal and external audiences

Willingness to travel to the field.

Must be able to work in a dynamic and complex environment.

Excellent written and verbal English language skills

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No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
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2	Half (½)	800	1,200
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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.

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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 1" May 2023 shall be as follow:

FREETOWN

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

NLe 2,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)

PROVINCIAL

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

SiLBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

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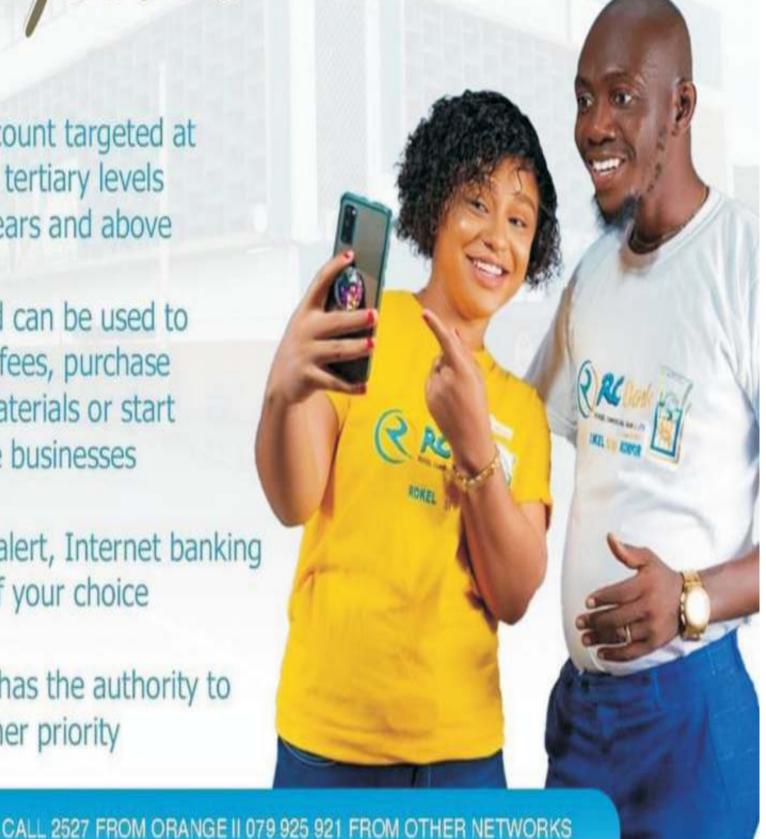


Savings Acount targeted at student at tertiary levels from 18 years and above

Sum saved can be used to pay exam fees, purchase reading materials or start small scale businesses

Free SMS alert, Internet banking network of your choice

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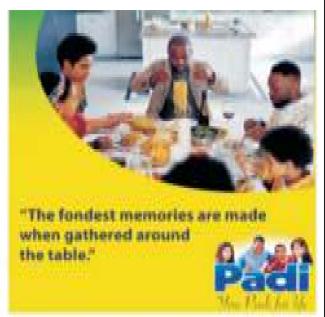


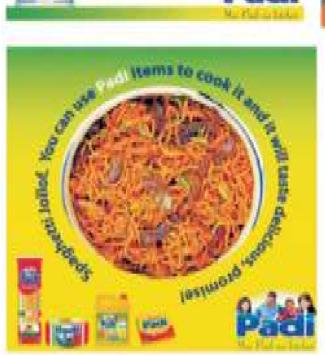
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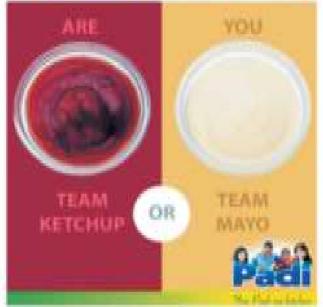
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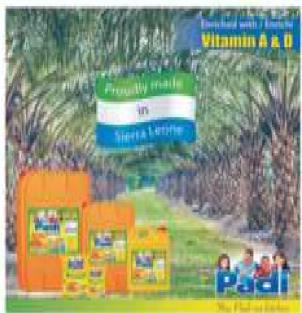










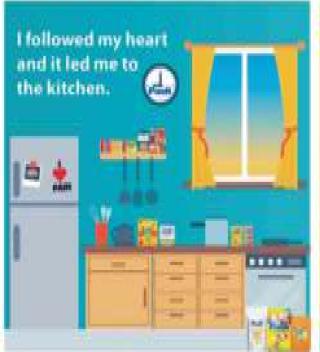














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