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By Ishmael Dumbuya

Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, former President of Sierra Leone, has noted in the Africa Drive for Democracy Elders Retreat held in Tanzania, Arusha that the African Continent is witnessing an era where electoral commissions are doing the bidding of incumbents and using state security to suppress opposition supporters.

According to the former president, there is a rapid decline of democracy manifested through state capture of democratic institutions.

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Eid Adha Celebration: IYYL, partners support 66,720 vulnerable Muslims in Africa

The International Islamic Youth League (IYYL) and its partners including Humanitarian Organizations Global Ehsan Relief Singapore, International Islamic Youth League IYYL Asia Hub, slaughtered 715 cows, 277 sheeps and 287 goats to support 17 African countries during the 2023 Eid Adha Celebration.

As it is commonly referred to, the Qurbani meat distribution during 2023 Eid Adha celebration benefitted 66,720 vulnerable Muslims from the 17 African countries where the slaughter took place.

Sierra Leone, Ghana, Mali, Senegal, the Gambia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Uganda, Niger, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Chad, Somalia and Cape Verde, were among the countries that benefitted from the gesture.

The slaughtering of animals and the distribution of meat to vulnerable Muslims in Africa is yearly commitment of the International Islamic Youth League, implemented during Eid celebration.

Aside from the distribution of meat on Eid celebration, friends from the Middle East and Asia have through the International Islamic Youth League (IIHL) provided a big boost to the Government and people of Sierra Leone in constructing ten (10) Ultra-Modern Islamic Complex across the country. The project which is in advance stage, is facilitated by the Global Chief Executive Officer of IYYL, Ambassador Dr. Hamid Ahamed Kamneh.

Each complex will have a mosque, Quranic school, special places to hold ablution, toilets, residence for the Imams and community health centres. The organisation has over the past years facilitated the construction of hundreds of boreholes, created thousands of employment especially for youth through vocational youth training, thereby providing livelihood for them in selected communities in Sierra Leone.

IYYL has also facilitated the distribution of food aid to vulnerable and needy victims in the country, especially at Six Mile in the far east of Freetown. This was done in partnership with the World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO).

The IYYL received and facilitated the transportation of 11x40ft containers of different hygiene products and other humanitarian aid goods worth US\$2 8 million. About 100,000 copies of the Holy Quran have also been received from partners and distributed across the country. With such gestures, the organization promised to do more for the country and



people.

The International Islamic Youth League (IYYL) is an international Non-governmental Humanitarian and Developmental group. IYYL is a signatory to the code of conduct with International

Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) accredited to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the International Youth Federation and the Organization of Islamic Corporation. The IYYL is also a founding member of the Union of NGOs of the Islamic World and it is officially registered

in 48 countries across the Globe.

Some of the key operations of the IYYL particularly in Sierra Leone are to give support and care for Orphanage Homes, build schools, mosques, construct water wells in deprived communities.



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He said Legislatures and judiciaries which are supposed to check the excesses of the executive are, in many cases, leading the charge in breaching constitutions to favour undemocratic practices, such as entrenching leaders against the wishes of their people, or use pandemics to their advantage to suppress the opposition and dissenting voices.

He added that as a direct impact of that, citizens are experiencing a growing contention between the State and its youth, civil society and the media, all of whom are increasingly being muzzled. This has, in some instances, paved the way to the re-emergence of the military in several countries on the continent.

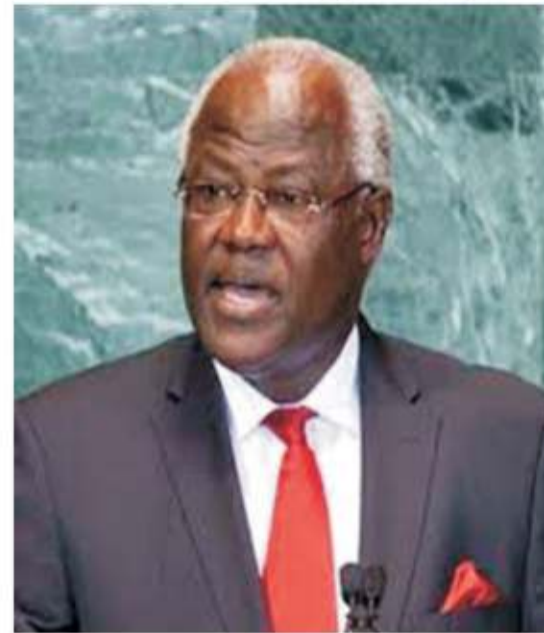
"The good news is, the AU and its RECs are far advanced in reviewing their democracy, good governance and security Protocols, which are aimed at effectively responding to the ongoing ills afflicting Africa's democracy. It could be helpful, however, for those reviews to be expeditiously concluded and rolled out so that Africans could see

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that something is being done to halt the democratic decline, and restore our beloved continent on the desired path of good governance, peace and development. This will require making the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) more effective and cascading such structure to the regional bodies", he stated.

Former President Koroma Concluded that achieving democratic values and tenets require like minds, strong commitment and collaboration, he commended the West African Elders Forum, under the auspices of the Goodluck Jonathan Foundation, for its noble efforts in mediating political transitions, conflicts and in promoting democracy, the Brenthurst Foundation, based in South Africa, has also been paying particular attention to the nexus between bad governance, insecurity and poverty. "We are all in this together because we believe in the transformative power of democracy;



because we believe that democracy is not just a system of governance; it is a vehicle of hope, progress, and social cohesion. It empowers individuals and communities alike, and gives them a voice and agency in shaping their own destinies," he emphasised "No doubts, democracy is not without obstacles, but together, we must

confront the challenges that threaten its very foundations – Poor leadership, ineffective citizenship, poverty, corruption, political polarisation, rogue elections, and all their attendant ramifications of social unrest and political instability. It is our collective responsibility, as leaders and advocates, to tackle these issues head-on and work tirelessly to build resilient democracies that leave no one behind. Let us remember the millions of fellow Africans, who, owing to bad governance, are being pushed away into the hazards of Mediterranean Sea

and the hostilities of irregular migration. Let us keep in our thoughts citizens who are routinely forced from their homes, whose livelihoods are destroyed, who are unlawfully incarcerated, wounded and killed by those who are supposed to be the ones to protect them," he climaxed.

DKT International poised to decrease miscarriage in Sierra Leone

By Jariatu S. Bangura

Country Manager, DKT International Sierra Leone, Michael Enema, has told Concord Times that his organisation is poised to reduce miscarriage to the lowest level in the country.

DKT International is a social marketing and non-profit making organisation.

According to him, maternal mortality rate in Sierra Leone is the highest in the world with 1,360 mothers dying in every 100,000 live births.

KDT International has been operating in Sierra Leone for about five years now, and one of their mandates is to supply hospitals and other health centres with available products of Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA) device targeting the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and prevention of unwanted pregnancies. The medical device is supplied to the required hospitals as and when needed or when requested.

In an inclusive interview with Concord Times, Michael Enema, said Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA) procedure is performed to induce abortion, as a treatment for incomplete spontaneous abortion (otherwise commonly known as miscarriage) or retained fetal and placental tissue, or to obtain a sample of uterine lining (endometrial biopsy). It is generally safe, and serious complications rarely occur.

What is the procedure?



MVA is a medical procedure and a life-saving mechanism for women. It is a medical device used to save the lives of women that experience miscarriage. Most times miscarriages occur during the early stage of pregnancy-from the moment the woman gets pregnant to 14 weeks.

He said different things can occur within the 14 weeks of pregnancy that can lead to the loss of the pregnancy.

He said whenever there is miscarriage, it is but important that a procedure is carried out to prevent further damage to the woman.

He encouraged women to be visiting the hospital for antenatal care at least to get them checked, more especially with specialised doctors at Princess Christian Maternity Hospital (PCMH).

Why PCMH?

Princess Christian Maternity Hospital is a tertiary hospital and is a reference centre in Sierra Leone.

It is one of the easiest and one of the highest concentration of medical personnel in terms of Gynaecology and other professional staff. It is so because all the specialists are there and they are trained to provide all the necessary care that is needed for women. There are several checks that the doctors will conduct just to be sure that everything that ought to leave the woman's body leaves. In Africa, culturally, women are discouraged from going to the hospital and that is the reason for the highest rate of maternal mortality. Woman in Africa are more exposed to things that cause the loss of pregnancies. When a woman gets pregnant, it is important that she looks for a hospital to access antenatal care.

What causes miscarriages in women?

Some miscarriages occur as a result of several reasons. Pregnancy is something that is very delicate, which is why it is important for a pregnant woman to be in the hands of healthcare professionals that will guarantee her safety. If there is anything that makes her prone to miscarriage, they will take care of it and in the event that miscarriage still occurs, it will also be taken care of so that she will get

pregnant again.

What is the guarantee of the MVA?

In terms of efficacy, the MVA is 99% guarantee, effective and safe provided the procedure is carried out by a professional. Abortion is a broad subject but the MVA procedure can be carried out to save the life of the mother. And there is always a law guiding them to carry out the procedure and there is always provision for consent among the doctors before it is carried out.

Who are the other targeted beneficiary healthcare professionals?

The organisation does not only collaborate with Ministry of Health in Freetown, they also train healthcare professionals in the provinces for inclusiveness of those women living in remote communities. They also provide supply to NGOs that are involved with the health of women, but they ensure that there is space created for training of medical staff.

What are the success stories with the use of MVA?

Since 2018 when DKT started its operations in Sierra Leone, the lives of many women have been saved. Before they started operations, death rate was high but as it stands, it has drastically been reduced.

The government and other partners are doing something right although a lot more needs to be done.

LOCAL NEWS

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

A study from the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) in Sydney has placed Sierra Leone 10 out of 54 countries in Africa and 50 in the security index of 163 countries on the planet on earth while the United States is ranked 128 on the list.

While some African countries came in as very hostile, numerous African nations including Sierra Leone were proven to be peaceful. Although Sierra Leone was ranked 5th in Africa in the 2021 global peace index, but the 2022 ranking is also, but encouraging.

Following a political debacle in August of 2022 and the political quagmire that occurred before and after the 2023 June 24 elections, some Sierra Leoneans were with the firm belief that the country was going to lose its position by dropping down on the global peace index, but this report proves otherwise.

Over the years, many Sierra Leoneans consider countries like the US to be the safest haven on earth, little did they know that Sierra Leone is far safer and peaceful to the US.

However, the study used a metric system

known as the Global Peace Index (GPI). The GPI uses 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators from highly respected sources. It measures the state of peace across three domains: the level of societal Safety and Security; the extent of Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict; and the degree of Militarization. The GPI is also determined by factors such as increased military spending, new and emerging uses of technology in the war, its impact on food prices, and global shipping routes.

According to the report, the average level

of global peacefulness deteriorated by 0.3%, largely because of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, however, conflicts in Guinea, and Burkina Faso, also contributed to this decline.

Mauritius and Ghana are the topmost peaceful countries in Africa in 2022.

Outside of this, the report details that the largest improvements occurred in South Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. Additionally, the five countries with the largest improvements in their global peace index were Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, and Algeria.

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Samura Kamara accuses religious leaders of being hypocrite

By Ishmael Dumbuya

The leader of the main opposition APC party, Dr. Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara has accused religious leaders of being hypocrite on his twitter account. The statement was made after the Interreligious Council decided to open a dialogue between the ruling SLPP and the main opposition APC.

According to Kamara, the just concluded election process was marred by violence, intimidation, and abuse of power by the authorities, the country's religious leaders remained quiet in the face of human rights abuses and violation of electoral laws by the government and EC-SL.

"My Fellow Sierra Leoneans, as you all are aware; we are currently in an extremely

challenging post-election environment, marred with expressions of disappointment, anger, grief, and seeming hopelessness.

"Knowing that your votes were not counted and the fact that your electoral commission could not account for your ballots, many of you are questioning the efficacy of elections and by extension, democracy.

"In the face of such deliberate institutional failure and daylight fraud, others, including some "Men of God", are busy running around, desperately preaching Peace. I am compelled to state that many of these "Men and Women" know the Truth; it is just that they are not bold enough to speak the truth where they should.

"May the Fear of God resurrect and prevail in their hearts as well as in those architects of such unprecedented electoral fraud. Meanwhile, let us as good citizens continue to hold on to expectations of Peace, Justice and truth, sooner rather than later. God bless the Republic of Sierra Leone," Dr Samura said in a Tweet.

It could be recalled that after the June 24th election in the country, the main opposition APC refused to accept the results, noting that the elections were rigged, and they will not be taking part in any level of governance involving the ruling SLPP party, including the boycotting of parliament, until all polling stations Reconciliation Forms are published by the Electoral Commission.



Girls top 2023 NPSE ACC calls on new appointees to declare assets

By Jariatu S Bangura

In the just published National Primary School Examinations results, eight girls topped the performing candidates and also sat and passed the 2023 exams with three boys topping the performance as required.

The 2023 National Primary School Examinations (NPSE) results were released by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) to the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) on Saturday, 15th July, 2023, and was published yesterday (18th), 2023.

The highest aggregate T-score obtained in the 2023 NPSE was 339 by Floydaline Davies from the Murray -Deen Preparatory School.

The passes correspond to an overall pass rate of 81.3%, a boys' pass rate of 81.6% and a girls' pass rate of 81.1%. The overall pass rate is very slightly above the 2022 pass rate of 81.2% and the girls' pass rate of 80.5%. Despite the 2023 girls' pass rate being slightly lower than that of the boys, it should

be noted that more girls both sat and passed the examination than boys.

Accordingly, entries for 2023 were 1,792 greater than for the 2022 NPSE. This is an increase of approximately 1%. From the results received, the NPSE candidate entry for 2023 was 163,860 compared to 2022 when it was 162,068. The results received were for 4,790 primary schools compared to 4,635 in 2022. The entry figure comprised of 80,129 (48.9%) boys and 83,731 (51.1%) girls compared with 79,617 (49.1%) boys and 82,451 (50.9%) girls in 2022.

A total of 163,685 candidates (83,640 girls and 80,045 boys) sat at least one subject in the 2023 NPSE, and a total of 175 candidates (91 girls and 84 boys) were absent for all subjects.

Also a total number of 133,129 candidates, of 67,848 girls and 65,281 boys, passed the NPSE in 2023, compared to 131,433 candidates, comprising 65,152 boys and 66,281 girls, who passed the NPSE in 2022.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has on Monday 17th July, through a public notice, called on all newly appointed and former public officers to declare their income, assets and liabilities to the Commission.

Section 119 (1) of the Anti-Corruption Act 2008 as repealed and replaced by Section 9 (a) of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2019, requires all public officials to declare their income, assets and liabilities to the Commission when taking office and when exiting office respectively.

According to this Section, any person, shall "within three months of becoming a public officer, deposit with the Commission a declaration of his income, assets and liabilities and thereafter in every two years that he is public officer, but not later than 31st March of that second year, deposit further declaration of his income, assets and liabilities and also while leaving office."

It further stated that Section 119 (3), also provides that every person who ceases to be a public officer, not later than three months from the date on which he ceases

to be a public officer, except where extended by the Commissioner in writing, he shall file in respect of his assets, income and liabilities covering the period from the date of his or her last declaration to the date on which he is required by this subsection to furnish a declaration.

The notice further said Section 122 (a) of the Anti-Corruption Act 2008 as amended by the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2019, stipulates that; it is an offence if a public officer who fails to declare his or her assets, and upon conviction will pay a fine of not less than Twenty Million (Old) Leones (Le20, 000,000) or imprisonment for a term not less than one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

"The Commission is therefore urging all serving Public Officers and former Public Officers who have not deposited their Assets Declaration Forms with the ACC to do so immediately, failing which the Commission will, after the stipulated deadlines, invoke the penal provisions of the Act or other measures that will ensure full compliance, which shall include a directive to withhold their salaries, benefits and or Criminal Prosecution," the notice stated.



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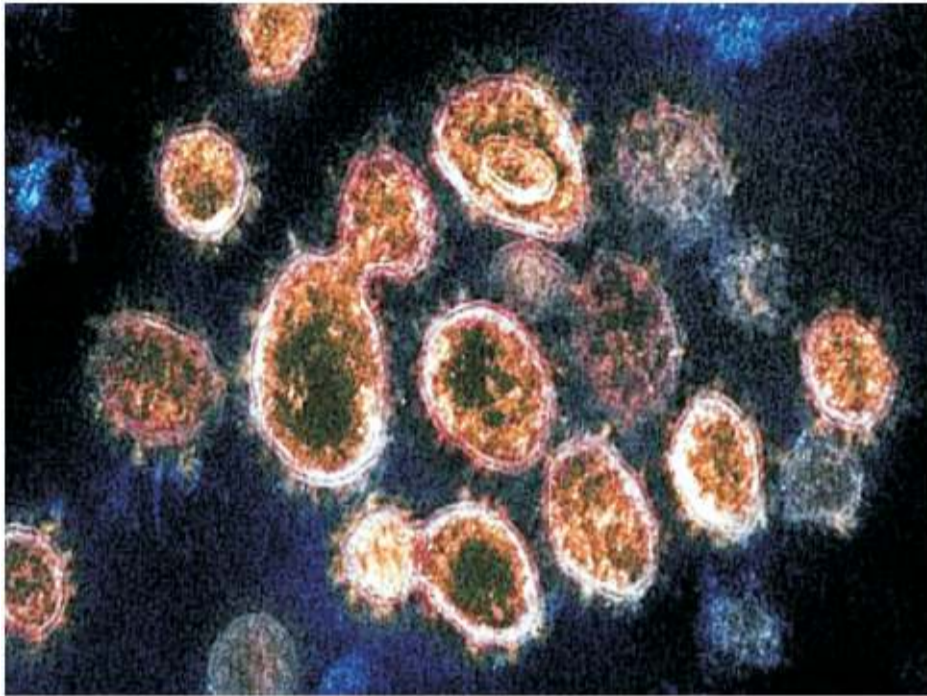
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Nigeria confirms first case of Anthrax, all you need to know about the disease



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Nigeria may have recorded index cases of anthrax, a bacterial disease that affects domestic and wild animals and can infect human beings.

According to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, on Monday, officially confirmed the development in a statement signed by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria, Columba Vakuru.

Mr Vakuru is reported to have, said animals showing signs of a possible case of anthrax on a farm in Suleja, Niger State, were reported to his office on 14 July.

"The case was in a multi-specie animal farm comprising of cattle, sheep and goats located at Gajiri, along Abuja-Kaduna expressway in Suleja Local Government Area, Niger State, where some of the animals had symptoms including oozing of blood from their body openings – anus, nose, eyes and ears." Part of the statement read. About Anthrax and how it spreads to humans and livestock

According to experts, anthrax outbreaks are fairly common worldwide and mostly affect agricultural workers.

Humans become sick with the disease by handling animal products such as wool, hide or bone from animals infected with the anthrax bacterium, NAN reported.

Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. The bacteria lives in the soil and usually infects wild and domestic animals, such as goats, cattle and sheep.

According to the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), those with pulmonary anthrax

are at risk of respiratory collapse and suffer the highest mortality rate of any anthrax victims, with 92 per cent of cases resulting in death.

The CDC said the third form of the disease, gastrointestinal anthrax, can occur when a person consumes the meat of an anthrax-infected animal.

"This is the rarest form of anthrax in the United States, but it can be deadly: Between 20 and 60 per cent of all gastrointestinal-anthrax cases result in death," it said.

According to the U.S. National Library of Medicine, the most common form of the disease, cutaneous anthrax, was contracted when bacteria spores enter the body through a cut or scrape on the skin.

Of the three forms of the disease – cutaneous, pulmonary and gastrointestinal, cutaneous anthrax is the easiest to treat with antibiotics.

It is said that anthrax can also be inhaled into the human respiratory tract – this pulmonary method of infection is most common among those who process wool and animal hides.

The U.S. was hit by an anthrax scare in September 2001 after letters containing anthrax spores were mailed to several news media offices and politicians, killing five and infecting 17 others.

Meanwhile, in October 2014, an outbreak of gastrointestinal and skin anthrax in a village in Jharkhand, India, reportedly killed seven people, and in July 2016, nearly 100 people from nomadic communities in northern Siberia were hospitalised with the disease.

Democracy triumphs: African youth rally on Mandela's 105th

On what would have been the late Nelson Mandela's 105th birthday, the Ichikowitz Family Foundation released key findings from the Africa-wide African Youth Survey (AYS), showcasing significant support for democracy among the continent's rising generation.

Conducted over four years, the survey engaged over 4,500 young Africans between 18-24 years old from 15 countries.

According to the AYS, a clear majority (55%) considered Nelson Mandela the most impactful figure on Africa, far surpassing Barack Obama at 12%.

The study also highlighted that 74% of respondents believe democracy is the best form of government, but 53% emphasized the need for an Africa-centric model instead of replicating Western-style democracy.

However, the survey revealed obstacles hindering Mandela's dream of a democratic future. More than half (53%) mistrust national leaders and elected officials, making the political establishment the least trusted institution.

Discrimination experiences affected 47% of

participants, and only 52% believed their countries treated everyone fairly under the law.

The study also shed light on the issue of equality and gender-based discrimination. The majority (83%) felt their countries should do more to protect ethnic minorities' rights, while concerns over women's rights and gender-based violence affected 79% and 81% of respondents, respectively.

Regarding LGBTQ rights, opinions were divided. Only 38% called for more support for LGBTQ people, while 59% expressed satisfaction with their community's status quo.

Ivor Ichikowitz, Chairman and Founder of the Ichikowitz Family Foundation, emphasized that Nelson Mandela's legacy remains a work in progress, urging the younger generation to be catalysts for change and uphold the mission for a democratic Africa equal for all to thrive.

The AYS findings offer a profound glimpse into the thoughts and aspirations of Africa's youth and highlight the importance of continuing Mandela's vision for a united and democratic continent.

UN urges world to prepare for more extreme weather

The UN alerted on Tuesday for the need to prepare for more intense heatwaves, urging everyone to draw up their own "contingency plans" to cope with extreme temperatures day and night.

"So we are seeing continuing growth in the frequency, duration and intensity of heat waves and this is entirely consistent with the science of global warming and IPCC reports. These events will continue to grow in intensity and the world needs to prepare for more intense heatwaves", said John Nairn, Extreme weather and climate specialist, an expert with the UN's World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

According to experts, heat-trapping greenhouse gases are the cause of climate change.

Gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and

nitrous oxide play a crucial role in preventing some of the sun's rays from being reflected back into space.

"One of the noticeable phenomena that we've seen is that the growth in simultaneous heatwaves around the northern hemisphere has increased six fold since the 1980s. This trend shows no sign of decreasing. It's also worth noting for the current event that July and August are the most critical months for extreme heatwaves. We've already seen them impact Asia, North and Central America, Africa, the Middle East and now Europe. So I'm not telling fibs. It is increasing", concluded the expert.

Experts agree that the best way to stop climate change is to eliminate fossil fuels replacing it with clean and sustainable forms of energy.

Here is why South Africa is the most internet-addicted country in the world

In a study revealing the digital habits of people worldwide, South Africans emerged as the most voracious internet users, spending a staggering average of at least 9.5 hours online per day in 2022.

This figure surpassed the global average by a notable three hours, as reported by Atlas VPN, a Delaware-based virtual private network (VPN) platform.

The study, which delved into internet usage patterns across 46 countries among individuals aged between 16 and 64, sourced its data from reputable sources like social media research firm We Are Social and social media intelligence platform Meltwater.

One of the driving factors behind South Africa's internet enthusiasm is the increasing accessibility of the web across the country and the African continent. In 2020, around 70% of South Africans had internet access, a figure that has likely grown since then.

By 2023, the nation boasted 43.48 million internet users, showcasing an impressive penetration rate of 72.3% among its population of 60.14 million. The South African government aims to achieve universal web access for all its citizens' households by 2024, further fueling the digital surge.

Despite South Africa's internet speed lagging behind the global average, the nation has been making strides in improving connectivity. In 2021, the country was ranked 68th globally for its digital quality of life. Moreover, South Africa stood out in terms of mobile and broadband internet affordability within Africa, along with commendable mobile internet stability.

Globally, mobile internet usage has become the leading mode of connectivity, particularly in sub-

Saharan Africa, where smartphones have emerged as the primary medium for accessing the web.

The study by Atlas VPN highlighted the top reasons for South Africans spending their time online, which included seeking information (57.8%), staying connected with friends and family (53.7%), staying up-to-date with news and events (50.9%), watching videos (49.7%), and acquiring knowledge on various subjects (47.6%).

Apart from South Africa, several other nations exhibited remarkable internet addiction. Brazil topped the list, with an average daily internet usage of 9 hours and 32 minutes, closely followed by the Philippines (9 hours and 14 minutes), Argentina, and Colombia, both tied at 9 hours and 1 minute.

Notably, the United States and Singapore were also noted for dedicating an above-average amount of time to internet browsing, with a daily average of 419 minutes (6 hours and 59 minutes).

On the other end of the spectrum, some European countries, such as Denmark, Austria, and Germany, spent less time online than the global average. East Asian countries, like China and Japan, also lagged behind in daily internet usage, with figures of five hours and 25 minutes and three hours and 45 minutes, respectively.

Globally, the overall average time spent online has witnessed a gradual decline, down by 20 minutes (4.8%) from 2021. This shift is likely attributed to the world moving past the COVID-19 phase, where internet usage saw a significant surge due to lockdowns and restrictions.

As technology continues to evolve and internet infrastructure improves worldwide, the global internet landscape is bound to undergo further transformations, affecting how people interact and engage with the online world.

Chad junta leader pardons 110 people held over October protests

Chadian leader General Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno has pardoned 110 more people sentenced to jail terms following deadly protests against the regime last October.

Demonstrations against the extension of Deby's transitional rule broke out last October in the capital N'Djamena and several other towns.

Deby was proclaimed head of state by the army in April 2021 after the death of his father, Idriss Deby Itno, who was killed during anti-rebel operations after ruling for 30 years.

"Persons tried and sentenced for acts of unauthorised assembly, intentional assault and battery, arson, (and) destruction of property... following the events of October 20... benefit from a presidential pardon," read the decree, signed by Deby.

More than 600 young men, including at least 80 minors, were arrested in N'Djamena on October 20 and in the following days, and then sent to a prison in the desert town of Koro Toro more than 600 kilometres (370 miles) away.

After months of detention, they were tried without

legal representation.

More than half were sentenced to prison terms, while the others were given suspended sentences or released.

Local and international rights groups claimed that dozens or even hundreds of people were tortured or executed on the way to Koro Toro, a claim denied by the authorities.

Mahamat El-Hadj Abba Nana, public prosecutor at the N'Djamena Court of Appeal, told AFP that the 110 people pardoned had been tried and sentenced to between 18 months and five years in prison in Koro Toro, N'Djamena and Moundou, the country's second-largest city.

A total of 436 people convicted of taking part in last October's protests have now been pardoned by Chadian authorities in less than four months.

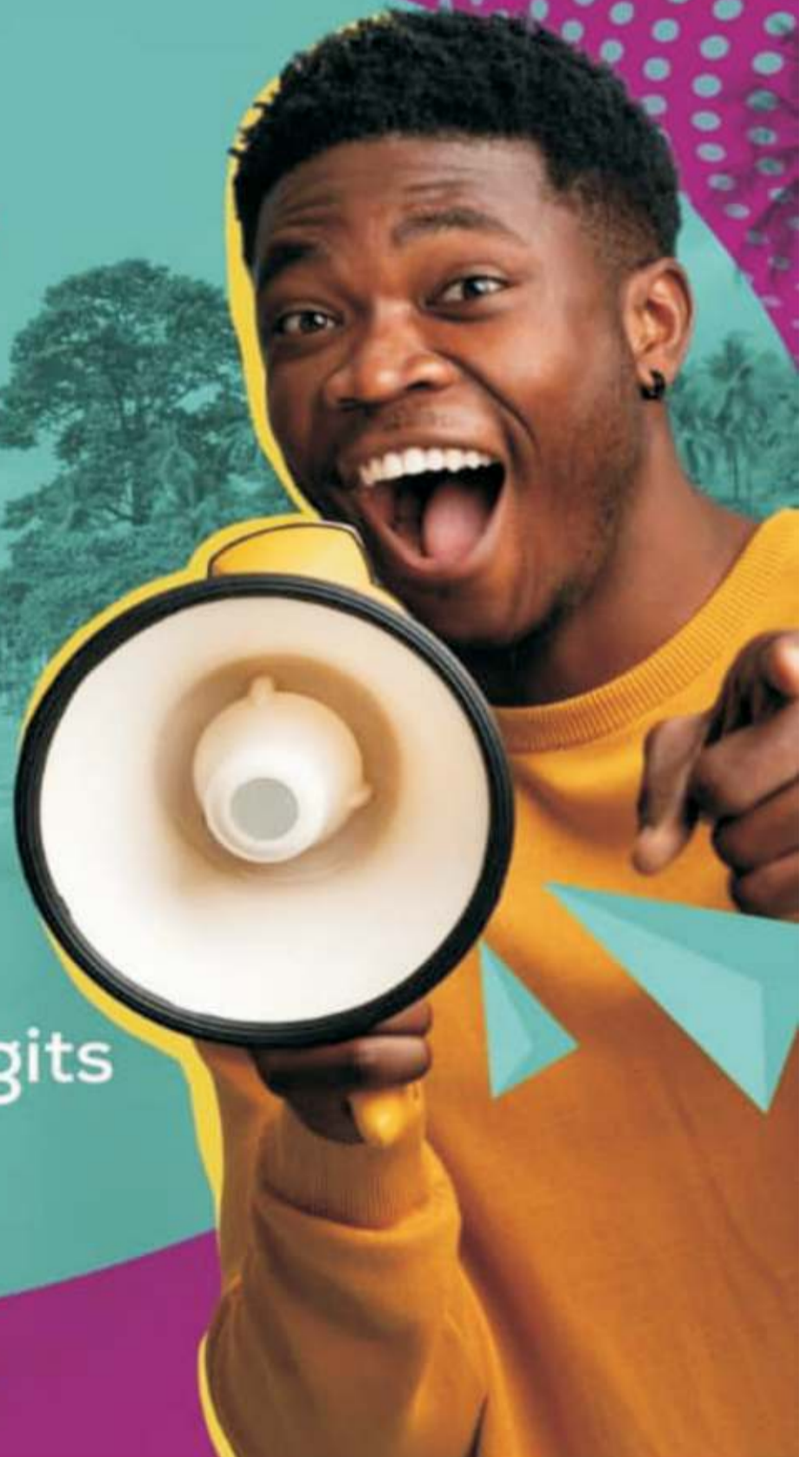
At the end of March, 259 demonstrators sentenced to prison terms were pardoned under a similar decree, followed by a second wave of 67 people in May.

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ADMINISTRATION PROJECT

BANK NAME: SIERRA LEONE COMMERCIAL BANK

ADDRESS: 29/31 SIAKA STEVENS STREET,
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Purchased bids must be collected by the bidder/representative.

1. The Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Finance has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (SLLAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement to design, supply, and install Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS), Rovers and related trainings. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
2. The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP), through the Project Coordinating Unit now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Procurement of service to design, supply and install Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS), Rovers and related trainings in Sierra Leone, within a contract duration of eleven (11) calendar months.
3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, November 2020 version ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning - Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (SLLAP), West Wing of third floor, Youyi Building Brookfields, Freetown. E-mail address is sllaproject@gmail.com, copying alphajohcham@yahoo.com and joejoe7787@yahoo.com. Bidding document can be inspected during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours Sierra Leone time at the address given below.
5. The bidding document is in English language and may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One thousand One Hundred and Fifty New Sierra Leone Leones (SLE 1,150) or in a convertible currency. The method of payment will be direct bank deposit, using the following account details:
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Tuesday the 30th of August, 2023 at 15:30 Sierra Leone Time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on Tuesday, the 30th of August, 2023 at 15:50 Sierra Leone Time.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Six Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand New Sierra Leone Leones (SLE 697,000) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
9. The address referred to above is:
Alphajoh Cham (PhD), Project Coordinator
Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (SLLAP), Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP)
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Specific Procurement Notice (as posted earlier)

Freetown, Sierra Leone
June 30, 2023

Re: Fiscal Agent Services Ref: SLCDU/CDF/QCBS/2022/03

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone ("Government") has applied for grant funding from the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), called a Compact, and, if awarded the grant funding, intends to apply a part of the proceeds of that funding to payments for contracts for goods, works and services. The Government has formed the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit ("SLCDU") within the Office of the Vice President for the purpose of developing the Compact. To facilitate the development and implementation of the Compact, MCC and the Government have entered into a grant agreement, dated March 3, 2022 (as amended or otherwise modified from time to time, the "CDF Agreement"), whereby MCC granted to the Government an amount not to exceed US\$11,970,375 under the authority of Section 609(g) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended (the "Act"). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Compact related agreements, and the availability of funds, the Government intends to use a portion of the funds and the CDF agreement to finance professional fiscal agent services from a legally constituted firm ("Fiscal Agent" or "Consultant") to assist the Government with the implementation of the compact program in a transparent and sound manner. The Fiscal Agent will provide such support in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement (the "Fiscal Agent Agreement"), a form of which is attached to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") in Section VI.

In issuing this RFP, the Government is represented by SLCDU. SLCDU will continue to represent the Government in matters related to the Compact and Fiscal Agent Agreement until such time as the Government establishes the Millennium Challenge Account Sierra Leone ("MCA-Sierra Leone") to serve as the accountable entity for implementing the Compact. Prior to the establishment of MCA-Sierra Leone, any references to actions taken or rights received by MCA-Sierra Leone or the MCA Entity in this RFP, including in the Form of Contract, shall be taken or received by SLCDU on behalf of the Government, and any references herein to MCA-Sierra Leone or the MCA Entity shall be deemed to mean SLCDU during this period.

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (the "Government" or "GoSL") and the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), a United States government agency, have entered into a Compact Development Funding Agreement ("CDF Agreement") dated March 3, 2022, through which MCC provided approximately \$11.97 million to facilitate the development and implementation of the Compact.

Four projects are currently proposed for inclusion in the Compact, which are subject to the MCC Board's review and approval;

1. The **Transmission Backbone Project** will focus on increasing the coverage and capacity of the transmission network to improve its resilience and operations and maintenance.
2. The **Distribution and Access Project** will focus on increasing the reliable delivery and consumption of electricity in Sierra Leone while reducing barriers to access among potential customers.
3. The **Cost-Effective Power Supply Project** will focus on increasing the supply of lower cost renewable electricity in Sierra Leone.
4. The **Power Sector Reform Project** will focus on improving the financial sustainability of the electricity sector in Sierra Leone.

The Government plans to establish MCA-Sierra Leone to oversee and implement the proposed compact program in accordance with the terms of the Compact. Until such time as MCA-Sierra Leone is established, SLCDU is acting on behalf of the Government in all matters related to the CDF Agreement and Compact.

MCA-Sierra Leone requires the services of the Fiscal Agent ("FA") for a base period of twelve (12) months at a fixed price. Thereafter, MCA-Sierra Leone will require six (6) 12-month option periods at a fixed price. However, the final option period (Option Period 6) may be more or less than 12 months and will include a 120-day period after the expiration of the Compact. For purposes of preparing proposals, Consultants should assume that the final option period (Option Period 6) will be for full 12 months from the time of option effectiveness. Despite this, Option Period 6 will vary in actual implementation, and could be shorter or longer than 12 months, including the 120-day closure period. At least one year prior to exercising the 6th option, the payment for this period will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis (using the evaluated Option Period 6 price

above as the basis) to account for the actual number of days that Option Period 6 will cover.

This Request for Proposal, the RFP, follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in dgMarket on May 5, 2023, and UNDB Online on May 4, 2023.

SLCDU now invites proposals from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations to provide the Fiscal Agent services ("Proposals"). More details on these services are provided in the Terms of Reference in Section V of this RFP.

This RFP is open to all eligible entities ("Consultants") who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the RFP, consultants may associate with other consultants to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment.

A Consultant will be selected under the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection ("QCBS")** method, an evaluation procedure that is described in Section III of the RFP in accordance with the "MCC Program Procurement Guidelines" provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

The RFP includes the following Sections:

PART 1 – PROPOSAL AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section I Instructions to Consultants ("ITC")

This section provides information to help Consultants prepare their Proposals; it also provides information on the submission, opening, and evaluation of Proposals and on the award of the proposed contract.

Section II Proposal Data Sheet ("PDS")

This section includes provisions that are specific to this procurement and that supplement Section I, Instructions to Consultants.

Section III Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

This section specifies the qualifications required of the Consultant and the criteria to be used to evaluate their Proposal.

Section IV A Technical Proposal Forms

This section provides the Technical Proposal Forms that Consultants are to complete and submit in a separate envelope as part of their total Proposals.

Section IV B Financial Proposal Forms

This section provides the Financial Proposal Forms that Consultants are to complete and submit in a separate envelope as part of their total Proposals.

Section V Terms of Reference

This Section includes the detailed Terms of Reference that describe the nature, tasks, and duties of the consulting services to be procured.

PART 2 – CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Section VI Contract Agreement

This section contains the draft form of a Contract, including the annexes, which SLCDU proposes to enter with the winning Consultant.

Please note that a Pre-Proposal Conference will be held as described in the Proposal Data Sheet ("PDS"), Section II of the RFP. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory but is strongly advised for all interested Consultants or their representatives.

Consultants interested in receiving the RFP and submitting a Proposal should register using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/igVDug2jKE>. **Consultants should provide their correct email contact details. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this RFP.**

Proposals must be delivered electronically to the address and in the manner specified in the PDS ITC 17, no later than 4:00pm Sierra Leone Time, (GMT+0), on August 9, 2023.

Please note that only electronic Proposals shall be accepted. Late Proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely,
Ndeye F. Koroma
National Coordinator
Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit
Office of the Vice President (OVP)

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Agriculture Value Chain Development Project



Recruitment of Eighteen (18) Inland Valley Swamp (IVS) Technicians

1. Introduction

The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) 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 (AVDP). The project is placed under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) and managed by a Program Implementation Unit (PIU). AVDP is a six year project and will be implemented in all 15 agricultural districts of the country. The goal of AVDP is livelihoods and climate change resilience of rural farming households in Sierra Leone improved, while the **project development objective (PDO)** is to promote agriculture as a business for enhanced incomes and reduced rural poverty, among 42,985 rural households. Government intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this funding to eligible payments for the engagement of Eighteen (18) IVS Technicians.

2. Specific Duties and Responsibilities

Under the Supervision of The Regional Irrigation Engineer, the IVS Technician will be required to liaise with the Ministry of Agriculture (AED) and IVS FBO/IVS Community to perform the following technical task and report:

1. Ensure that water control structures are done correctly with reference to earth work guide, design and specification.
2. Work with community beneficiary or labour force to make sure that bunds are constructed according to earth work guide, design and specification.
3. Work in collaboration with Youth contractors to mobilize members or labour for work during IVS rehabilitation.
4. In collaboration with youth contractors mark time sheet, technical field work and work achieve on a daily bases at each IVS location.
5. Update AED/MAF and AVDP Irrigation Engineer on work achieve every two weeks (biweekly report) at each IVS site.
6. Report to AED/MAF and Regional Irrigation Engineer of any mishap going on in the field.
7. In collaboration with FBO members, provide local construction materials like sand, aggregates/boulders, bamboo canes, sticks/bush pole to be used as pegs etc. free of cost during IVS rehabilitation/development.
8. In collaboration with IVS beneficiary community or labour force shall be responsible for IVS field implementation, operation and maintenance of the IVS to achieve full development/rehabilitation.
9. In consultation with the AED/MAF and AVDP Irrigation Engineer, shares progress reports of rehabilitation work with PMU/AVDP, MAF visitors, IFAD Supervision Missions.
10. Undertake and supervise labour on specialize duties related to finishing of IVS infrastructures such as: finishing of bed level of drains and canals, slicing of bunds, drains and canals, placement of boulders on the downstream end of the spillway etc.
11. Serve as site supervisor/works foreman in the absence of the AED/MAF Engineer and the AVDP IVS TEAM.
12. Participate effectively during supervision and monitoring by AVDP and MAF staff. This include the supply of information related to the work and measurements of lengths, distances and areas of infrastructures.
13. Guide in the formulation of work time tables / schedules for the effective use of Community labour
14. develop a cluster of five IVS sites each (Minimum of 50ha)

3. Duration.

The Technician will be engaged for initial period of twelve (12) months, renewal will be based on satisfactory performance.

4. Qualification

- At least a certificate in IVS rehabilitation/development or a diploma in civil engineering, irrigation (preferably IVS), agricultural engineering or an equivalent field
- Minimum of 5 years' experience in developing irrigation schemes or experience in Inland Valley Swamp rehabilitation/development

5. Submission of Application:

Interested candidates should submit their applications including cover letter, Curriculum Vitae and relevant certificates to avdppmu@gmail.com on or before, Friday, 21st July, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Please ensure that the subject of the email bears the description: " Application for the Post of IVS Technician"



AVDP

Agriculture Value Chain Development Project



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Individual Consultants Selection)

Country: Sierra Leone

Project: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE ASSESSMENT DESIGN AND FORMULATION OF A PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

Reference No. SLE-2000001544-0009-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 the Assessment Design and Formulation of a Partnership Strategy**

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:

- Study the existing national and international best practices and lessons learned in identifying, managing, assessing, and sustaining partnership.
- Propose a partnership framework containing the partnership life cycle (from identifying to close and exit) that works best for AVDP.
- Identify and define key partners (public, private, Governmental and Non-governmental Agencies, community-based organizations (CBOs), Commercial business houses both local and international and international organisation) as potential partners for AVDP.
- Identify key factors for effective partnership in the context of AVDP.
- Recommend partner exit mechanism (for all work components) that works best for AVDP and its partners;
- Develop a partnership agreement model considering the mode of partnership and the sector the partner represents;
- Develop the required tools

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 REOI, (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:

1. **Qualification:** Master's degree in the fields related to Development Studies/ International relations and/or Organizational Development/Business Administration =. **30 marks**
2. **Experience:**
 - i. At least ten years working experience in recognized organizations in the field of policy, strategy development and/or managing similar systems in Sierra Leone =. **30 marks**
 - ii. Experience in developing data collection tools, data analysis and transforming of the data into analytical reports and strategies = **15 marks**
 - iii. Experience in sub-Saharan Africa = **10 marks**
3. Presentation of CV and Cover Note, including Career profile highlights = **5 marks**

Clarifications may be requested by e-mail not later than 14th July, 2023, so that responses can be issued to all consultants not later than 17th July, 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 **20th July, 2023** at 16:00 GMT.

Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

23 Torwama Road, Freetown
avdppmu@gmail.com

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Independent Auditors' report To the Shareholders of Ecobank Sierra Leone Limited (revised)

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Statement of consolidated comprehensive income	Company		Group	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Interest and similar income	302,865	177,060	252,763	168,862
Interest expenses and similar charges	(28,607)	(1,523)	(24,015)	(18,857)
Net interest income	274,258	175,537	228,748	149,999
Fee and commission income	53,528	58,706	57,206	62,895
Fee and commission expenses	(4,534)	(1,483)	(2,534)	(1,483)
Net fee and commission income	48,994	57,223	54,672	61,412
Net trading income	41,798	31,669	45,366	39,197
Other income	22,629	1,477	22,607	3,338
Net impairment loss on loans, advances and other	(1,255)	(4,821)	(4,940)	(6,975)
Provision for doubtful debts	(5,287)	(3,291)	(4,980)	(44,162)
Depreciation and amortisation	(2,714)	(7,670)	(10,034)	(10,224)
Other expenses	(8,532)	(7,269)	(9,214)	(9,739)
Profit before income tax	164,531	184,972	170,888	111,292
Income tax expense	(21,950)	(25,193)	(26,128)	(21,959)
Profit for the year	142,581	159,779	144,760	89,333
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—
Deferred benefit plus actuarial loss on defined benefit obligation	(8,320)	(3,854)	(8,320)	(4,199)
Related tax	1,964	973	1,999	1,653
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax	(6,356)	(2,881)	(6,321)	(2,546)
Total comprehensive income	136,225	156,898	138,439	86,787

Statement of consolidated financial position as at 31 December	Company		Group	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	68,165	58,221	1,452,212	1,573,367
Loans and advances to customers	296,084	344,815	902,744	471,885
Investment in equity	31,881	71,801	814,285	740,651
Investment securities	196,811	68,225	52,024	49,253
Property and equipment	42,659	38,526	1,643	2,623
Intangible assets	977	1,914	1,643	1,643
Deferred tax asset	3,856	4,577	3,856	3,857
Other assets	128,889	27,283	1,121,251	33,315
Current tax assets	5,574	—	2,708	1,572
Goodwill	—	—	4,294	4,186
Total assets	2,313,814	1,633,386	2,880,124	1,819,154
Liabilities				
Deposits from customers	1,806,011	1,342,385	1,880,119	1,393,591
Deposits from banks	64,967	11,275	64,967	18,275
Deferred benefit obligations	28,249	18,275	31,185	19,223
Deferred tax liability	1,278	233	1,278	6,715
Income tax liability	71,282	52,640	84,489	79,911
Other liabilities	1,867,189	1,323,376	2,171,666	1,512,189
Total liabilities	4,538,976	3,048,114	4,236,704	3,039,884
Equity				
Share capital	84,507	84,507	84,507	84,507
Share premium	166,278	94,555	128,688	109,070
Statutory reserve	9,965	9,965	14,328	9,470
Credit risk reserve	148,782	67,475	158,068	151,967
Reserve for contingencies	(8,277)	(1,876)	(8,448)	(1,648)
Other reserves	345,888	311,570	378,468	316,945
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the bank	2,313,814	1,633,386	2,580,124	1,819,154
Total liabilities and equity	4,538,976	3,048,114	4,236,704	3,039,884

These consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 March 2023.

[Signature] Acting Chairman
[Signature] Managing Director
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The notes on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. The notes on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. The notes on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mass cattle deaths in Liberia: Sierra Leone temporarily bans livestock movement

By Alfred Koroma

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) has temporarily banned movement of cattle, goats, and sheep along its border with Liberia. The Ministry has also prohibited the entrance of meat and meat products from Liberia into Sierra Leone, and restricts the movement of the livestock and meat products from Kailahun, Kenema and Pujehun to other districts within Sierra Leone.

The move follows reports of mass deaths of cattle in the neighbouring country. Earlier this month, 36 cows were found dead in the cow fields along the Foya- Mendekorma Highway at the Liberian town of Kelima Bendu, four miles away from the border with Kailahun District, Sierra Leone.

In addition to the preventive measures taken, the Ministry and partners have also put in place surveillance measures in slaughterhouses, for sick animals and humans with signs and symptoms of anthrax in Kailahun, Kenema and Pujehun, according to a press statement from the Ministry. All livestock markets in the three Sierra Leonean Districts have been ordered to close.

The measures have been instituted as a team of coordinated inter-governmental animal health specialists under the ONE HEALTH PLATFORM in neighboring Liberia investigates the death of 36 cattle in the Liberian town which lies closer to Sierra Leone.



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- Minimum five years' experience in servicing heavy duty equipment (CAT), preferably in mining operations.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to repair components
- Able to analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
- Knowledge in MS word, Excel Hydraulic system, Pneumatic, Cat SIS, Schematic reading and ET will be an added advantage
- Able to analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems
- Holder of heavy-duty Sierra Leone driving license
- Performs all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations

Auto Electrician x 1

Qualification and Experience:

- Certificate /Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering/ Trade test Certificate
- Minimum five years' experience in servicing heavy industrial equipment, preferably in mining operations.
- Ability to work on CAT, Komatsu, and Toyota equipment

- Knowledge in MS Word, Excel Hydraulic system, Pneumatic, Cat SIS, Schematic reading and ET will be an added advantage
- Able to analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems
- Holder of a heavy-duty Sierra Leone driving license
- Perform all tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations.
- Knowledge in high voltage equipment is an added advantage

Welder (1 Person)

Qualification and Experience:

- Diploma in Welding/ Trade test Certificate
- Minimum five years' experience in welding and plating, preferably in mining operations.
- Operate welding and plating equipment safely and to promote safe work habits
- Weld components in flat, vertical, or overhead positions
- Detect faulty operation of equipment or defective materials notify supervisors
- Operate manual or semi-automatic welding equipment to fuse metal segments, using processes like gas tungsten arc, gas metal arc, flux-cored arc, shielded metal arc.
- Recognize, set up, and also operate hand as well as power tools common to the welding trade.
- Lay out, position, align, and also secure parts assemblies prior to assembly, using straightedges, combination squares, calipers, and also rulers
- Analyze engineering drawings, specifications, sketches, work orders, and also material safety data sheets to plan layout, assembly, and also welding operations
- Weld separately or in combination, using aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, and also other alloys
- Determine required equipment welding methods, applying knowledge of metallurgy, geometry, and also welding techniques
- Mark or tag material with proper job number, piece marks, and also other identifying marks as required
- Prepare all material surfaces to be welded.
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations.

Interested candidates are requested to forward application including updated CV's to the Human Resource Office, BCM Sierra Leone Ltd via Email: bcmrecruitmentsl@gmail.com

OR to: Kingho Employment Office.

These positions can lead to career progressions within the Company for the right motivated person.

Qualified Women are encouraged to apply.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for written and practical test.

Closing date for all applications is on the 31st July, 2023.



Request for Proposals Design and Supervision of Office Space Remodeling

The United Nations Children's Fund wishes to invite Proposals for the Design and Supervision of Office Space Remodeling.

Please visit the United Nations Global Market (UNGM) Website and download the tender documents. Please see the link for this Request for Proposal below:

[Design and supervision of office space remodeling \(ungm.org\)](https://ungm.org)

The submission deadline for is Wednesday 26th July at 10.am.

Proposers are requested to submit any requests in respect of this RFPS to srl-procurementrequests@unicef.org by Friday 14th July at 1700 hours.

Proposals are to be submitted to the email addresses indicated in the Tender Documents.

There will be no Bid Conference.



Request for Proposals LTA for General Premises, Building and Electrical Maintenance Works

The United Nations Children's Fund invites tenders for Premises Maintenance, Building and Electrical Works through a Long-Term Agreement for an initial period of 24 months with possible extension for another 12 months.

Please visit the United Nations Global Market (UNGM) Website and download the tender documents.

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