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Bio: I invite the APC to work with us



Convicted Kamarainba Mansaray
By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

While the public is eager to know the current status of opposition politician, Mohamed Kamarainba Mansaray of the Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), who was convicted and imprisoned for sexual penetration, Concord Times can authoritatively state that, the current health status of the popular politician is life threatening and needs to undergo urgent surgery outside Sierra Leone. On Friday, September 8, the Court of Appeal presided by Justice Momoh Jah Stevens granted a thirty-million bail and two sureties to Mohamed Kamarainba Mansaray.

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RANDOM MUSING

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Today mocks yesterday without appreciating the fact that tomorrow, it will also become the same yesterday.

None of the actors in our crisis-ridden political environment is solely responsible for our present national problems. It is a combination of the ordinary Sierra Leonean, the APC, CoPP as well as the SLPP and several other combinations of political and economic forces put together, that bear responsibility for everything that is wrong with Sierra Leone today.

There is no doubt that it is also the mismanagement of the past, which some of those who want to now play Moses, never warned us about, that has led us to where we are today. We are seeing the products of generations of leaders and followers shouting equity with a mouth full of dirt; but nurtured on a diet of impunity, inattention to service delivery, lack of patriotism as well as a sense of entitlement. Coupled with widespread corruption, tribalism, and gross incompetence among others, the inevitable is what is playing out today.

Above all, it is our continued collective complicity as a people that keeps exposing the carcass of our inherent issues and ensure the tsunami of our national disorientation is on high velocity wind. Those we call leaders have very little blame on how they trample on us since we made ourselves pivotal ready-made weapons despite our growing hunger and thirst. We clamber like dogs in the day barking their names and supporting the very same people who have been the caterpillars destroying our commonwealth.

But, as we envision a better future, then, it becomes imperative that we engage in genuine conversation (as opposed to the current shouting match) if we are to reposition our country for peace and prosperity. And before we all start carrying cutlasses and kidnapping albinos in place of the over-flogged whiteman, in our bid to push the boundaries of ethno-social politics past the point of no return, we need to appreciate one fundamental truth – majority of Sierra Leoneans are exhausted by dark days of suffering and long nights of pain and despair caused mostly by the political class, through actions and inactions, irrespective of the colour of the symbol.

Make no mistake though, inevitably, the wilderness is still the road to Canaan. I am not saying Sierra Leone is where it needs to be. Far from it. However, considering where we are coming from, we should put in context progress made and ongoing, in our discourse. Today, it is Maada Bio, tomorrow it would definitely be someone else. Yet, it is our future and that of generations unborn, that is at stake. It is our tomorrow that is being made to go up in bonfires and regression.

An insightful look at some of the self-delusion and bigoted statements, which are causing unnecessary arguments and hatred among the people now, confirms my long-held fear that we have lost all sense of morality, and nothing is too sacred for us. It makes my heart bleed for who we have become.

But the truth is that our political class is full of scammers, schemers, hypocrites, and jokers. Indeed, as you continue to study the national landscape, you'll see nothing but 'the audacity of hypocrisy and the hypocrisy of competence.' Which is why politicians are forcing our reasoning, pummelled by years of division, to commit suicide on the altar of

partisanship, ethnicity and the delusion of the afterlife that makes it difficult for the masses to shrug off the dependence on whatever slogan and addiction they are fed.

The rubbish being spewed on social media about the country in general has become a singsong of the lost mind and to see rival parties flying the flag of patriotism and yet full of disdain and hatred for one another; even as they unkindly sacrifice the interest of the nation on the altar of their practice of politics, is akin to dripping poultice.

Truth is bitter but better. To those whose primary asinine dream and fantasy is the destabilisation of the nation, I'll simply say keep undermining your country's reputation and the integrity of its institutions and processes because you found some particular outcomes contrary to your narrow expectations.

Obviously where political priorities are concerned, truth finds it difficult to breathe and so we resort to the low-hanging-fruit syndrome. But conscious of the cost of how past fraudulent claims and political subterfuge have haunted us, those who have been unleashing the dogs of hell on our streets in a political calculation to defenestrate the mythical political might of the current administration and are said to be planning several more, are forcing a reaction that means the psychodrama is going to be one hell of a long-running block buster.

Unfortunately, when some of us bring the monster to the slaughter stable...the butchers of Lebanon will fight tooth and nail with all weapons of mass destruction... insults, political colouration and deceit that has all the appeals of a dose of monkeypox.

Some of these angry people and propaganda machineries, especially on the most vicious social media, whose very textbook definition of cerebral dissonance is an attempt at gaslighting the gullible masses, live in their own bubble, where they spit, urinate, sweat, and bring out wind from their rear to take the public space and skew conversations in favour of their agenda, without giving the agenda away. They enjoy the sty and call it the new scent in town. They peacock but are hardly the juice worth the squeeze.

It is all part of freedom of speech and opinion; and yet, is it not interesting that no single disgruntled element has come out with a result to demonstrate and confirm alleged fiddling of the electoral process, yet they keep stoking a time of heightened national storm and stress and shifting the dial of our national issues with absurd delusion of grandeur, nauseating arrogance, and infantilised open sewer of singsong from the lost mind of politicians.

Eventually the masquerade will be unmasked but the significance of this matter is the commitment to rules and processes especially in the futility of their chase. This is arrant nonsense. Elections are over. It's time to wear thinking caps and proffer solutions to myriads of problems confronting Sierra Leone. That is not through blackmail and absolute disregard for the rule of law which is the lyric of their anthem.

Likewise, what an irony that some of these fellows responsible for the continued denigration of Sierra Leone and trying their darndest best to drag the noble image of the country into such basal state of anomies which has ultimately backfired, spilling yoke all over their faces, are unmindful of backing

all of us into a corner with their bridled tetchiness, ideological blindness, self-righteousness, and viciousness. (Now you know why the cry lingers all day). Sadly, power, position and glory belong to the Almighty God NOT HUMAN BEINGS.

Fair enough, a man whose lover promises to come at night, hears the footsteps of the spirits. As a result of our very broken narrative, corrosive division, and historical monumental and catastrophic disasters, especially of the last three decades, the enemies of progress under the garb of a righteous jihad are taking us on a sobering journey into time – a journey gathering hailstones, lightning and thunder, hypocritical intolerance, blatant political arrogance, and gross misunderstanding of the fact that politics is more of a game of brains and not emotions.

The dripping sound I'm hearing from their phallus is that of a crushing nadir of offensive and acidic urine and not progress; or peace; where statesmanship is needed. Don't they get it? Elections Are Over. The world has moved on. While it is common for leaders to have divergent views, it's crucial to align criticism and complaints with reality, and to premise discourse on tangible results; rather than delving into some inexplicable, illogical, irrational, scarcely digestible and barely conceivable narratives which do not provide the complete picture.

The desperation on display, especially in the past year, which has spawned many an emotion, caused death and mayhem; profiled and stigmatised parts of the country and cut the cords of ethnic peace and amity in our society makes it abundantly clear that we need to stop deceiving and deluding ourselves.

All it has done, is to reveal the real truth and challenges that Sierra Leone faces. A battle that will not go away, even if we, as usual, 'elect' to bury it, rather than acknowledge it, understand it, and own up to it.

Because if nothing else, the heightened socio-political developments, give a concrete indication to the fact that we do not have shared values for a national project that puts the country at the centre of our collective dream and unites us in the drive for that attainment. Truth must be told that anyone who is not bringing us together is consciously tearing us apart.

As touched on previously, it just amounts to my own minuscule contribution to perhaps stir the conversation that could lead to solutions for the innumerable problems inhibiting our people. Many of which are a cause of external influences. And most definitely also, a result of our own indigenous negative machinations.

Undeniably, there are things wrong and the new direction's five years in office invites deconstruction and energetic interrogation by all Sierra Leoneans, from several angles. There might also be some element of truth in the belief in some quarters that unbearable hardships, colossal inefficiency, crass nepotism, and a creeping but dangerous tribal sentiments rifting through the nation is what has awakened some hearts to a sense of guilt and a desire for amendment.

But let us not fool ourselves with the tale of a newfound messianic zeal, by those beneath the shadow of the night, who are trying to occupy a place of honour. So, for whomever you worship's sake, I plead, let no one make any attempt to justify the increasing stand-off,

mayhem and socio-political and ethnic conflagration in any shape or form.

For those who have not only chosen to support this morally hollow incubator of fratricidal psychosis, but who also make feeble attempts at defending this politically adulterous episode; in addition to tying it to the cost-of-living crisis, may posterity reward you accordingly. We are destroying a generation that is upcoming and needs to be built by feeding them with lies. Period.

When your eyes are determined to only look for bad things to see and say about your country, you will not see benefits. Your eyes will show you what your minds want it to see, because the challenge is your mindset about Sierra Leone, not necessarily Sierra Leone. The conundrum: A pathway to nationhood?

Watch other nationals and you will notice that they attack their leaders, but they don't attack their country. They promote their nations. But in Sierra Leone, we attack our leaders by attacking our country. We strangle our national development larva, for our personal sentiments. But remember, leaders come and go, but Sierra Leone is forever. Those who are not proud of their country are free to continue their propaganda group and engage with their cohorts. But please stop using the nation for seditious agenda.

Very soon we will leave you to engage in a fruitless moonlight dance without drums and do whatever you like while the comprehensive show finds expression in the train that has left the station. It shall sooner than later reach its destination, which is real change. Either on this or other journeys down the line.

We must tell ourselves the truth. The change we all hanker to behold in this country will never be realised until we change ourselves. It begins with us. The truth is always the truth.

Most of us cannot possibly predict how our progressive evolution will occur. But I'm confident it shall happen eventually. Humanity can only take unmitigated abject dysfunction for so long before they can't take it anymore. We've got to wrest our destinies from rogue leader. We can do it hoping. We must look inwards.

Even in the midst of all our failings and failures, there are quite a few things good about the country. Let's not always de-market our country. Let us also project the good side and prevent phlegm spitters from owning the narratives.

Now, eyeglasses tinted with ethnicity, religion or politics will never give you a clearer vision of any plain object. We should not continue to pretend or be hypocritical about what is going on in the land, lest we package, yet again, a 'war' seemingly won today, but a much-more destructive 'battle' for generations unborn to tackle - a horrible legacy that will surely be for this generation. The suffering of others comes with a price. Know this and know peace. We will pay later, or our children and grandchildren will pay. Remember, payment comes in different forms.

Sierra Leoneans - as you forward those destructive write ups on our leaders and the nation, remember that each of your wrong action or inaction can destroy our national entity. Think, think.

I am not talking about any party; I am talking about our national Heritage. some are using the youth to destroy the future and heritage they will inherit. WELL, DONE.

Op-Ed

By Aminata Benk-Sankoh

On Tuesday, September 5 and 6, I walked into the sprawling edifice of probably our capital city's finest infrastructure, the fifteen-storey tall Freetown City Council building. It was shortly after 8:30 a.m., and there was a beehive of activity at the lobby and the entrance to the elevator. With a click and within a few seconds, we were on the fourth floor- the area that hosts the auditorium and my rendezvous for the next two days.

The Campaign for Good Governance (CGG) Executive Director was invited to attend the "Breaking Barriers: Female Leaders Conference 2023," organized by SEND Sierra Leone, a local NGO.

As the newest kid on the block at CGG, my boss, Mr Sahr Kendema, had sent me the invite and asked that I attend the two-day National Conference designed to unite and empower all elected female parliamentarians, Councilors, Chairpersons/-Mayors, Deputies, and influential personalities.

The atmosphere at the event was nothing short of inspiring. It radiated empowerment as women in governance and their dedicated allies gathered.

The room was filled with solidarity, with

Unleashing Girl Power: A teenage take on Women's Empowerment

every participant passionately supporting one another's journey towards women's empowerment. Conversations echoed with wisdom and determination, painting a vivid picture of a collective effort to break down barriers and advance gender equality. It was a vibrant and uplifting gathering that left a lasting impression on me.

Since then, as a teenager and a student of Political Science, I have been thinking of nothing but women's empowerment. It might sound like a fancy term, but it's all about girl power, and it's totally rad! It isn't just a buzzword; it's a way of life.

Picture this: You're a teenage girl navigating through the crazy turbulence of life, dealing with school, friends, family, relationships, and, well, a million other things. It can get overwhelming, right? We're not just surviving; we're thriving! That's where women's empowerment comes into play.

Being a girl is awesome. We've got endless potential and can conquer anything we set our minds to, one of our most essential God-given gifts.

One of the coolest things about women's empowerment is that it's all about supporting and uplifting each other. We're not in competition; we're in collaboration. That means celebrating



our achievements, no matter how big or small, and encouraging other girls to do the same. Together, we're a force to be reckoned with.

Education is one of our secret weapons. With quality education, we become inspiring, powerful, unstoppable and a threat to the other gender (in a good way). It opens doors, smashes glass ceilings, and helps us take control of our lives and society.

So, think again if you're thinking about ditching those textbooks, dropping out of school or college, and not bagging that degree! Ladies, let's soak up all that knowledge and use it to change the world.

Let's talk about role models for a second. They can be our mothers, sisters, grandmothers, lawyers, scientists, artists, athletes, or even everyday people doing extraordinary things. We can be those role models, too.

My all-time inspiration and motivator is the Iron Lady, gender equality advocate and the first Gender Director at the Office of National Security, Mrs Sia Wango Alhassan-Kabia, my mother.

She's gracefully worked through the "man's world" over the years while nurturing two beautiful children without fright and is still making a mark in her career. I've been so inspired by her courage and her resilience that there's not a day I wake up not wanting to walk in her shoes, notwithstanding the fact she is always on my case, and even at the time of writing, we have a mini domestic row, and daddy has insisted that I call for dialogue (laugh).

My dear friend, Chiamaka Ibemessie, a one-time Head Girl of The International School Limited Secondary, former President of the Interact Club of Sierra Leone, and a current Honors 1 Law student at Fourah Bay College, has also inspired me. She may be small in frame, but her not-too-broad shoulders have carried the weight of numerous accolades, and she still excels in her

academic field.

Beyond Chiamaka, and my mum is a woman I have never met, but her name precedes her. She is Dr Kadie Sesay, a former politician, feminist, pro-democracy advocate, former Minister, and was running mate for a leading political party in the country. This woman has championed local campaigns for more women to participate in politics. If her success story doesn't make you work hard, I don't know what will.

As women, we face challenges that seem impossible to overcome, but let's not forget that we're tough cookies, and resilience is our middle name. Every setback is just a stepping stone to success, and when life throws curveballs, remember, we've got this!

It's essential to speak up and use our voices. Whether it's about gender equality, climate change, or any other cause close to your heart, your opinions matter. Your voice can create ripples of change that turn into waves.

We all saw how our women fought for gender equality by ensuring the enactment of the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act 2022,

Therefore, we should not be afraid to be loud and proud! Let's fight against the limitations and stereotypes that women do not belong in societal decision-making positions. Women must not spend their entire lives in the kitchen or just raising children. Women can be ministers and not just deputies or permanent secretaries. They can be National Coordinators and not just positions related to gender advocacy.

When we break free from limitations and stereotypes, we're not just empowering ourselves but paving the way for future generations of strong, confident girls.

As teenage girls, we can shape our destiny and make a difference. Let's embrace our girl power, support each other and show the world that we're unstoppable forces of nature. Malala Yousafzai once said, "We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back."

LOCAL NEWS

Kamarainba's health is life threatening

From Cover

He was sentenced to seventy years in prison by Justice S. Taylor on Friday 17th February, 2022, after he was found guilty of penetrating a fifteen-year school pupil. Meanwhile, Kamarainba's Lawyer, Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai had advised his client to avoid the media, but one of his close aids at the hospital told Concord Times that medical report states that the man has lost over 80 pounds of his weight and that he loses blood on a daily basis.

"Doctors infused into him blood every Wednesday because he is losing blood every day. They have recommended flying him to India for surgery and we are waiting on the government to give us clearance to fly him out," said the aide, who preferred anonymity.

Concord Times discovered that, Kamarainba has been admitted at the Connaught Hospital for almost a year now and doctors have been battling to manage his health.

"He has been here since September last year but there was a huge presence of security with armed personnel guiding him in the hospital. Before now, nobody could access him in hospital, but since he was granted bail, all the security personnel were withdrawn."

On Thursday, news broke out that Kamarainba has died in Prison but the



Correctional Service was quick to respond and told the public that the man was alive and responding to treatment.

Lawyer Alie Theo Turay, representing Kamarainba in court had made an application by notice of motion dated the 6th September 2023, and in support of the motion was an affidavit together with seven exhibits attached to same.

"Bail is the inherent discretion of the Court. Section 79, Sub Sections 4 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1965 provides a person may be admitted to bail at any time. Section 67 (2) of the Courts Act 1965 makes provision for the granting of bail as well," he submitted.

Representing the State, Y.I. Sesay noted that they were not opposing to bail and that their position was line with the reasoning that while the convict was undergoing trial, he was granted bail.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Alfred Koroma

President Bio has called on the main opposition, All Peoples Congress (APC) to work with his government and encouraged elected members of the Party to take their offices.

Political tensions remain stagnant between the ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) led by the President, and the main opposition Party following the outcome of a widely disputed multi-tier elections in June which the latter staunchly rejected.

The opposition, APC accused the Electoral Commission of rigging the election to give President Bio and SLPP a second term, an accusation that appears to have been backed by national and international observation missions accredited to observe the country's election.

As a result, APC declared its non-participation in all level of governance, including the legislature and local councils until the Chief Electoral Commissioner, Mohamed Konneh resigns and a fresh election conducted, plunging the Bio-led Government under pressure from international communities unfriendly to single Party governance.

But it is not clear whether the government will heed to the striking demands of the main opposition Party, or the Party will accept other offer from the government to settle the electoral grievances. High level dialogues are ongoing.

After a recent meeting with the Common Wealth delegation, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion, President Bio in what appeared to be a reconciliatory text posted on Twitter, assured the stakeholders his commitment to work with the main opposition Party.

"I've reassured the mediating parties, including @ecowas_cedeao that my Government is open to working with all Sierra Leoneans, including the Opposition Party, APC," the President wrote on his Twitter or X Page. "We believe that though we may have chosen different paths, our collective interest is the peace and progress of our country."

"As we continue to pursue a common ground for the advancement of our country, I invite the APC to work with us in strengthening our democratic State Institutions, he added, encouraging the Party's elected officials to seize the boycott of governance and take their elected

seats and the responsibilities attached.

He also called on the opposition to participate in the broader governance improvements of state institutions and the review of all Election Management Bodies and subsequent implementation of recommendations from the review.



Report: The world is off track to meet climate goals

By Alfred Koroma



First Lady speaks on GEWE Act in USA



First Lady, Fatima Bio

The Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) North America Women's Council is set to host their second annual conference on the 23rd of September 2023, at the Royal Ambassador Banquet Hall, on 2863 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

The First Lady, Fatima Maada Bio will be the Keynote Speaker. She will speak on the theme, "Gender Equality and Women Empowerment".

The SLPP National Women's Leader, Madam Hawa Foray, the Minister of Gender, Dr. Isata Mahoi, other party and government officials have consented to be at the conference, which would be hosted in

New Jersey, USA.

The SLPPNA Regional Women's Leader, Aminata Amara, said committees have been set up to ensure a very successful conference.

She added that a victory dance at night will crown the day and that President Julius Maada Bio and his wife, Fatima Maada Bio, will grace the occasion, with a host of government officials, diplomats, community leaders, and friends of Sierra Leone.

The conference desires to buttress the aims and objectives of President Julius Maada Bio's agenda for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, (GEWE Act 2022).

Gender equality can only take place with the policies and legislations that have been adopted to be enforced at all government levels for the empowerment of women and girls. Gender-sensitive policies already established can help narrow the overwhelming gender gaps that already exist. Girls and especially Women are more than ready to act and the time for us to act is right now! @SLPPNA Women's Council Publicity Committee.

A new report published by the UN has warned that the world is not on track to meet the long-term goals set out in the Paris Agreement for limiting global temperature rise.

The Paris Agreement sets goals that guide all nations to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. But the new report says nations are not on track to hit that goal.

The report has come out as global leaders again prepare to converge in Dubai for the next climate change conference (COP28 where delegates will assess whether they are collectively making progress towards meeting the climate goals or not.

In 2015, countries agreed to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, since then the target to limit global temperature rise has been a hot topic in climate change negotiations.

According to UN News, the recent report issued by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) sum up 17 key findings from technical deliberations in 2022 and 2023 on the implementation status of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change and its long-term goals, based on the best scientific information.

Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC has called for a greater ambition and accelerating action. "I urge governments to carefully study the findings of the report and ultimately understand what it means for them and the ambitious action they must take next. It is the same for businesses, communities and other key stakeholders," he is quoted saying by the UN News.

Sultan Al Jaber, president-designate of COP28, has also called for action, stressing the need to disrupt "business as usual" and honor the Paris Agreement.

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LOCAL NEWS MRCG, MoICE review draft National Media and Information Policy

The Media Reform Coordinating Group (MRCG) in partnership with the Ministry of Information and Civic Education (MoICE) has on Thursday, 7th September, 2023, convened a workshop at Dohas Hotel in Bo, to examine the draft National Media and Information Policy.

The event brought together a distinguished gathering of key figures from Sierra Leone's media landscape including, the Right to Access Information Commission, the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists, Women in the Media Sierra Leone, the Independent Media Commission and among others.

Dr. Francis Sowa, the National Coordinator of MRCG, emphasized that the document presented is not a policy they have developed but rather a compilation of discussions on key issues that could inform future policy decisions. He highlighted that the government has its own established process for policy development. The current document being shared by the ministry likely incorporates input from various stakeholders.

"It's important to note that this is a complex process with several steps, which the facilitators will elaborate on later. Our primary goal today is to acknowledge the existence of this draft document. However, before engaging with the minister and his team, we must ensure that we do not present an outdated document. Therefore, updating and contextualizing these documents will provide a solid foundation for our discussions," he stated.

Dr. Victor Massaquoi, Chairman of the Independent Media Commission and the MRCG Board, emphasized the critical role of a well-defined information policy in reducing confusion and enhancing coordination. He acknowledged the rich content of the policy document, anticipating improved information flow and quality in Sierra Leone.

Estina Taylor, President of Women in the Media Sierra Leone, stressed the policy's relevance in the digital age, particularly in addressing issues of misinformation, disinformation, and cyber security. Taylor highlighted the importance of gender equality in



A group photo of participants and facilitators at the workshop

information dissemination, emphasizing the policy's potential to combat gender bias and harassment while fostering an environment conducive to women's professional growth.

Emmanuel AB Turay, Acting Director of Information at the Ministry of Information and Civic Education, emphasized the significance of the National Information Policy. He highlighted the necessity of having a comprehensive national policy to ensure the effective implementation and operation of information resources, services, and systems. "This policy aims to provide timely access to relevant information for citizens across the country, enhance coordination within the national information system, and align with existing legislation," he said.

Turay also stressed the importance of a dedicated session to assess the current state of affairs and align with international standards to improve the national policy further. He furthered that the primary objectives of this policy include supporting national development initiatives, enhancing the quality of life for the citizens by facilitating systematic and secure communication through information strategies, and revitalizing investments in information and communication infrastructure.

In his keynote address, Hon. Cherner Bah, the Minister of Information and Civic Education, underscored the pressing need for reform in Sierra Leone's information ecosystem. Bah lamented the existing dysfunction, describing it as so poorly organized that it seemed deliberately designed for chaos. He emphasized the absence of cohesion in messaging, a dearth of values and principles in

communication, and the need for adherence to international standards. The Minister said that government institutions with outdated or non-functional websites face credibility issues when applying for grants from international organizations. "If they have a website that looks reasonably good, they will say that is an institution with some credibility. That is a foundational step, but we have government ministries in Sierra Leone that do not even think about updating their websites," he stated. He emphasized that proactive information dissemination, rather than defensive measures, is key to countering fake news and negative propaganda.

He revealed that at the request of President Bio, they were conducting an assessment of Sierra Leone's information architecture, aiming to map information flows and improve government-citizen interaction. "We want to see and map out where we are now in terms of information flow and use that map to propose how it ought to be for government to function well." He stressed the importance of civic engagement and feedback mechanisms, stating that citizens' voices must be heard. To achieve these goals, the development of comprehensive policies, such as the National Media and Information Policy, is essential," he stated. The Minister commended MRCG for its efforts and called on all stakeholders to collaborate in achieving the outlined objectives.

The workshop concluded with a facilitative session led by Dr. Isaac Massaquoi and Umaru Fofana, followed by group work where members collaborated to generate ideas for the development of the information policy.

Convict jailed 10 years for larceny

By Mohamed Bagura and Aiah Kaminjah (Interns)

In a landmark ruling, Peter Denis Massai, a convicted individual, has been handed a ten-year prison sentence by the court.

Additionally, he has been ordered to pay a substantial sum of seventy-six million Old Leones as part of his punishment. Out of that amount, ten million will be paid to the state, while the remaining sixty-six million is to be disbursed to the complainant as compensation.

The charges levelled against Massai stem from his alleged breach of trust under the Larceny Act. Specifically, he was indicted on one count charge in violation of section 13(a) of the Larceny Act 1916. It was alleged that between the 1st of April 2021 and the 25th of October 2021, in Freetown, Massai unlawfully entered the dwelling house of Josephine Jenneh Saidu. It was within this residence that he purportedly committed the crime, stealing a substantial amount of money comprising three thousand four hundred United States dollars, two hundred and fifty sterling, and one thousand four hundred and fifty United States dollars.

During the court proceedings, evidence was presented indicating that the convicted individual had

utilized a portion of the stolen funds to finance various personal activities, including his wedding arrangements. Moreover, he had purchased five motorbikes, a fact that ultimately led to his arrest on the day of his wedding. Despite the charges brought against him, Massai vehemently denied the allegations, claiming that he owned only one motorbike. He further contended that he had sold this single motorbike to raise money for living expenses when the matter was reported to the police. To strengthen their case, the prosecution called upon multiple witnesses who provided testimonies corroborating the allegations against Massai. The defense counsel, Ishmael Bangura, sought mercy for his client during their arraignment and implored the judge to consider tempering justice with leniency.

The sentencing of Peter Denis Massai reflects the court's commitment to upholding the rule of law and offering redress to victims of criminal acts. The significant term of imprisonment, coupled with substantial monetary compensation, aims to deter individuals from engaging in similar crimes while providing a sense of justice and restitution to the affected party.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Abt Associates, a major American business and government research, technical assistance, and consulting company, manages the USAID-funded VectorLink Project. VectorLink will support the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and USAID to plan and implement an integrated vector control approach with the overall goal of reducing the burden of malaria. Abt has implemented indoor residual spraying (IRS) for PMI since 2011, delivering high-quality IRS programs and gathering the most comprehensive vector control entomological data in the world. Under this contract, Abt will expand entomological monitoring to guide programs focused on insecticide-treated mosquito nets and IRS and continue to assist PMI in reducing the burden of malaria through IRS and capacity building in 24 African countries where malaria is endemic. Abt also will continue to support PMI in IRS monitoring and evaluation as well as environmental compliance.

Abt associates Inc., received funds from USAID, to implement the Programme: “**PMI Evolve**” in Five (5) different districts of Sierra Leone. Part of the funds has been allocated for the Procurement of various Services.

We hereby invite all legally constituted companies, or business or enterprises that can provide excellent services, to Request for the RFQ.

Schedule of RFQ:

Lot Number	Description of items
Lot 1	Transportation Services

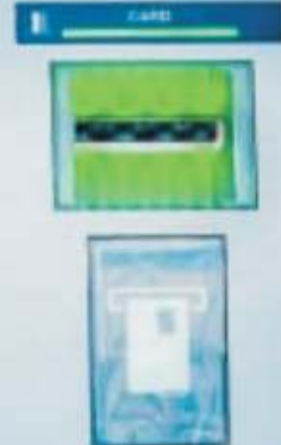
Interested bidders must request the RFQ clearly stating their area of interest via email to: *PMI_EvolveSierra Leone@abtassoc.com*, between the hours of **8:00am** and **4:00pm** from 11th, September 2023 to **13th September 2023** and you may seek any clarification via email to: *Mohamed_fofanah@pmivectorlink.com*. Please note that all clarifications will be made to potential bidders latest **Wednesday 13th September 2023**.

Bidders are required to submit their respective bids not later than **September 15th, 2023**, at **3:00pm**. And bids can be dropped in the bid box in our office at 41W1 Derrick Drive, Off Spur Road, or via email to *Mohamed_fofanah@pmivectorlink.com*. E-mail submissions must not be of file size above 2mbs in PDF format.



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Join us!

We are looking for a Director of Finance and Administration to provide overall technical and management leadership, guidance and oversight of the organization's operations, finance, grants, and contracts portfolio. She/he will be the custodian of financial, accounting, IT, branch operations, supply chain, grants, and contracts process to ensure PSI Sierra Leone is compliant with donor and PSI global finance, budget, procurement, grants, and compliance standards and that the processes enable PSI Sierra Leone achieves its strategic priorities. In addition, to strong technical knowledge and experience, the Director of Finance and Administration will be a key leader within the organization whose leadership style should reflect high Emotional Intelligence (EI) and their ability to lead while nurturing talent. The Director of Finance and Operations will be working closely with the Country Representative and Chief of Party for the Impact Malawi Project.

Sound like you? Read on. Your contribution

Strategic Leadership and Oversight Role

- Provide direction and strategic leadership to the organization's finance, IT, supply chain, branch operations, grants, and contracts portfolio to ensure that operational processes efficiently support program objectives.
- Ensure that the finance, IT, supply chain, grants and contracts systems and process align with PSI Sierra Leone's Strategic Plan and priorities.
- Ensure that PSI Sierra Leone policies and procedures align with PSI Global Services Finance, Procurement, Grants and Contracts policies, procedures, and requirements, and proactively identify and manage any potential conflicts to ensure compliance with the necessary regulations.
- Design and maintain internal systems that ensure accurate and timely reporting on financial performance of the organization.
- Consistently demonstrate a leadership style that reflects high emotional intelligence, nurtures talent, and reinforces the right line at the top of the organization.
- Promote and demonstrate an ethical environment, in line with PSI's values of honesty and acting with integrity.
- Supervise and provide leadership to PSI Sierra Leone's Finance, IT, Supply Chain, Branch Operations and Sub-Awards teams.

Financial Reporting and Policies

- Establish and/or refine and disseminate policies, systems and practices for effective management, procurement, disbursement and accounting for all financial resources in line with PSI Global accounting policies, funder requirements and local law where required.
- Work closely with the finance team to prepare submission of monthly financial packages to PSW and to ensure complete, accurate and timely recording and reporting of transactions.
- Work closely with the Senior Management team and relevant teams at the PSI headquarters to achieve quality and timeliness in donor reporting.
- Coordinate with Programs and co-lead monthly review and analysis of financial reports and reconciliations with attention to how resources can be better allocated to achieve program objectives, Budgeting, Financial Analysis and Donor compliance.

Budgeting, Financial Analysis, Compliance

- Lead the annual operating budgeting process.
- Validate monthly common cost analysis and update cost ratios to ensure each donor bears the correct proportion of common costs in line with PSI's global policy, as applicable.
- Manage the common direct cost budget to ensure efficient and effective use of donor funds to support common direct costs, when necessary.
- Develop, track and review PSI Sierra Leone consolidated budget and departmental budgets in consultation with budget holders and finance team and conduct detailed activity status review and give input to DC and budget holders.
- Prepare and track donor budgets. Prepare modifications and activity realignments as necessary.
- Monitor performance and efficiency of on-going donor projects by analyzing country/project monthly spend rates and highlighting possible problem areas.

Technical Support, Audits and Legal

- Support preparation and successful conclusion of internal and external auditing activities.
- Ensure that the PSI Sierra Leone team responds to audit requests on a timely basis, and provides clear, complete, and accurate information to auditors.
- Review management comments for audit reports and ensure appropriate action is taken to correct audit findings.
- In collaboration with PSI Legal Counsel, minimize legal risk to the organization and engage any legal issues confronting the organization.
- Review and test controls to ensure PSI Sierra Leone systems are compliant with PSI Global Services Finance, Grants and Contracts policies, donor requirements, as well as Sierra Leone's laws.
- Ensure prompt preparation and submission of statutory returns, donor reports and tax compliance.

Operational Management and Administration

- Ensure branch operations, IT, procurement, warehouse, and fleet management activities are delivered efficiently.
- Coordinate with Head of Operations to establish and support suitable accounting, IT, Fleet Management and general administrative systems and personnel in all PSI Sierra Leone field offices.
- Work with Head of Supply Chain to ensure that PSI Sierra Leone's procurement system is adequately updated in line with PSI Global Procurement Manual and changing funder guidelines.
- Ensure adherence to PSI Global Responsibilities Matrix on Approval limits for Procurement of Goods and Services.
- Conduct quarterly oversight and supervision visits to field offices to review the quality of business operations systems and activities and provide support, when necessary.

Sub-Award and Sub-Contractor Management

- Lead the development and negotiation of sub-award agreements, workplans and budgets.
- Coordinate monthly reporting process from sub-awardees and joint programmatic and financial reports reviews, ensuring that costs are in line with the progress on delivery and implementation and that budget variances explanations are provided.
- Conduct regular sub-award visits / evaluations to verify adherence to contract terms and gauge internal control systems to obtain confidence in the reports submitted to PSI Sierra Leone.
- Design and implement a proactive, rigorous, risk-based and effective sub-awardee monitoring system and approach.
- Contribute to designing the capacity building plan for sub-awardees in financial management, internal control systems, budgeting and forecasting, technical program implementation and coordinate the provision of trainings when needed.
- Lead sub-award closeout in accordance with PSI Sierra Leone policies and procedures.

What are we looking for?

- The candidate we hire will embody PSI's corporate values:
- Collaboration:** You can work independently but thrive within a team.
- Trust:** You trust that your manager and team will have your back and can deeply about gaining that same trust from your teammates.
- Pragmatism:** You dive in and maintain momentum even when things are ambiguous, and you do not let perfect get in the way of good enough.
- Honesty:** You are not afraid to speak up and speak your mind.
- Measurement:** You set clear and challenging goals and hold yourself accountable to driving measurable results.
- Commitment:** You are independent and a free thinker, but you're ready to buy in to the direction of the team and commit to its success.

The basics

- Bachelor's degree or Advanced degree in Finance, Accounting or related field.
- Professional qualifications like ACCA, CMA, CPA preferred.
- At least 8 years post qualification experience in general management, financial management and at least 5 years of experience with donor-funded projects at a senior management level required.
- Working knowledge of integrated, accrual-basis accounting systems such as QuickBooks Enterprise, Lawson, or another ERP. Advanced computer skills, with strong Office 365 skills preferred.
- Have demonstrated grants management experience and in-depth understanding of current donor rules and regulations. Experience working with USAID, DED, KfW and other international donors.
- At least 3 years of experience living or working in a developing country and working experience in challenging environments in Africa will be an added advantage preferred.
- High level of written and verbal communication skills. Written and verbal fluency in English required.
- Exceptional quantitative data analysis skills.
- High emotional intelligence, people management and interpersonal skills. High level staff management and leadership skills.
- Ability to work in a diverse cultural environment with multiple stakeholders (including Ministry of Health authorities (MoH), beneficiaries, implementing partners, program staff, donors).
- References will be required.
- The successful candidate will be required to pass a background check.

What will get us excited (personal and management characteristics)?

- Successful candidates will be customer service oriented, exhibit excellent communication and interpersonal skills, have proven problem solving ability, be able to work efficiently and quickly under pressure, be able to prioritize and perform multiple tasks, and have the ability to work with minimal supervision and follow through on assignments. Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrated experience in international health and development issues, and technology innovation.
- Be self-starter, effective team player and demonstrated verifiable result-oriented track record. Act with urgency for continuous improvement and with a bias towards action; promote development of breakthrough solutions; embrace and advocate innovations that improve results; aggressively promote the need for breakthrough improvements.
- Acting with Long Term Perspective: Take actions today to build a strong foundation for future success. Identify and take advantage of emerging opportunities, keep PSI Sierra Leone's long term goals in mind when addressing short-term issues and problems.
- Adaptive and flexible in approaches to work, comfortable with changing approach based on the evidence of what works.
- Passionate about learning, documenting, and sharing what does and does not work.
- Proven ability to develop routines to manage large workloads and organize work efficiently.
- Ability and desire to coach and transfer learning capacity to partners and program staff.

Is that really you? And are you interested?

Please submit your application letter, accompanied with your CV (including three referees) and copies of your certificates to the address below:

The Country Representative
Population Services International (PSI)
3 Facka Drive
Freetown

Or email the application to the following email address: countryrep@psi-sl.org
**The deadline for the submission is 9PM on the 10th of September 2023.

PSI is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from qualified individuals regardless of actual or perceived race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, motivation, political affiliation, family status or responsibilities, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, childbirth, related medical conditions or breastfeeding, genetic information, ancestry, veteran, special disabled veteran or uniformed service member status or employment status.



Invitation for Bids

Sierra Leone
August, 2023

Title Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancillary Facilities
No. SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB

- 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 Tori Blair Institute (TBI), the financing of which is being administered by IFAD towards the cost of Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP) and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. 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 Agricultural Value Chain Development Project
- 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. The AVDP will be implemented nationwide over a six-year period. A value chain development approach will drive the implementation process, supported by the application of a robust targeting strategy to ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in both the implementation of project activities and the sharing of the benefits and priority attention to enhancing climate resilience among the project beneficiaries.
- The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities ("bidders") for the execution and completion of Construction of Grain Stores and Ancillary Facilities which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities.
- This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to the restrictions stipulated in the bidding document, eligible bidders may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works.
- The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into four lots as follows:

LOT NO	Lot Description	District	Chiefdom	Village	Lot ID
1	Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancillary Facilities in Kenema and Kono Districts	Kenema	Niwawa	Sandumbie	SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-A
		Kenema	Nongowa	Burra II	
		Kenema	Nongowa	Kambeswabu	
		Kenema	Nongowa	Fondu	
		Kono	Tankoro	Tongoro	
2	Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancillary Facilities in Bo and Pujehun Districts	Bo	Rongor	Bendu	SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-B
		Bo	Jalima	Koribondo	
		Bo	Boima	Yamandu	
		Pujehun	Gallinea	Blama Mansaquoi	
		Pujehun	Kpanga	Gambu	
3	Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancillary Facilities in Bonthe and Moyamba Districts	Bonthe	Sogbini	Naijeh	SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-C
		Bonthe	Jong	Mattru Jong	
		Bonthe	Jong	Moyowa	
		Moyamba	Fakunya	Moyamba Town	
		Moyamba	Fakunya	Fakona	
4	Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancillary Facilities in Kenema and Kono Districts	Kalahun	Kisi Tongi	Potou	SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-D
		Kalahun	Luowa	Nyandehun	
		Kalahun	Luowa	Mambabu	
		Kalahun	Kisi Tongi	Boyama/Ferusu	

Bidders have the option to bid for one or more lots, but they will only be contracted for one. However, in the event that a bidder wins more than one lot, the lot with the higher price will be awarded to the bidder; if the lots are of the same value, any one of the lots will be awarded to the bidder.

- A contractor will be selected using the international competitive bidding (ICB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The ICB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
 - Please note that a pre-bid conference will not be held
 - Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of \$LE500 or 25 USD. Payment shall be made to the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project through Western Union Money Transfer, RUA, MoneyGram (Attention Debora F. Bangura) or in the following account:

Account Name: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Account No: 014-001-107-861-136-462

Bank: Commerce and Mortgage Bank
 - Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail with a copy of the payment slip, giving full contact details of the bidder and the subject of procurement, to avdpmtu@gmail.com. This will also ensure that the bidders receive the bidding document by email or hard copy (at the following address), as well as any updates regarding the bidding document
 - Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the following link and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than 21st September, 2023 at 12:00 GMT.
- Link: <https://bit.ly/BidSubStore>
- Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance.
- Bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee. The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be \$9000 per Lot and shall be expressed in lots. Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable
- There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on 31st September, 2023 at 12:30 GMT.
- Link to join Bid Opening: <https://bit.ly/BidOpenStore>
- For any further clarification, please contact the above email address:

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Invitation for Bids

Sierra Leone
September, 2023

Re: Construction of Fifteen Waterpoints (Boreholes for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)- SLE-2000001544-0018-W-NCB

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), the financing of which is being administered by IFAD towards the cost of **Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)** and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. 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 **Agricultural Value Chain Development Project**.

1. 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. The AVDP will be implemented nationwide over a six-year period. A value chain development approach will drive the implementation process, supported by the application of a robust targeting strategy to ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in both the implementation of project activities and the sharing of the benefits and priority attention to enhancing climate resilience among the project beneficiaries.

2. The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities ("bidders") for the execution and completion of **Construction Waterpoints (Boreholes for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)**- which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities.

3. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to the restrictions stipulated in the bidding document, eligible bidders may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works.

4. The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into three lots as follows:

Lot No	DISTRICT	CHIEFDOM	COMMUNITY	No of Site
1	BO	Njala Komboya	Talia 1	1
	BO	Njala Komboya	Njekohun	1
	BO	Tikonko	Gelehun	1
	KENEMA	Gaura Chiefdom	Tanima Village	1
	KENEMA	Nongowa Chiefdom	Potehun	1
2	MOYAMBA	Kamajel	Taninahun	1
	MOYAMBA	Bumpeh	Kumrabai	1
	BONTHE	Najjeh	Sogbini	1
	PUJEHUN	Kpaka	Vaahun	1
	PUJEHUN	Sorogbeima	Tussor	1
3	KAILAHUN	Luawa Chiefdom	Tikonko.	1
	KAILAHUN	Luawa Chiefdom	Glema Gbayla	1
	KAILAHUN	Kissi Kama Chiefdom	Poluma Junction	1
	KAILAHUN	Kissi Teng Chiefdom	Yabaima	1
	KONO	Nimikoro Chiefdom	Buttau	1

Bidders have the option to bid for any one or more lots. The Purchaser retains the right to award not more than one lot to a bidder.

5. A contractor will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

6. Please note that a pre-bid conference will be held as described in the Bid Data Sheet ("BDS"), Section III of the bidding document.

7. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of **SLE500**. Payment shall be made to the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project through Western Union Money Transfer, RIA, MoneyGram or in the following account:

Account Name: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project
Account No: 014-001-107-861-136-462

Bank: Commerce and Mortgage Bank

8. Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail with a copy of the payment slip, giving full contact details of the bidder and the subject of procurement, to avdp@pmu@gmail.com. This will also ensure that the bidders receive the bidding document by email or hard copy (at the following address), as well as any updates regarding the bidding document.

Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the following link and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – Instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than **9th October 2023 at 12:00 GMT**. Link: <https://bit.ly/waterpointsubmission>

9. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance.

10. Bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee. The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be **SLE85,000 per Lot** and shall be expressed in lots. Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable.

11. There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on **9th October, 2023 at 12:30 GMT**.

Link to join Bid Opening: <https://bit.ly/Bidopeningwaterpoint>

1. For any further clarification, please contact the above email address:

Invitation for Bids

Mott MacDonald SL Limited

Procurement Number: MMSL/SSEIP2/1088.25

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited, has allocated funds from FCDO for the procurement of **250 tablets and cases** and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

Mott MacDonald Limited trading as Cambridge Education has been appointed by UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to use UK aid to deliver the Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme 2 (SSEIP 2). This programme supports the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education to improve primary and secondary schooling, make schools safer for girls, and target support to students with disabilities.

The nature of the programme requires tablets and cases to be used for monitoring and training purposes, with the following specifications:

Tablet

- 8" or greater screen
- Minimum 2GB RAM
- Storage 32GB or larger
- Wifi + 3G
- SD Card slot
- Quality Camera

Tablet case

- Built from durable PU (synthetic) leather with soft microfiber interior to prevent scratches.
- Cover contains flip capability to transform the case into a horizontal viewing stand. Interior pocket opens for easy insertion of device.
- Built-in magnetic strip to provide auto sleep/wake feature. Designed with a smart holder for stylus/pen.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate the capacity to deliver without advance payment and experience to deliver **250 tablets and cases**.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between **09.00 am and 5.00 pm from 4th - 29th September 2023**. Bidding documents can be collected for free at the address below.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **2nd October 2023 at 9.00 a.m.** All bids must be accompanied by:

- Valid business registration certificate
- Valid NASSIT clearance certificate
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- References, indicating the supplier's experience to deliver similar products to reputable organizations - corporations, INGOs and Government

Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked "**RFP 1088.25 – Tablets and Cases - Sierra Leone**".

Bids will be opened on **Monday 2nd October 2023 at 9:15 a.m.** in the presence of bidders and/or representatives at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited
24 Regent Road, Opposite Orange Office
Hill Station
Freetown -

Invitation for Bids

Mott MacDonald SL Limited

Procurement Number: MMSL/SSEIP2/1088.26

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited, has allocated funds from FCDO for the procurement of **2 – Motor vehicles** and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

Mott MacDonald Limited trading as Cambridge Education has been appointed by UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to use UK aid to deliver the Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme 2 (SSEIP 2). This programme supports the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education to improve primary and secondary schooling, make schools safer for girls, and target support to students with disabilities.

The nature of the programme requires frequent travels to remote parts of the country, in many cases using bad roads, to support schools. To enhance the team to travel to the project locations, MM is buying two (2) 4x4 motor vehicles, double cabin, on/off road, suitable for rough terrain.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate experience and the capacity to deliver **4 x 4 vehicles**.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between **09.00 am and 5.00 pm from 4th - 29th September 2023**. Bidding documents can be collected for free at the address below.

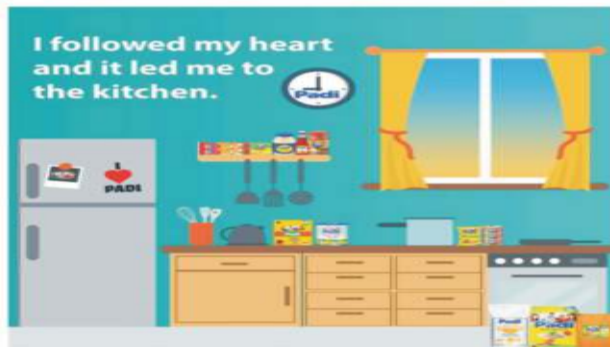
Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **2nd October 2023 at 09.45 a.m.** All bids must be accompanied by:

- Valid business registration certificate
- Valid NASSIT clearance certificate
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- References, indicating the supplier's experience to deliver similar products to reputable organizations - corporations, INGOs and Government

Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked "**RFP 1088.26 – 4 x 4 motor vehicles - Sierra Leone**".

Bids will be opened on **Monday 2nd October 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in the presence of bidders and/or representatives at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

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Justice Stevens completes 22 cases

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Court of Appeal Judge presiding at the High Court in Freetown, Justice Alhaji Momoh Jah Steven completed 22 out of the 802 cases assigned to 23 judges.

Five of such matters were sexual offences.

He sentenced Siaka Conteh to ten years for sexually penetrating a 16-year-old girl, but acquitted and discharged Saio Steven, who had been in prison for 4 years during the course of the trial.

27-year-old Osman Koroma alias 'Paddy' was acquitted and discharged because the prosecution didn't present a case to warrant a conviction.

Justice Steven also discharged the file for 57-year-old driver, Abdul Bashir Rahim, who was accused to have sexually penetrated an underage girl. The accused was reported dead during the course of trial.

34-year-old Alusine Mansaray alias



Justice Alhaji Momoh Jah Steven

Aluspa was sentenced to 15 years in prison for sexually penetrating a five-year-old child.

Alfred Bangura and saidu Sesay were sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiracy and rape, offences they committed on 19th October, 2018.

The other matters were petty offences ranging from house breaking, wounding with intent, assaults, larceny and robbery some of which the accused received the least of two and half years jail terms.



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Public Notice

Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24th March, 2023.

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

Black & White

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

Coloured

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

The cover price remains the same.

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

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Signed:
Donald Theo-Harding
Chairman, GoNE-SL.

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PRESS RELEASE

INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS

Mile 91 Town, 25th March 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

FREETOWN

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

PROVINCIAL

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

SILBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

END

Signed:

Daniel M. Amara
Secretary General

Approved By:

Stanley Bangura Jr.
Chairman

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