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A coalition of Civil Society Organizations has called on President Bio to appoint a substantive Auditor General to enhance transparency and accountability in management of state resources and state funds.

"It is barely two years now when the office of the Auditor General has no substantive person appointed by the President to serve as Auditor General," the Civil Society Organizations, Health Alert and the RMNCAH Coalition said in a joint press statement published yesterday, 22 August.

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LOCAL NEWS Le 500M: Jagaba boosts APC Mayors, MPs, Councilors

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Team Jagaban has on behalf of the Jagaban Foundation presented a total sum of Five Hundred Million Leones check and in cash old Leones (Le.500, 000.000) to the All Peoples Congress (APC) party executives at the party headquarters in Freetown.

According to the team, the money is meant to continue to courage the elected APC Members of Parliament, Mayors and Councilors, who boycotted governance as suggested by the party. Mohamed Lamin Fulah, National Public Relation Officer, Team Jagaban said Sheku Mohamed Omodu Kamara aka Jagaba made the donation in order to consolidate the sacrifice made by the APC elected officials stand for the interest of the party.

He said the money is a small token which shows appreciations of the selfless service of the party elected officials.

While officially presenting the sum to the APC Executives, Adel Karim Dandas, National Campaign Manager, Team Jagaban explained the breakdown of the money.

He said 52 MPs will receive 209 Million Old Leones and the Mayors and their Deputies will receive 38 Million Old Leones and the Councilors 236,500 Million.

He said Jagaban is very steadfast in ensuring that the APC remains strong

despite the fight to bring the party down.

He, on behalf of Jagaban, thanked the party executives for their resilience and hard work, strength and power in ensuring the right things are done.

Current Leader of the APC, Dr. Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara highlighted several assistances Sheik Mohamed Kamara has been offering to Sierra Leone in the US.

He said the party will never prefer taking to the street instead of thriving to a peaceful path.

The APC Secretary General, on behalf of the party thanked Team Jagaban and Jagaban for remembering the party at a difficult.

He emphasised that it is not only about the money, but that the money is a symbol of love and support to manifest to the APC elected officials that people are watching them and are in solidarity with them.

Dumbuya also thanked the APC elected officials for their sacrifice despite the continuous temptation and anxiety.

Deputy Chairman of the APC described the donation as a token that sends a message to those who made themselves as sacrificial lamb against egregious against democracy.

He said the APC will not do anything unlawful, as it would seek justice through lawful means in accordance with law.



Secretary General of the APC receiving the check on behalf the party

Specialist: 60% of drug addicts are secondary school kids

By Hassan G. Koroma

Senior Specialist at the country's mental health hospital has disclosed that 60% of drug addicts currently admitted in the hospital are secondary school pupils, while 11% are university students. He further disclosed that 10% of the cases are children between 10 to 15 years old, adding that one third of the cases are unemployed youth with only 12% employed.

He said the data shows that harmful drug is not only taken by jobless youth, but also gainfully employed youth as well.

Dr. Abdul Jalloh was addressing the press at the Ministry of Information weekly press briefing on the state of drug abuse in the country.

He said they collect data on the use of drugs in the country in every six month, adding that from 2020 to 2022 they have registered about 2,800 cases of drug abuse.

He stated that there was huge increase in drug abuse from 2% in

2020 to 40% in 2022.

He said 30% mental health cases are caused by the use of tramadol and 63% are caused by kush, adding that 92% of the cases are male and 72% are between the ages of 20 to 34.

He said 72% of the cases are youth within the urban area.

Dr. Jalloh said the intake of drugs affect the human brain and also causes several damage to the kidney, liver and the heart, hence many addicts are experiencing swollen foot.



CSOs urge Bio to appoint substantive Auditor General

From Cover

In November 2021, President Bio controversially suspended the country's substantive Auditor General, Lara Taylor-Pearce along with her deputy, Tamba Momoh. Taylor-Pearce's suspension came just weeks before she was due to present a hard-hitting audit report on the government's 2020 financial expenditure.

After suspending her, the President set up a three-man tribunal to investigate the Auditor General and her deputy for alleged misconduct and lack of professional performance. Since then, there has been no head way on the outcome of the tribunal. And the country has rounded two financial years without a substantive Auditor General.

Abdul Aziz, then Deputy Auditor General of Ministries and Local Authorities at Audit Service Sierra Leone was chosen by the President to act as Acting Auditor General in the absence of Taylor-Pearce.

The office of the Auditor-General is very critical in overseeing the management of state resources and state funds, the Executive Director of Health Alert, Victor Lansana Koroma told the press during the organization's meeting with the press and other CSOs.

The Audit Service Act of 2014 demands the appointment of an Auditor-General as head of the Audit Service Sierra Leone, in line with Section 119 of the country's Constitution.

"The role of the Auditor-General is pivotal in ensuring the effective management of public resources and uncovering instances of corruption and mismanagement of the state resources



hence safeguard the nation's finances and promote accountability," Health Alert and RMNCAH Coalition wrote in their press statement.

"The absence of a competent and substantive Auditor-General jeopardizes the government's ability to maintain fiscal discipline and accountable use of public resources," the CSOs added, describing the Auditor General's office as an essential component of the country's governance system that restores confidence in donors and other development partners.

They reiterated that the need to appoint a substantive Auditor General is urgent, and it gives confidence to the donors, multilateral and bi-lateral partners in the management of public funds and ensure the government's adherence to sound financial practices.

Health Alert and the RMNCAH Coalition also urged for the financial and operational independence of the Audit Service Sierra Leone to be respected and not subjected to the direction or control of any person or authority.

Three jailed for alleged arson

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Adekali Suma, Mohamed Bangura and Kamanda Sankoh made another appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngeba of the Pademba Road Court No.1 and they were remanded to the Male Correctional Centre at Pademba Road for alleged arson. The accused persons were before the court on a count charge to wit arson contrary to Section 3 of the Malicious Damage Act 1861.

It was alleged that on a certain date,

6 July 2022 at No.4 Mammah Lane, Kambia, Rayberay Village, all the accused persons did burn down the house of one Abu Bakkarr Sulaiman Kamara.

When the file was mentioned, the prosecutor told the Bench that the witness was absent, so he sought for one last date for him to make the witness available in court.

The matter was adjourned to the 7th September 2023 for further hearings



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LOCAL NEWS

Leone Rock Metal Group: Championing community upliftment and environmental consciousness

Freetown, Sierra Leone - In a world where Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives often face skepticism, Leone Rock Metal Group (LRMG) has emerged as an exemplary force dedicated to community upliftment. On August 19th, 2023, the company celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration of a solar-powered borehole in Sorgorma Village. This extraordinary initiative not only provides access to clean and safe drinking water for a community that has long suffered from its absence but also promotes renewable energy and environmental consciousness.

The event showcased the power of collective efforts in driving positive change, with distinguished guests including the Deputy NRA Commissioner General's Representative, MP Representative, Councilor, Paramount Chiefs, Section Chiefs, LRMG representatives, and enthusiastic villagers in attendance.

Hannah Fornah, the Public Relations Officer of LRMG, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the company's unwavering commitment to community development and the crucial significance of water facilities. She highlighted the collaborative partnership between LRMG and the Sorgorma community as the driving force behind the sustainable progress of this transformative project.

Augustine K. Luseni, the representative for the Deputy NRA Commissioner General, spoke on behalf of the Sorgorma community, expressing heartfelt

appreciation for LRMG's role in enhancing sanitation and overall health in their community. Mr. Luseni poignantly highlighted the daily struggles faced by the people of Sorgorma, who had to embark on arduous journeys over long distances to fetch water. This burden not only affected their physical well-being but also hindered economic activities and overall health.

Councillor Alhaji Sheriff echoed these sentiments, underscoring the significant impact this new water source would have on health, sanitation, and economic growth in the community. He commended LRMG for their dedication to uplifting the lives of the residents of Sorgorma.

Paramount Chief Mohamed T. Musa extended heartfelt thanks to LRMG, foreseeing lasting benefits for future generations. He passionately emphasized that the impact of this solar-powered borehole would echo through generations, allowing children to focus more on their education and empowering women to engage in income-generating activities that would uplift the entire village. This initiative, he stressed, was not just a one-time gift but a foundation for long-term progress and prosperity.

LRMG's commitment to community well-being serves as an inspiring example for businesses worldwide. It goes beyond mere philanthropy, reminding us of the intrinsic link between a company's success and the communities it serves. In Sorgorma, LRMG



has delivered more than just water; they have delivered hope, progress, and a brighter future. As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, let us commend their unwavering dedication to creating positive change.

In addition to the inauguration of the solar-powered borehole, LRMG further demonstrated their commitment to uplifting Sierra Leone by making significant donations to various organizations. On the same day, the company contributed NLe 40,000 to the Youth and Children Advocacy Panel to support youth activities in the country. This donation will have far-reaching benefits in empowering the youth and fostering their growth.

LRMG also donated NLe 20,000 to the Kantaya Women Development Organization, aiding women in the Malama community in Freetown. This generous contribution will support the organization in purchasing equipment for their vocational training programs, enabling women to enhance their skills and improve their livelihoods.

Leone Rock Metal Group's efforts serve as a shining example of the positive impact businesses can have when they prioritize social responsibility. Through their dedication to community well-being, environmental consciousness, and investments in Sierra Leone's future, LRMG is paving the way for a brighter and more sustainable tomorrow.



LOCAL NEWS **New social welfare minister applauds President Bio**

By Yusufu S. Bangura

While receiving the official handing over note from the outgoing Minister of Social Welfare, the newly appointed minister, Melrose Karminty has expressed her profound gratitude and indebtedness to President Bio for her appointment as minister of social welfare.

According to Minister Karminty, her ministry has been charged with the responsibility of empowering and transforming the lives of vulnerable or underprivileged persons and families including young people, women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

She added that such is done through coordinated development and implementation of laws, policies, and programs that promote their welfare and safeguard their rights including religious tolerance.

She said the president is very much concerned and passionate about those concerns.

She went on to state that President Bio is a leader that cares and cherishes the rights of vulnerable groups especially women and children, noting that since the president has trusted and appointed her, she will do all it takes to ensure that vulnerable groups are protected and catered for.

She called on everyone to come on board in order to ensure that President Bio's five goals are attained

as it will eventually lead to the development and betterment of citizens.

She said her ministry is a hub that touches everywhere and everyone, as the ministry significantly has to do with people and their welfare.

She concluded by admonishing citizens to have trust in the Bio led government and stop the propaganda and sabotage war, as it will take the country nowhere.

The outgoing Minister of Social Welfare, Banidu Dassama Kamara thanked President Bio for giving her the opportunity to serve in his first term as minister of social welfare and she thanked everyone in the ministry for their support.

She started by highlighting some of her achievements while she was the minister, adding that she supported vulnerable people across the country during the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2017 August 14 mudslide among others.

She added that they trained social welfare staffs, enacted the laws and policies that will help protect children from human trafficking, sexual penetration, and early marriage.

She said the major challenge of the ministry is the outstanding debt to contractors for the supply of diet to remand homes in Freetown and Bo.

She said they have awarded contract to contractors for the rehabilitation of the remand home in Bo and Approved



school, but that they are yet to be paid.

She said another challenge faced by the ministry is the inadequate building for staffs, as two of their buildings were destroyed by the fire incident that occurred in 2020 and 2022 respectively.

She said they are constrained with official vehicles for the smooth running of the ministry, but however, they received 84 motorbikes and 60 tablets from UNICEF.

"Our opinion sometimes different, our

ideas did not always march, but no matter what happened we find a way to achieve our roles because our work was always for the most vulnerable in the society and we always bear in mind that our work is service delivery to the most privileged. If our work is about service, dignity and social justice, good relationship is the most important. I wish for this ministry to be the number one ministry in this country because social service is key and we have the most vulnerable people," she mentioned.

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African Union suspends Niger due to military coup

Union suspended Niger, the scene of a coup d'état since July 26th, and told its members to avoid any action that might legitimize the junta.

The continental organization also disengaged itself from west African regional bloc ECOWAS after expressing reservations about a possible military intervention to restore President Mohamed Bazoum according to a press release issued on Tuesday.

Meeting on August 14th, the AU Peace and Security Council decided to immediately suspend the participation of the Republic of Niger from all AU activities, its organs, and institutions until the effective restoration of constitutional order in the country, according to a press release on Tuesday.

It calls on the AU Commission to "assess the economic, social and security implications" of such a deployment, while clearly stating its preference for the diplomatic route.

The PSC supports "the efforts of Ecowas in its sustained commitment to the restoration of constitutional order through diplomatic means" and affirms its "strong support for Ecowas' tireless efforts towards the peaceful restoration of constitutional order" in Niger.

And it "invites the military junta in Niger to cooperate with Ecowas and the AU with a view to the peaceful and rapid restoration of constitutional order".

It also calls on member states to "fully implement the sanctions imposed by Ecowas" against Niger, while requesting their "progressive application" and that their "disproportionate effect on the citizens of Niger" be minimized.

"Not a walk in the Park"

Following the military overthrow of President Bazoum Ecowas announced on August 10 its intention to deploy a West African force "to restore constitutional order in Niger". Details of this operation, including its date, are unknown.

Ecowas reiterates its preference for a diplomatic solution, but continues to threaten the use of force, despite dissenting voices on this very subject from within the organization.

On Friday, after a meeting of West African chiefs

of staff in Accra, the Ecowas Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, Abdel-Fatau Musah, affirmed that "the day of intervention" had been set, as had "the strategic objectives, the necessary equipment and the commitment of member states".

"If an aggression were to be undertaken against us, it would not be the walk in the park that some people believe it to be", replied to Niger's new strongman, General Abdourahmane Tiani, on Saturday, shortly after announcing a transition of three years maximum before the return of power to civilians.

Ecowas firmly rejected this timetable, announced while a West African delegation was in Niamey to seek a peaceful solution to the crisis.

"A three-year transition period is a joke. Ecowas will never accept it", said Abdel-Fatau Musah: "We want constitutional order to be restored as quickly as possible".

Among Niger's main international partners, France declared its full support for Ecowas, while the United States called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

Some 1,500 French and 1,100 US troops are deployed in Niger as part of the Sahel's anti-jihadist campaign.

Finally, the PSC says it "firmly rejects any external interference by an actor or country from outside the continent" (...) "including commitments by private military companies", in a likely reference to the Kremlin-linked paramilitary group Wagner, which operates notably in Mali.

Niger has become the fourth West African country to suffer a coup d'état since 2020, after Burkina Faso, Guinea, and Mali.

The coup in Niger has caused alarm among Western allies, who fear it could threaten the Trans-Saharan gas pipeline project set to link Nigeria and Algeria from 2027 to transport natural gas to Europe.

Since the overthrow of President Bazoum's regime, fears of instability in the Sahel region, which is facing growing insurgencies by jihadist groups linked to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group, have also been mentioned.

Man fined in Kenya after revealing friend's alleged HIV status



A red ribbon is seen during a meeting for World AIDS Day commemoration event ... - Copyright © africanews ARNULFO FRANCO/AP2006

A Kenyan man has been directed to pay a substantial fine of 850,000 shillings (equivalent to \$5,600 or £4,400) for disclosing his friend's alleged HIV status within a WhatsApp group.

The pivotal judgment emanated from the esteemed HIV and Aids Tribunal in Kenya, which underscored the critical principle that an individual's HIV status must not be divulged to external parties without securing appropriate consent.

The plaintiff asserted that the repercussions of the message circulated within the WhatsApp group, comprising a sizable membership of 170 individuals, were both alarming and distressing. The fallout from this disclosure led to severe discrimination he encountered, compounding the emotional distress to such an extent that he has

found it necessary to engage in counselling. Significantly, he revealed that the gravity of the accusation extended to negatively impacting his marital relationship, creating a profound rift.

Moreover, he staunchly denies the veracity of the disclosed information as presented within the confines of the contentious WhatsApp group.

In a bid to address the multifaceted harm inflicted, the man has also been granted a sum of 3,000 KE shillings, designated as special damages.

This landmark ruling not only exemplifies the far-reaching consequences of indiscreet information sharing within digital platforms but also highlights the gravity with which institutions such as the HIV and Aids Tribunal in Kenya regard matters of personal privacy and responsible communication.

Power cuts in Niger threaten to spoil millions of vaccines as sanctions take their toll, UN says

The U.N. is spending over 20 times more money than usual on fuel for generators to keep millions of vaccines in Niger from spoiling due to incessant power cuts. The outages are the result of severe economic and travel sanctions imposed by regional countries after mutinous soldiers toppled the country's president last month.

Country representative for the United Nations Children's Fund in Niger, Stefano Savi, said it has spent \$200,000 powering generators to keep vaccines, including for polio and rotavirus, across the country cold during the first three weeks of August. That's up from approximately \$10,000 a month previously and might soon run out of money, he said.

Niger relies on neighboring Nigeria for up to 90% of its power, but after soldiers ousted democratically elected President Mohamed Bazoum in July, Nigeria cut off part of its electricity supply as part of sanctions imposed by the West African regional bloc, ECOWAS.

The sanctions are taking a toll on the population with the price of goods rising, residents unable to easily access cash, and people living in the dark. Now there are mounting concerns it will gravely impact the health system, particularly the ability to keep some 28 million vaccine doses in the country cold.

Although there were power cuts before the sanctions, they usually lasted a few hours, but now the cuts are much longer - sometimes up to 18 hours a day, said Savi. UNICEF only has enough money until the end of August and is appealing to donors for emergency funds, he said.

ECOWAS has struggled to stave off coups in the region - Mali and Burkina Faso have had two each since 2020 - and views Niger's coup as one too many, imposing harsh sanctions and threatening military force if Bazoum isn't reinstated. While the threat of force hasn't materialized, Niger's junta ignored a deadline to reinstate Bazoum and last week announced it would transition to civilian rule within three years. During a weekend meeting between junta leader Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani and a delegation from ECOWAS, Tchiani pushed the bloc to lift the sanctions and said the military was under

pressure to ease the suffering on the population, an official in the meeting who was not authorized to speak to the media told AP. The official said Tchiani repeatedly complained about the sanctions but wasn't willing to give much in return. While none of the vaccines have gone bad yet, there's concern it could happen, say health officials. Most of Niger's roughly 1,300 local health centers are powered by solar panels and able to keep the vaccines cold, but the capital, Niamey and regional and district levels rely on electricity and generators.

"If the situation continues like this, we will run out of diesel fuel, we will not be able to power the room with electricity and we might lose all these vaccines that cost (millions of dollars)," said Mallam Brah Hararou a logistician at the national vaccine center in Niamey.

The sanctions and the junta's closing of the airspace have also prevented goods from coming into the country, threatening the resupply of medical equipment and food. UNICEF has some 50 containers with immunization, cold chain equipment and therapeutic food stuck at different entry points unable to get into the country, said a statement from the group.

The only open route by road is through neighboring Burkina Faso, which is dangerous because it's riddled with militant groups.

On Sunday, approximately 300 trucks with food and other essential supplies crossed into Niger from Burkina Faso. It was escorted by a military convoy on both sides of the border.

"The issue there is security. As you know the area is infested with let's say bandits, who started to burn down trucks. But now with the professionalism shown by both armies those trucks have been able to arrive safely," said Col. Adamou Zarouneye, Niger's regional customs director.

Still, it's unclear how viable that route will be. Drivers who transported the goods say they were stuck for two months in Burkina Faso unable to cross into Niger because of the insecurity.

"I found it difficult on the road," said Bashir Djouri a truck driver from Ghana. "You can't take roads, really," he said.

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Nigeria's president inaugurates cabinet to tackle economic, security woes

Nigeria's new leader, Bola Tinubu, on Monday, presided over an inauguration ceremony for his government of 45 ministers, calling on them to boost people's confidence as the country faces serious economic and security challenges.

"The challenges we face today are enormous, yes, but amidst all these challenges, we have the opportunity to implement long-awaited reforms," said the president, elected in February during a poll still disputed in court and who took office at the end of May.

This government is larger than that of his predecessor, Muhammadu Buhari, which consisted of 36 ministers during his first term. Under the Nigerian Constitution, the president must include in his government a representative from each of the country's 36 states.

Since taking office, Bola Tinubu has launched a wide range of reforms aimed at revitalizing the economy and investment, but these initiatives have led to a sudden rise in the cost of living, angering the population.

On May 29, at the time of his inauguration, the president thus eliminated fuel subsidies, which had the effect of quadrupling the price of gasoline and leading to a sharp increase in food prices.

Since 2016, Nigeria has been facing a severe economic crisis which worsened with the pandemic caused by the coronavirus, then the Russian offensive in Ukraine. The currency is weak, the foreign debt enormous, and unemployment is rampant.

The most populous country in Africa is also trying to fight against armed groups practicing kidnappings in particular in the north-west and the center, to put an end to an Islamist insurrection which has been raging for 14 years in the north-east, and to quell separatist unrest in the southeast.

Less than 20% of cabinet members are women, continuing a long tradition of low female



Nigeria's President, Bola Tinubu, arrives at the closing session of the New Global ... - Copyright © africanews Lewis Joly/Copyright 2023 The AP. All rights reserved.

representation in governance in Nigeria. Along with private sector technocrats, the ministers also include several party loyalists, including former governors who have helped rally support for Mr Tinubu.

Among the key positions, Finance has been entrusted to Wale Edun, who previously served under Bola Tinubu as Commissioner of Finance when the latter was Governor of Lagos State from 1999 to 2007. Wale Edun will also be the Minister responsible for the coordination of the Economy.

In Defense was appointed Mohammed Badaru Abubakar, a wealthy businessman and former governor, while the Interior portfolio fell to Olubunmi Ojo, a former parliamentarian. Yusuf Tuggar, who served as Nigeria's ambassador to Germany, was appointed foreign minister.

Ali Pate, a former World Bank director who recently declined to be named head of the global vaccine alliance Gavi, has been named health and social care minister. The president will be in charge of the oil ministry, just like his predecessor, but he will be assisted by a secretary of state, Heineken Lokpobiri, who was minister of agriculture in the previous administration.

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Ref:	MAFS/SLARiS/CW/SCR/ NCB/001/2023 - SLARI SEEDS COLD ROOM

9. SLARiS upon receipt of proof of payment, shall provide both printed and electronics copies to the Contractor.

10. Bids MUST be clearly marked and delivered to the address below on or before Twelve Noon (12:00) of **Tuesday, 26 September 2023**.

The Project Manager

Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARiS)
Ministry of Agriculture Building, Moyamba, Sierra Leone.

Ref: BID NO. MAFS/SLARiS/CW/SCR/ NCB/001/2023 - SLARI SEEDS COLD ROOM

Tel: +232 76 364800 & +232 76 994776.

12. All bids must be accompanied by:

- A valid Business registration certificate
- Bid Security from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- A valid Contractor's Classification Registration Certificate (Class two and only) from Ministry of Works and Public Assets
- A valid Local Council Registration certificate
- A valid NRA tax clearance certificate;
- A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached]
- Evidence of two (2) similar contract successfully performed/completed in the last five (5) years
- Priced Bill of Quantities (**soft copy including drawings to be sent by email to bidder**);
- Signed Bid Form

13. Bids will be publicly opened on **Tuesday, 26 September 2023** at 12:15 PM, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Please note, Late bid (s) will be rejected and returned unopened by SLARiS.

Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARiS) Ministry of Agriculture Building, Moyamba, Sierra Leone. Tel: +232 76 364800 & +232 76994776



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
Environment Protection Agency – Sierra Leone
Minister of Environment
92 Dundas Street, Freetown



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING INVITATION FOR BID

Procurement of High Quality Tool Kits and Safety Gears.

Procurement Number: EPASL/EHS/NCB/001/2023

Date of First Issue: 14th August, 2023.

Environment Protection Agency – Sierra Leone is the Agency established by the EPA Act of 2008 as amended in 2010 for the effective protection of the environment and other related matters.

The Environment Protection Agency – Sierra Leone has received funds from our donor (Dzone/ Montreal Protocol HPMP stage 2) for the procurement of high quality basic refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) Tool Kits and Safety Gears and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of: **High Quality Basic Refrigeration and Air Condition (RAC) Tools Kits and Safety Gears**

EPA now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of the under mentioned.

Lot-1	Refrigeration and Air Condition (RAC) Tools Kits	1.	Sets of Screw drivers and Nut Drivers	250	4 WEEKS
Lot-1		2.	Pliers (Electrician & Long nose)	250	
		3.	Hammer (Ball –Pan Hammer)	250	
		4.	Flashlight/Headlamp	250	
		5.	Adjustable/ Socket Wrenches (6" and 8")	250	
		6.	Copper Tube Cutters (Dia 11/4" to 13/4" (below)	250	
		7.	Handheld Drills (710W) D.C Hand Battery	250	
		8.	Manifold gauge set (for use with carbon dioxide (up to 160 bar)	150	
		9.	Electronics manifold gauge set that can be used with flammable refrigerants, ammonia and high pressure refrigerants (up to 50 bar)	150	
		10.	Set of Allen keys (Imperial & Metric size)	250	
		11.	Brazing Kit using Propane Gas (Portable Type)	250	
		12.	Electric Extension Cable 25m	250	
		13.	Junior hand Saw (150mm (6") with spear blades.	250	
		14.	Multimeter (Amprobe)/ Clamp on	250	
		15.	Electrical Tester (Digital Multimeter tester)	25	
		16.	Tool Bags (Customized)	250	
		17.	Thermometer for refrigeration (Digital)	250	
		18.	Mole Grip Pliers (3pieces)	250	
		19.	Drilling machine (1010w)	80	
		20.	Spirit Level 60cm	250	
		21.	Drilling machine (1010w)	80	
22.	Spirit Level 60cm	250			
23.	Needle/Long Nose Pliers	250			
24.	Nut Drivers	250			
25.	Rubber Mallet	250			
26.	Utility Knife (with extra replacement blades)	250			
27.	Channel Locks (6" 10" 7 12")	250			
28.	Vernier Caliper	250			
29.	Torque wrench	250			
30.	Vacuum Gauge	250			
31.	Vacuum Pump	250			
32.	Tube expander tool & expander heads	250			
LOT NO	Lot Name	No	Item Descriptions	Quantities	Delivery Period
LOT-2	SAFETY GEARS	1.	Gloves (leather) vary sizes	250	4 WEEKS
		2.	Face Maska/shield	250	
		3.	Welding Goggles	250	
		4.	Ear Muffs/Plugs	250	
		5.	Safety Boot of varied sizes	250	
		6.	Coverall/Overall	250	
		7.	Helmet	250	
		8.	Flashers (Customized)	250	
		9.	Safety Flasher Jacket	250	
		10.	Helmet for RAC technicians	250	
		11.	Hand Glove (Insulating Gloves)- vary sizes	250	

This Invitation for Bids is open to all eligible suppliers of the above, Nationwide.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between **9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m** . Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Le500, 000.00**. All payment for bidding document must be paid in to the below consolidated Bank Account:

1. Bank Name: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Name: NPPA-Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165

OR

2. Bank Name: Union Trust Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
Account Number: 210113253-01
BBAN: 00-4001113253120144

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12th September, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

All bids must be accompanied by:

- * A valid Business registration certificate
- * Bid Form/Price Schedule
- * Bid Security of [**Le 6,000.00**] from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- * A valid tax clearance certificate;
- * A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- * A valid City Council Certificate
- * A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached]
- * Brochure of the tools kits and gears to be supplied
- * 1 Year Warranty

Bids will be publicly opened on **12th September, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.**, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Completed application along with all relevant documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope boldly marked: **"PROCUREMENT OF TOOLS KITS OR SAFETY GEARS"** to the:

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Environment Protection Agency – Sierra Leone
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VACANCY NOTICE

BCM is currently seeking for experienced Candidates for the following positions:

A) GRADER OPERATOR X6

Qualification and Experience:

- 3-5 years' work experience in operating a grader machine.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Holder of a valid Sierra Leone heavy equipment license
- Must be self-directed and able to complete projects task with limited supervision
- Perform any other related task as deemed necessary.
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations

B) DOZER OPERATOR X 12

Qualification and Experience:

- 3-5 years' work experience in operating a dozer machine.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Holder of a valid Sierra Leone heavy equipment license
- Must be self-directed and able to complete projects task with limited supervision
- Perform any other related task as deemed necessary.
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations

C) DUMP TRUCK OPERATOR (CAT 773 E & SANY SKT 1055) X18

Qualification and Experience:

- Senior Secondary School Certificate
- At least 3-5 years' Experience, preferably in driving heavy Duty Trucks
- Good Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Holder of A valid heavy-duty Sierra Leone licence
- Must be able to build and maintain stock piles and dumps by moving materials to design specifications in a safe and efficient manner
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules
- Knowledge in Wheel Loader (992K) is an advantage

D) EXCAVATOR OPERATOR X12

Qualification and Experience:

- Senior Secondary School Certificate
- 3-5 years' work experience in operating an excavator (Digger) machine
- Good Oral and written communication skills
- Holder of a valid heavy-duty Sierra Leone licence
- Must be self-directed and able to complete project tasks with limited supervision
- Perform any other related task as deemed necessary.
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules

E) WHEELLOADER OPERATOR-980 X3

Qualification and Experience:

- Senior Secondary School Certificate
- At least 3-5 years' experience, preferably in driving heavy-duty trucks
- Good oral and written communication Skills
- Holder of A valid heavy-duty Sierra Leone licence
- Must be able to build and maintain stock piles and dumps by moving materials to design specifications in a safe and efficient manner
- Dig and load materials as required in a safe and efficient flow in the dig zone
- Loading of Train wagon is an added advantage
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules

F) ROLLER OPERATOR X 6

Qualification and Experience:

- 3-5 years' work experience in operating a roller machine.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Holder of a valid Sierra Leone heavy equipment licence
- Must be self-directed and able to complete projects task with limited supervision
- Perform any other related task as deemed necessary.
- Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations

G. ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

Essential Job Functions:

1. Conduct end of month volumetric pit surveys and waste dumps surveys.
2. Assist in ensuring that all pits are mined to design
3. Assist in ensuring that all waste materials are dumped to design.
4. Update Pit topography or surface for drill whole design.
5. Stake out drill holes, panel limits and fix temporary bench marks
6. Maintain all survey equipment as they are indispensable tools for Survey work progress.
7. Acquire technical advice from mine surveyors to improve job efficiency and to add to knowledge.
8. Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations.

Qualifications and Experience: Minimum Senior Secondary School and Certificate in surveying preferably in the sciences. At least 2 years' experience in mining operations, excellent oral and written communication skills.

H) SURVEY ASSISTANT (3 Persons)

Essential Job Functions:

- Conduct daily pit surveys.
- Stake out drill holes, Ore block set out and fix temporary bench marks
- Maintain all survey equipment as they are indispensable tools for Survey work progress.
- Accurately carrying out any other task as directed by mine surveyor
- Strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations.

Qualifications and Experience: Minimum Junior Secondary School. At least 2 years' experience in mining operations, excellent oral and written communication skills.

Interested candidates are requested to forward their application including cover letter and updated CVs to the Human Resource Office, BCM Sierra Leone Ltd via Email: bcmrecruitmentsl@gmail.com or the Nearest Kingho Employment Office

These Positions can lead to career progression 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 August, 23



VSO CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY

VSO is a global voluntary organisation whose mission has been to bring people together to fight poverty through the lasting power of volunteering.

We will be running a tender process with the intention for the provision of supplying Solar Panel Kit, full installation and maintenance and are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced / qualified organisations.

VSO's requirements:

- § 24 Volt Pure Sine Wave Inverter 1000 Watts
- § Photovoltaic Solar Panel 24 Volt 13.4 AMPS
- § Set Cables, Connectors and Accessories
- § 200 AH Dry Cell Battery Gel Type
- § Battery Charger 12/24er 12/24 Volt 60 Amps
- § 30 Ports USB Hub
- § Installation and Configuration
- § Main Core 1M-USB Pin DC Power Cable 5V 2.1A

- § Suppliers must be registered with National Revenue Authority

Expressions of interest: all expressions of interest must be received by VSO on the 25th of August, 2023 by 1500 hours and must be submitted electronically (emailed) to the following email address: frances.sesay@vsoint.org. The EOI must include a contact name, company name, company address, phone and email address.

Tender documents: tender documents will be sent to those who expressed an interest, following the close of the EOI period.

VSO reserves the right not to award a contract/agreement to whosoever is not deemed fit.

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**SOS CHILDREN'S
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INVITATIONS FOR BID FOR PROVISION OF GENERAL SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES

SOS Children's Villages Sierra Leone is a non-governmental social development organization that has been promoting Children's Rights by providing alternative care for children who have lost parental care and those at risk of losing it. The Organization operates in Freetown, Bo and Makeni and its implements various child and youth programs: villages for childcare, primary and secondary schools, youth care, entrepreneurship and employability as well as Vocational and skills training center.

SOS Children's Villages Sierra Leone invites **vendors, suppliers** and **contractors** from well reputed companies to register for the provision of **Goods, Works** and **Services** required by the Organization to enhance its operations as stated below.

GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES REQUIRED

#	ITEM	QTY
1	TV 43"	39
2	Fridge	39
3	Freezer	39
4	Stabiliser 5000VA	78
5	Desktop Computers I5	20
6	Laptop - HP/Lenovo - I5/I7	20
7	Executive Chair	10
8	Visitors Chair	20
9	Standing Fan	78
10	Network Printer Copier	7
11	Samsung Tablets	20
12	Computer Tables	40
13	Single Beds	
14	Stationery Supply	
15	Cleaning Materials Supply	
16	Kitchen Utensils	
17	Solar System Installation	
18	Dinning Room Set	
19	Living Room Set	
20	Science Lab tools & equipment	

Interested Suppliers should provide a detailed company profile with copies of certificates such as Certificate of Business Registration, National Revenue Authority Tax Clearance and NASSIT Clearance Certificate addressed to the **Administrative Assistant, SOS Children's Village Lumley Beach Road, Freetown.**
The closing date for submission of Bid is Monday 29th August 2023



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16. Western Urban: 090077132; 090077145; 090077146 and 090077156

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Liverpool signs Sierra Leone youngster



Liverpool has completed the signing of British-born Sierra Leonean youngster, Amara Nallo from West Ham United.

The Reds have reportedly engaged in talks to sign the West Ham academy centre-back and were hopeful of clinching a deal.

Finally, it was confirmed that the 16-year-old, who appeared in the U18 Premier League last term for West Ham will be with the Reds on a five years deal.

Nallo who recently put pen to paper on a scholarship with West Ham in May is born in England to Sierra Leone parents and is still eligible to play for both England and Sierra Leone.

Nallo would join Nyoni and Harvey Owen, who recently joined the Reds from Wolves, as a high-profile addition to Liverpool's academy this summer.

The club took a similar approach in recently signing Bobby Clark and Ben Doak, who have begun to make an impact at the first-team level this summer.

West Ham U16s coach and former Hammer Carlton Cole once describe Nallo as a Rolls Royce of a centre-back.



He said: "I would describe Amara as a Rolls Royce of a centre-back. He has a great left foot and is elegant when he moves with the ball. He can play the ball with both feet and has been working on his heading as well. He's a player who has a high ceiling."

NOC-SLE President wants more support for sporting disciplines

President of the National Olympics Committee of Sierra Leone (NOC-SLE), Prince Vandy Sualley is calling for more support for sporting disciplines to be able to compete in international competition.

With the France 2024 Olympics Games just months away, and the All Africa Games just around the corner, the NOC-SLE boss believes with more support to the various disciplines, Sierra Leone can have an increased number of athletes for the Olympics Games.

The Olympic Games over the years have seen few Sierra Leonean athletes from not more than three or four sporting disciplines making it to the Games due to lack of qualification and opportunities to compete for qualification, however, the new NOC-SLE boss wants the trend to change and have more Sierra Leonean athletes and disciplines to the games.

He said: "The All Africa Games in Accra, Ghana is just around the corner and we



will need huge support from the government the Games itself is an opportunity for the athletes and some of the sporting disciplines to grab Olympic Qualification.

"The Olympic Game is also coming and presently several Associations are undergoing the qualification process with so many competition around the world, for the Association this is very important to get our disciplines to the games but if they can't compete in these qualifying tournaments or competitions how can they secure qualification for the Olympics Games?" the NOC-SLE boss asked.

Sierra Leone last competed at the delayed 2020 Olympics Games which was hosted in Japan in 2021 with only four athletes from three sporting disciplines; Swimming, Athletics and Judo as a figure the NOC-SLE boss wants to see an increase in.