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# IGR: 87% of Sierra Leoneans say economy is bad

## SLAJ, Embassy of Ireland unveil gender equality policy for the media

By Yusufu S. Bangura

Executive Director, Institute for Governance Reforms (IGR), Andrew Lavalie has told newsmen based on a survey they conducted, 87% of Sierra Leoneans says the economy is bad.



IGR Executive Director updating the media on their survey



He made the above disclosure on Thursday, 14th September, during the launch of the 'State of Fragility Survey report', at their main office, Spur Road in Freetown.

Lavalie said they interviewed 1,200 respondents and that they looked at three areas include democracy, controversies around the elections results and the economy.

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## LOCAL NEWS IGR: 87% of Sierra Leoneans say economy is bad

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He said in terms of the economy, citizens are worried because of the rise in the prices of food and essential commodities, coupled with the depreciation of the Leone, and more recently, a steep 40% increase in fuel prices in one month alone have eaten deep into the livelihoods of almost every household.

He maintained that the economic condition is contributing to negative perceptions about the direction of the country as almost 3 out of 4 (72%) Sierra Leoneans say the country is going in the wrong direction.

"A record-high with 87% of the population expressed deep concerns about the country's economic performance, which they said the economy is very bad with 72% believing that the country is headed in the wrong direction," he said.

In the area of demand for democracy, Andrew Lavalie said the current debate around the election outcomes and the recent democratic setbacks in the West and Central African regions, Sierra Leone continues to demonstrate a robust demand for democracy.

He noted that Sierra Leone is the highest among West African

countries with most people saying that democracy is the most preferable system to select a leader.

He said despite there is economic hardship and questions about the election, people still said they don't want military rule because they believe that democracy is the best way to election.

"An overwhelming 88% of respondents have indicated their preference for democracy as the preferred system of governance, which is the highest ratio in the whole region and almost 20% above the regional average. 91% of Sierra Leoneans unequivocally support regular, honest, and transparent elections as the means to select their leaders, which is second to Liberia with 92%, and 17% above the regional average," he said.

While speaking on the controversies around the election results, Lavalie said the results have been contested by the main opposition All People's Congress (APC) who are yet to make their evidence of fraud public, also both international and national observer groups are somewhat split over the elections whereas some said the election was credible and others are saying it is not credible.



He continued that due to the controversies, elected officials in the APC have refused to participate in governance, which led to negotiations between the opposition and the SLPP, coordinated by the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.

He said the refusal of ECSL, NEW and APC to share disaggregated election data has not helped.

"A majority, 62% say the announced

results of the general elections reflects the actual outcome, while nearly four in 10 express some doubts, 14% believe there should have been a runoff, while 13% believed that Samura Kamara won a majority with over 55% of the votes in the first round, whereas 89% of says they are affiliated with the ruling SLPP and they believe that the announced results accurately reflect the votes," he concluded.

## Africell presents brand new motor bike to petty trader

As they continue to give back to their subscribers in various communities across the country through the Africell Mega Promo, the leading mobile company in Sierra Leone, Africell, has presented a brand new motor bike to the sixth lucky winner of Africell Mega Promo for this week.

Receiving the brand new motor bike from Africell in Makeni on Tuesday September 12, Zanaib Dumbuya, the sixth lucky winner for this week, expressed thanks and appreciation to Africell for taking her out of poverty for which she has been dragging within the last 40 years.

"I felt good and excited. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Africell for taking me out of poverty. Thank you for taking me out of poverty which I have been battling with in the last 40 years. I think the reason why I won this bike; is because I have been recharging my phone since I heard about the Africell Mega Promo from August. And I know that is the reason why I have bagged this brand new motor bike" she stated.

She proudly pointed out that, since she has grown to an adult age, Africell was the only institution that has been good to her and her family, adding that she was actually in doubt of winning any of the prizes because of the negative perception been circulated on social media that the promotions are fake and was not true. She mentioned that she said receiving the brand new motor bike to her was a humanitarian leadership showed by Africell and that she can happily now spread the message to



others to believe in the promotion being offered by Africell.

"I am sure I can be a testimony now to other people. And I am sure such promotion is not only meant for the rich but I believe if you try your luck you can also be another winner. I am so happy where I am today. I was not even dreaming of having a motorcycle, but today I am sure it is a call by the Almighty Allah. But look at my age I now own a Brand New Motor Bike. I am now an owner of a brand new motor bike which I have

never dreamt of" she said.

She continued that before this time she used to spend close to NLe 40 on transportation a day just for her kids to get to school, but however, she added clinching a brand new motor bike from Africell transportation for her children will be a thing of the past.

In her conclusion message, she once again thanked Africell for what they have done for her and her family. She called on all Africell subscribers to speedily rush and recharge their

Africell SIM cards as the Mega Promo is still ongoing across the country and emphasized that you can be a lucky winner if God marks you to be the winner of the Mega Promo. Definitely, she added you will be the next lucky winner.

Handing over the brand new motor bike to this week lucky winner, the Sales Supervisor for Africell, Northern Region, Mohamed Conteh noted that they have been informing people about the ongoing Africell Mega Promo from Monday to Saturday every day, adding that since they started the promotion in August this year, and they have given 6 motor bikes out of the 24 motor bikes. He said the motor bikes are placed for lucky winners across the country.

He disclosed that despite the motor bikes, there are other cash prizes for people to win. He explained that you can only be a lucky winner if you have a brand new Africell SIM card or you buy NLe 10 Africell top-up so that you can be part of the lucky winner.

The Africell Sales Supervisor stated, Africell is trying to promote people especially, the less privilege. He intimated that Africell as a true 'Kombra' mobile network in the country cannot differentiate between the poor and the rich, maintaining that Africell encourages every class of people and that as far as you are an Africell subscriber you stand a chance of being a lucky winner of the mega promotion.

Mohamed Conteh concluded by calling on all Africell subscribers to rush now and buy brand new SIM cards and also recharges Nle 10 top-up to stand a chance of winning the different Africell Mega Promo.



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## LOCAL NEWS

By Mohamed Bangura (Intern)

In a scathing critique of the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, civil society activist Alphonso Manley expressed his frustration with what he perceives as a lack of transparency within the ministry.

Manley made the remarks during a press conference held at the Ministry of Information and Civic Education, located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Freetown on Tuesday, August 2023. While the minister of technical and higher education was addressing the press and explaining the ministry's responsibilities, particularly regarding Sierra Leone's international aid and scholarship programs, Manley interrupted by accusing the ministry of being non-transparent.

According to the minister, various scholarships, such as those offered by the Commonwealth, Morocco, Russia,

# Civil Society Activist slams Minister of Higher Education

China, Hungary, and other countries, are being made available to students in Sierra Leone based on merit. She emphasized that no financial transactions were involved and that the ministry handled this process.

However, Alphonso Manley argued that the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education lacks transparency and access. He highlighted that the ministry's permanent secretary has held the position for over five years, making it the only ministry where such a long tenure is observed.

Manley expressed frustration over their failed attempts to engage with the ministry on several issues, claiming that the permanent secretary consistently refused their requests while citing numerous excuses.

That lack of transparency, he insisted, raises suspicions about what the

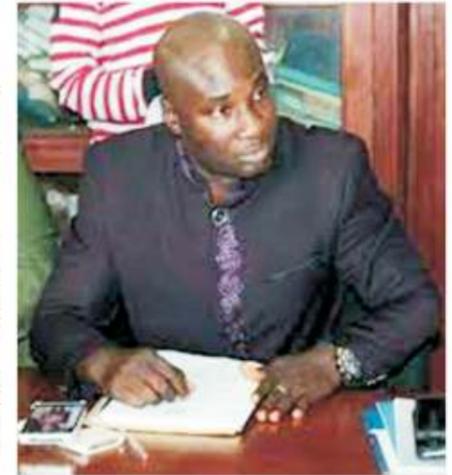
ministry might be hiding.

In response to Manley's accusations, the minister, Dr. Ramatulai Wurie, maintained a composed demeanor and reiterated her commitment to openness and collaboration.

She re-assured Manley and others present that her door was always open and that she was willing to engage with them further in private.

"I will be available to discuss these concerns offline," she stated, emphasizing her willingness to address any issues raised by civil society activists like Manley.

The clash between Alphonso Manley and the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education brings into focus the importance of transparency, particularly in governmental institutions. Civil society activists play



Alphonso Manley is hyper charged

a crucial role in holding authorities accountable and ensuring that the public's interests are safeguarded.

As Sierra Leone continues to navigate its path toward progress and development, open lines of communication and cooperation between civil society and government ministries must be maintained to foster a transparent and accountable system.

## SLAJ, Embassy of Ireland unveil gender equality policy for the media



In bid to promoting gender equality within its media industry, the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ) has launched a pioneering gender equality policy aimed at fostering diversity and inclusivity within journalism associations, news outlets, and journalists across the country.

The Gender Equality Policy for the Media (GEP), which was launched on 9 September 2023 during the 52nd Annual General Meeting of SLAJ at Dorwaila Inn & Suites in Kenema City, Eastern Sierra Leone, is among the first major initiatives specifically targeted at the news media in West Africa and the African continent at large.

According to the President of SLAJ, Ahmed Sahid Nasralla, the policy, represents a significant stride towards that ambition to foster a media landscape that reflects the diverse realities and aspirations of all practitioners, irrespective of their gender.

"This policy seeks to address equality and equity within the media ecosystem. Through this policy, SLAJ affirms its dedication to promoting gender sensitivity, not as an isolated endeavor, but as an integral part of responsible journalism. Our shared objective is to contribute to a society where the media

is a catalyst for positive change, where narratives are rooted in empathy and respect, and where the full spectrum of gender identities finds a dignified place in the spotlight," said Nasralla.

The Chairperson of the SLAJ

Gender Advisory Panel, Dr. Williette P.R.O James, who supervised the development of the policy, said: "The media in Sierra Leone is vastly plagued with male dominance that has caused the industry to metamorphose into a state of unconscious patriarchy. This policy is a major step taken to tackle the issues of gender inequality and women's empowerment within the media."

Sierra Leone's Minister of Information and Civic Education, Chernor Bah, said while officially launching the policy: "As a member of the SLAJ Gender Advisory Panel myself, let me first congratulate President Nasralla for the initiative. I promised that he would develop a gender policy and he has delivered, said Chernor

The Embassy of Ireland's Senior Governance Programme Advisor, Josephus J. Ellie, said: "The Government of Ireland is pleased to have supported the development of SLAJ gender policy. The policy aligns with priorities set in our governance and gender work in Sierra Leone as well as progressive policy and legislative reforms initiated by the government to reduce gender inequality. We look forward to the effective implementation of this policy by SLAJ and other media institutions in Sierra Leone."

## ACC conducts overt operation at Port Loko Hospital

As a way of preventing incidences of corruption in the health sector, the North West Regional Office of the Anti-Corruption Commission on Wednesday 6th September conducted a three day overt operation from Wednesday 6th to 8th September 2023 at the Port Loko Government Hospital.(PLGH).



The overt operation is part of the commission's preventive drive to addressing corruption prevalence and other forms of malfeasance that are adversely affecting the operational efficiency of the hospital.

The exercise is predicated on the numerous concerns and complaints from the public relating to extortion and other forms of corruption in the hospital.

In his brief welcome to staff of the ACC, the Medical Superintendent of the PLGH Dr.Yusuf Tejan thanked the team for their intervention and commitment to reversing the negatives in the overall operations of the hospital. He lauded the preventive approach of the fight particularly in addressing systems and procedural challenges faced in the management of the facility. In her response, Manager Kamara informed him that the ACC was primarily to observe operations, procedures, practices and look into any other activity that amount to corruption.

Prior to the operation, the Regional Manager of the ACC in the Northwest

region said corruption in the sector threatens healthcare access, fairness and outcomes adding, that where corruption prevails there is difficulty in the implementation of state policies on effective healthcare delivery. Owing to the growing public concerns on the forms and patterns of corruption in the facility, the Regional Head pinpointed the need to take action against it without delay as the effects of corruption is enormous and the burden falls disproportionately on the poor, with children, women and rural residents and other vulnerable groups bearing the burden most.

The Head of the operation who also doubles as the Senior Investigation Officer Bernard Dixon also expressed similar sentiments to addressing and mitigating the inadequacies that have adversely affected the efficiency of the hospital. He superintended the operation on every area including but not limited to outpatients department, laboratory services, stores management, Wards inspection, Drugs management, Finance and revenue streams, Free Healthcare, Triage, nutrition and diet management, among others.

## OPINION

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Whether massive, widespread or contained, the frequent shutdowns and protests in Sierra Leone are harming the economy and should stop being played down by ruling party bloggers and sycophants. A country that should have a strong economy and progress should be stable and peaceful, which Sierra Leone has not been able to achieve under President Maada Bio. These frequent shutdowns and protests are seriously destroying the economy. Any government worth its salt will look at the economic consequences of these frequent chaos. What is happening in Sierra Leone is that a state of chaos and an atmosphere of instability and

## How do regular protests affect Sierra Leone's economy, investment?

insecurity have been created in the country. Nobody knows with uncertainty what might happen next. This status quo is driving away potential investors. Who would want to invest in a country that is unstable, insecure and prone to frequent disruptions of civil life? Because investors are not sure about Sierra Leone and many are not coming as a result of instability and uncertainties, the economy is seriously regressing. Commercial activities are also being adversely disrupted and affected and importers are reluctant to commit their precious resources to bring in goods, commodities and services. This is responsible for the shortages of basic commodities, apart from the collapse of the Leone and the foreign

exchange crunch. The instability and insecurity in the country have also put a big dent on the Government's aspirations to attract and develop tourism — a major source of raw cash into the economy. Tourists have long stopped coming and this is also destroying the economy, irreparably. To be successful, a demonstration or lockdown need not be massive and widespread. All they need to do is create fear, uncertainty, insecurity, and a state of instability to citizens, the business community and international investors and tourists and cause them to rethink about investing or operating in the country. Once organizers acquire a modicum of success in creating these situations of uncertainty, instability and insecurity, they have won. They have

succeeded in hurting the government. The people in the government know the consequences of these shutdowns and demonstrations and the harm being caused by Adebayor, contrary to the false and deceitful hopes being promoted by bloggers and sycophants. Adebayor knows that he is hurting the SLPP government and he relishes it when they play down his impact and effects. Adebayor knows that if he had not been hurting the SLPP, they would not have been expending all those energies to have him arrested and deported. In my conclusion, the unpleasant quagmire and playing down things is only worsening the Government's unpopularity and the country's problems.

## Pastor acquitted, discharged for sexual penetration

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Paul Daniel Frank, a pastor, has been acquitted and discharged of alleged sexual penetration by Justice Cosmotina Jarrett.

Frank was standing trial before Justice Cosmotina Jarrett accused to have engaged in an act of sexual penetration with a girl child that is below the age of consent (18) years. The accused was charged under Section 19 of the old Act of 2012 Act No.12 of 2012.

In the particulars of offence, the state alleged that on a date unknown between the 1st January and 31st December 2016 in Freetown, the accused allegedly committed an offence of sexual penetration. Delivering judgment, Justice Cosmotina Jarrett noted that during the trial the prosecution led five witnesses including the victim in support of their case.

In the fact as charged, the trial Judge said it was alleged that the victim was staying with the accused and his wife, who is the aunt of the



victim.

In the year of 2017, the wife decided to quit her matrimonial home together with the victim.

The victim later went to stay with her biological father and stepmother, and that after sometime the stepmother said she noticed something strange on the child.

Based on that the child was taken to the 34 Military Hospital where she was treated after been confirmed to

have been sexually tampered with. She said the victim named the then accused as the person that tampered with her and that the family and elders of the church confronted the accused with the allegation, but the accused denied.

All efforts to settle the matter out of police and the court failed.

The Judge further that during the trial there were lots of inconsistencies and great deceptive of witnesses' testimony and their evidence before the court was discredited under cross examination by defense counsel.

She said throughout the trial, there

has not been any corroboration but inconsistent evidence from the 1st to 4th prosecution witnesses.

For every criminal case the prosecution must prove beyond reasonable doubts, which the Judge said was not seen in that case, adding that the 2nd, 3rd and 4th witnesses were not reliable and not truthful.

Justice Cosmotina Jarrett commended both the defense counsel led by Lawyer Abraham Kargbo from the Legal Aid Board and the State Prosecutor Yusuf S. Koroma for their addresses, which the Judge said was helpful to the court.

## 21-year-old girl incarcerated for alleged murderer

By Mohamed J Kargbo

21-year-old Salamatu Conteh made her first appearance before Magistrate Mark Negba of Court No.1 at Pademba Road and she was remanded to the Female Correctional Centre.

The accused person was standing on a count charge to wit murder contrary to Section 1 of the Offence Against the Persons Acts of 1861, repealed and replaced by the Abolition of Death Penalty Act 2021, Act 6 of 2022.

Police alleged that on a diverse date, Sunday 16th July, 2023, at Sumalia

Town in Freetown, the accused person did murder one Musa Dumbuya.

The court was unable to make any progress in the case due to the absence of prosecution witness in court.

Meanwhile, the state prosecutor ASP Wellington sought for a date for her to bring in her witness to testify on the next adjourned date.

The matter was adjourned to the 22nd September 2023 for further hearings

## Accused on remand for alleged fraudulent conversion

By Elizabeth J. Kamara

Rugiati Tarawally made an appearance before Magistrate Mark Negba of Court No.1 at Pademba Road in Freetown for fraudulent conversation.

The accused person was standing trial on a court charge to wit fraudulent conversation contrary to Section 20 (1) (iv)(a) of the Larceny Act 1916.

It was alleged that on diverse-Sunday 5th February, 2022, at kissy in

Freetown, the accused fraudulently converted to her own use and benefit, cartoons of fish valued twenty five thousand Nle 25 000 entrusted to her by Jariatu Bangura for sale.

The court was unable to make any progress in the matter due to the absence of prosecution witness.

The prosecuting counsel promised to bring in the witness in court on the next adjourned date.

Meanwhile, he sought for short date for him to bring the witness.



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## Libya Floods: Survivors speak of their plight, search for relatives

As rescue teams continued looking for bodies in the aftermath of the floods that destroyed the Libyan city of Derna, survivors on Thursday spoke of their plight and their attempts to find relatives.

Moussa Ibrahim believes many of his relatives died, several days after two dams burst above the Libyan coastal city of Derna, unleashing epic floods that wiped out neighborhoods and sent some of the dead into sea.

"The big dam of Derna collapsed, the water reached around 20 metres high while carrying mud. The floods hit buildings and courtyards killing everyone," he said.

Mediterranean storm Daniel caused deadly flooding in many towns of eastern Libya. But Derna, renowned for its white villas and palm trees, was the worst-hit.

The city had no evacuation plans, and residents said the only warning was the explosive sound of the dams rupturing. The startling devastation has underscored Libya's vulnerability.

The oil-rich country has been divided between rival administrations, each backed by competing armed militias, for almost a decade. It has been rocked by conflict since a NATO-backed Arab Spring uprising toppled autocratic ruler Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. Both governments, and their various international patrons, have banded together to help those affected.

But progress has been slow. Key bridges, roads and other infrastructure are gone.

Derna, which had a population of 90,000, largely was cut off from the world before the first aid convoys arrived late Tuesday.

The city has buried thousands of people in mass graves, Libyan officials said Thursday, and the city's mayor said that the death toll could triple or more.

Health officials have confirmed 5,100 deaths and say 9,000 people are still missing.

As of Wednesday, at least 30,000 people were displaced by the flooding in Derna, the UN's International Organization for Migration said.

## Tunisia bans visit by European Parliament delegation



Michael Gahler at a press conference in Islamabad on 26 October 2018. - Copyright © africanews AAMIR QURESHI/AFP or licensors

Tunisia has banned a delegation from the European Parliament from entering its territory, provoking strong reactions from MEPs, some of whom have called for the suspension of the migration agreement concluded between the EU and Tunis.

Signed with great fanfare in July in Tunis, this partnership is notably supposed to reduce the number of migrants leaving the Tunisian coast in exchange for European aid of several hundred million euros.

The delegation made up of five MEPs, including three French, was to go to Tunis on Thursday "to better understand the current political situation" and take stock of this agreement.

Led by the German Michael Gahler (EPP, Christian Democrat), she was to meet members of civil society, trade unionists and representatives of the Tunisian opposition.

In a letter addressed to the EU delegation in Tunis, which AFP was able to consult, the Tunisian authorities limit themselves to indicating that these deputies of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament will "not be authorized to enter the national territory".

"This attitude is unprecedented since the democratic revolution of 2011," reacted the latter, demanding a "detailed explanation" in Tunis. The Socialists and Democrats group in the European Parliament immediately called for the "immediate" suspension of this "migratory partnership".

A Commission spokesperson, questioned about the impact of the Tunisian decision, expressed her "surprise" on Thursday, but judged that the continuation of the dialogue was "even more

important in the face of the unprecedented challenges we are encountering".

"It's both surprising and exceptional," reacted French MEP Mounir Satouri (Greens), member of this delegation, interviewed by AFP. "I expect from European leaders a firm response and frank support for our institution," said another French MEP, Emmanuel Maurel (left), also

member of this delegation. During her State of the Union speech on Wednesday, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen cited this partnership as an example, which was however criticized by some MEPs.

"It's a model that makes us dependent on autocratic systems which can then blackmail us," lamented French MEP Raphaël Glucksmann (Socialists and Democrats group).

"We have already had experience with Turkey. With these agreements we are putting ourselves in the hands of the States, and we are opening the way to blackmail. This is not the right solution," declared French elected official Valérie Hayer (Renew Europe, centrists and liberals).

The Commission defended this agreement this week, arguing that it had allowed an increase in boat interceptions and rescues.

But he is criticized on the one hand by the left and the Greens, who denounce the authoritarianism of President Kais Saied and the abuses suffered by sub-Saharan migrants in Tunisia. On the right and the far right, however, MEPs consider its implementation insufficient to reduce the number of migrant arrivals in Europe.

Tunisia is, along with Libya, the main departure point for thousands of migrants crossing the central Mediterranean towards Europe, and arriving in Italy.

Ms von der Leyen went to Tunis on the occasion of the signing of this agreement, accompanied by the heads of government of Italy Giorgia Meloni and the Dutch Mark Rutte.

After the 2015 migration crisis, EU countries concluded an agreement with Ankara aimed at curbing the arrival of migrants to Europe, in return for a heavy financial compensation - part of the 6 billion euros then promised must still be provided.

## Mali cancels Independence Day Celebrations after attacks

Mali's ruling junta has cancelled festivities planned for the anniversary of the country's independence celebrated on September 22.

The announcement was made public Wednesday

following a council of ministers.

Last year, Guinea's ruling military leader attended the military parade organized for the festivities of Mali's 62nd independence anniversary.

## In China, Zambia's Hichilema eyes collaboration after tour of top tech firms

Zambia's President is in China this week at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart.

Business featured high on the agenda of Hakainde Hichilema's Shenzhen stop-off, with the leader visiting five leading companies over the course of two days.

Earlier this week, Hichilema toured the headquarters of top telecoms company Huawei, and was presented with a talent program which prepares young Zambians for a career in Information and Communication Technology also known as ICT.

"It was my first time to actually meet the president in person", Cyber security engineer Violet Nyakunzu said.

"I really wanted to encourage the youth to take on such ICT programs, especially females, because where I come from, a lot of females think ICT is a male-dominated industry and that's what shies them away. But you need to face your fears head-on."

Hichilema who will reportedly end his state visit on Saturday (Sep. 16), has high hopes on the impact of closer ties with China.

"We can do more, faster, because the needs are tremendous in Zambia. I heard some of the solutions are here. All we need to do is to combine the two together."

Zambi is building up its digital infrastructure to improve government efficiency and streamline the business environment.

The southern African nation is the continent's second-largest producer of copper, a vital resource used in electric vehicle production, charging facilities, and solar panels. Working with a top Chinese EV and battery manufacturer like BYD could potentially see Zambia upgrading its mining resource exports and open up new opportunities in the global transition towards greener energy.

"If Zambia is interested in going electric in transportation, BYD stands ready to offer technological support. Developing EVs will make you less dependent on oil and reduce air pollution in cities. Most importantly, it increases the value of Zambia's copper resources," said Wang Chuanfu, the founder and CEO of BYD.

## Nearly 7,000 migrants arrive on Italy's southern island of Lampedusa within 24 hours

A flotilla of flimsy boats, crowded with migrants and launched from Tunisia, overwhelmed a tiny southern Italian island on Wednesday, taxing the coast guard's capability to intercept the smugglers' vessels and sorely testing Premier Giorgia Meloni's pledge to thwart illegal migration.

Compounding the political pressure on Italy's first far-right leader were vows by France and Germany to rebuff migrants who arrive by sea on Italian shores, and in defiance of European Union asylum system rules, head northward to try to find jobs or relatives in those and other northern countries on the continent.

Starting early Tuesday, the unseaworthy, unstable iron boats came one after the other in what appeared to be almost a procession to onlookers on Lampedusa, a fishing and tourist island south of Sicily.

Some 6,800 migrants came in a span of just over 24 hours — a number that is a few hundred higher than the isle's full-time population.

Provoking the surge in numbers was a bottleneck in Tunisia's ports of several days caused by rough seas that meant the smugglers couldn't launch their boats, according to Italian authorities.

With the island's sole migrant residence having a capacity of about 450 beds, authorities scrambled to transfer the migrants via commercial ferries or a coast guard ship to Sicily, or Calabria in the southern toes of the Italian mainland.

Francesca Basile, a spokeswoman for the Italian Red Cross on Lampedusa, said they were making a "huge effort" to provide "basic services" for the 6,000 migrants at the center on Lampedusa.

According to Italy's Interior Ministry, over 120,000 migrants have arrived in Italy this year by sea, among them were over 11,000 unaccompanied minors.

Most of them cross Italy on foot, bus and in trains as they try to head to northern Italy.

Andrea Costa, the president of Baobab Experience, a non-profit association that helps migrants in transit in Rome, says they have seen a huge surge in migrants from South Sudan, Sudan, and Eritrea coming through this summer.

Volunteers working with Baobab provide the migrants with a hot meal every evening on a street in Rome.

Most of them spend a few nights in Rome before catching a bus towards the town of Ventimiglia on the border with France.

## Tedopi: positive results for a lung cancer vaccine

French biotechnology company OSE Immunotherapeutics on Monday presented positive results from its Tedopi therapeutic vaccine in patients with advanced lung cancer, showing a reduced risk of death compared with chemotherapy.

One year after the start of treatment, 44.1% of these patients were still alive in the group receiving the vaccine, compared with only 27.5% in the chemotherapy group, according to the results of a phase 3 clinical trial (the stage prior to marketing) published on Monday in the journal *Annals of Oncology*.

The study also shows that using the vaccine instead of chemotherapy helps to maintain a better quality of life for patients, with fewer side-effects," says Professor Benjamin Besse, Director of Clinical Research at the Institut

Gustave-Roussy and principal investigator in the trial, called Atalante-1.

These results offer new hope for these patients," said Nicolas Poirier, CEO of Ose Immunotherapeutics, at a virtual press conference, pointing out that more than a thousand injections had been given during the various clinical trials.

A total of 219 patients took part in the study in nine European countries and the United States (139 patients on Tedopi and 80 on chemotherapy). The vaccine was initially administered every three weeks, then every eight weeks for a year, then every 12 weeks.

But Tedopi still has to be tested in a new trial early next year before it can be submitted for marketing authorisation in 2027.

Credit: Rédaction africanews with AP

During Wednesday's council of ministers, Mali's military leader ordered the government to allocate the funds planned for this year's festivities to help victims of a series of recent attacks and their families.

The council also discussed the possible mobilisation of reservists.

The announcement of "sober" independence anniversary coincides with a renewed military activity by the Tuareg separatists, and a succession of attacks attributed mainly to the Al-Qaeda-linked jihadist alliance Support Group for Islam and Muslims (GSIM).

On Tuesday, Tuareg armed separatist groups launched an offensive against army positions in the garrison town of Bourem, which the army said it had repelled.

The two sides provided contradictory reports of events, but both reported dozens of deaths.

An attack on a passenger boat on the Niger River, blamed on jihadists, left dozens of civilians dead last week.

These events take place under the backdrop of the ongoing withdrawal of the UN peacekeeping mission to Mali.

Mali was plunged into turmoil in 2012 after a separatists and Islamist insurrections broke out in the north.

Goita expressed his "deep distress" at the losses caused by "the savage and barbaric attack against the boat (and) the assaults on the camps in the towns of Bamba, Gao and Bourem", the council of ministers said.

It was his first public remarks on the boat attack.

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# OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT



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Aged 50

She's survived by her father Mr. Lionel G. Williams, stepmother Mrs. Remilekun Gus-Williams both in the USA.

Brother: Donald Williams

Sister: Mrs. Danita Ajayi, USA

Brother-in-law: Mr. Ezekiel Ajayi, USA.

Uncles: Mr. Christian Williams, Mr. Emile Davis both in the USA, Ayodele and Conie.

Aunts: Mrs. Ernestine Ojumu, Mrs. Theodora Davis, Abigail Johnson, Charlotte Decker, Modupeh Arthur-Nylander and Elizabeth Beogh-Lewis.

Cousins: Emile and Matu, Aretha, Kevin, Vanessa, Akishola, Bolaji, Social, Samiria and Marie.

Stepfather: Nathaniel Macauley.

Stepbrothers: Nathaniel and Sidney Macauley

Nephews and Nieces: Zak, Samuel, Joel, Lionel Jr. and Heavenly.

Other relatives includes: Marcella Johnson, Abu and Marina Sesay, Llewellyn Thomas, The Davies, Allen and The Beckley families.

Funeral Service: Zion Methodist Church, Wilberforce Street, Freetown

Funeral Date: Friday, October 6, 2023

Time: 2:30pm

Interment follows immediately at Kingtom Cemetery, Freetown.

May her gentle soul Rest in Peace.



## Guild of Editors - Sierra Leone

C/O MRCG 145 Circular Road, Freetown.

Email: [editorsguild94@gmail.com](mailto:editorsguild94@gmail.com) Mob:+23276653596

### Public Notice

#### Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023.

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Signed:

Donald Theo-Harding

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PRESS RELEASE

#### INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS

Mile 91 Town, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023, as part of the efforts to meet the current inflation rates and other statutory obligations in the country.

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

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

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

The new commercial quotation which will take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1,250.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)

(b) Cost for 1hr airtime, between NLe 1,500.00 and

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

#### PROVINCIAL

1. Jingle - Jingle slot - NLe 20.00 per minute

2. Public notice - NLe 20.00 per 50 words

3. (a) Cost for 30 minute airtime: between NLe 500.00 and NLe 750.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)

(b) Cost for 1hr airtime: between NLe 1,000.00 and NLe 1,500.00

(Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)

SiLBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

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Signed:

Daniel M. Amara  
Secretary General

Approved By:

Stanley Bangura Jr  
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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Jhpiego is an international, non-profit health organization affiliated with [The Johns Hopkins University](#). For 40 years and in over 155 countries, Jhpiego has worked to prevent the needless deaths of women and their families.

Jhpiego Corporation has been providing technical support to the Ministries of Health in partner countries across the globe for the past 40 years in a variety of technical areas including cervical cancer treatment and prevention, community health, HIV and AIDS, maternal and newborn health, health workforce capacity development (both pre-service and in-service), family planning, malaria, and IPC/WASH.

**Position:** Administrative Officer (1 Position)

**Reports To:** Finance and Operations Director

**Job Location:** Freetown, Sierra Leone

**Duration:** 12 Months

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provide guidance to the program teams regarding the financial requirements of the projects and office operations.
- Implements and oversees a detailed financial reporting and reimbursement process in accordance with Jhpiego's established financial system.
- Prepares the monthly financial report by using adapted finance software (QuickBooks) and ensures accuracy and timeliness
- Uses various software applications such as spreadsheets, relational databases, statistical packages, and graphic packages to assemble, analyze, and format data and/or reports
- Ensures financial management systems provide accurate, current, and complete disclosure of financial transactions
- Support the Finance Manager in the financial reporting process to donors
- Ensure that required financial controls and cost-performance monitoring mechanisms are in place and adhered to: prevents over or under-expenditure of budgets, ensures proper safeguards of funds, and ensures compliance with established USG and Jhpiego's global financial, accounting, and administrative procedures.
- Regularly review accounting transactions to ensure costs are allowable and reasonable Regularly review QBE: review of balance sheet, aging analysis, detailed GL, expenditure by ION, advance balance
- Performs other projects related activities as assigned by the supervisor or by Jhpiego management
- Thorough understanding of the monthly reporting circle
- Monthly reconciliation of the receivables and payables
- Demonstrated experience of at least 2 years' experience in staff supervision
- Advanced knowledge of QBE is required
- A certification in QBE is a plus

**Required Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Degree in Accounting, Finance or its recognized equivalent
- An MBA in Accounting or at level 2 of a professional qualification (CPA, ACCA or recognized equivalent) is highly desired.
- 5+ years relevant experience in finance and accounting.
- Knowledge of institutional donors (e.g. USAID) regulations, procedures and requirements a plus.
- Be of high integrity and have a sense of confidentiality
- Be willing to take on extra responsibilities, sometimes working overtime, in order to achieve the goals/objectives set by the organization

Qualified persons are required to send their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and application letter to: [SL-Recruitment@jhpigo.org](mailto:SL-Recruitment@jhpigo.org). Clearly state in the subject area the position you are applying for, if not clearly stated your application will not be considered.

Deadline for the submission of applications: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Please note that due to the sheer volume of applications often received, only shortlisted candidates will receive responses.

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**Position:** Senior Finance Officer (1 Position)

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**Duration:** 12 Months

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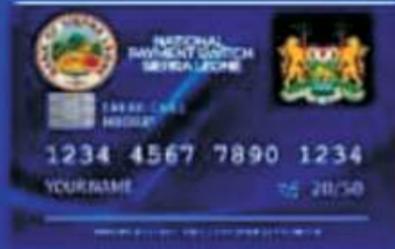
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Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning  
Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (P177031)

**National Competitive Bidding (NCB)  
For the procurement of  
Assorted ICT Equipment, including media Kit.**

Country: Sierra Leone  
Name of Project: Sierra Leone Land Administration  
Project ID: P177031  
Grant No: IDA-V3980  
RFB Reference No: SL-MLHCP-344316-GO-RFB  
IFB Issue Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.  
IFB Closing Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 12:50 pm (Sierra Leone Time).

- The Government of Sierra Leone has received funds from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank towards the cost of implementing the Sierra Leone Land Administration Project. The Project is implemented by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP), who intends to apply part of the fund towards payment for the supply of assorted ICT equipment, including media kit.
- The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP), through the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of:

No	Description of Procurement	QTY	Bid Security	Delivery Period
1.	A <sub>1</sub> and A <sub>0</sub> Large format Printer.	03	SLE 260,000	Eight (8) Weeks
2.	Laptops for general use	100		
3.	Laptops for communications content generation including audio visual editing.	01		
4.	Computer monitors.	20		
5.	Tablets	20		
6.	Docking stations ( USB hub type c multiple slots)	20		
7.	All in one printer	05		
8.	Digital Video Camera - Black Magic Pocket 6k Full Frame	01		
9.	Still or Photography Camera - EOS R6 & Accessories	01		
10.	Drone DJI Mavic 3 / Mavic 3 Cine	01		
11.	Tilta Black Magic Cage or DJI RSC 2 Gimbal Stabilizer	01		
12.	V mount batteries	03		
13.	Rokinon Prime Lens kit	01		
14.	Telephoto Lens	01		
15.	E-Image Tripod	01		
16.	Monopod	01		
17.	Daylight balanced LED light	01		
18.	Wireless Rode Microphone	01		
19.	Zoom H6 Audio Recorder	01		
20.	Handheld microphone	01		
21.	Camera flash	01		
22.	2 external drive (4TB) and 2 SD Cards 32GB	01		
23.	Dual Speaker and mixer kit (Portable Public Address System)	01		
24.	Projector	01		
25.	Smart phone for live streaming	01		
26.	ALL in One Desktop Computer	04		

Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) approach /procurement method as specified by the National Public Procurement Act of 2016 and promulgated in Public Procurement Regulation 2020. Bidding is open to all eligible and qualified Bidders who have the capacity to supply the above goods.

Bidders must submit their bids together with the under listed documents and must meet the following conditions:

- q A valid Business registration certificate
- q Bid Security of Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Leones (SLE 260,000) from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- q A valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate
- q A signed Integrity Pact [see attached]
- q Audited Financial Statements for the last 3 years
- q Documentary Evidence of having successfully delivered on one (1) contract of the same type of goods with a total value (contract amount) not less than Two Million New Leones (SLE 2,000,000) or it's equivalent in old Leones or any freely convertible currency within the last five (5) years.
- q Authentic Manufacturer's/Wholesaler's authorization with clear contact details
- q Business Profile of the Bidder/Supplier
- q Original Brochure/ Technical Literature of the Items to be supplied

Interested and eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address provided below or via email to [sllapprocurement@gmail.com](mailto:sllapprocurement@gmail.com), copying [joejoe7787@yahoo.com](mailto:joejoe7787@yahoo.com), [alphajohcham@yahoo.com](mailto:alphajohcham@yahoo.com) and [jobosamba@yahoo.com](mailto:jobosamba@yahoo.com).

- The bidding document is in *English* can be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Leones (SLE 1,250) or an equivalent in freely convertible currency. The PDF of the bidding document can be obtained via email upon request. The method of payment for bidding document shall be by Bank/Wire transfer; Direct payment in the Account listed below:  
Bank: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank Limited  
Account Name: Sierra Leone Land Administration Project  
Account Number (Le): 003001103735112171  
Bank Address: 29/31 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown.

- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, at 12:50 p.m. (Sierra Leone Time). Electronic Bidding will *not* be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened on the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 1:15 pm (Sierra Leone Time), in the presence of all Bidders' or designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below:  
The Project Coordinating Unit (PCU)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Youyi Building (West Wing), Brookfields.  
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country planning  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

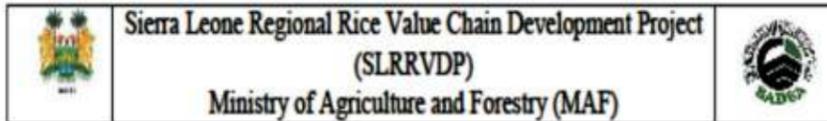
- All Bids must be accompanied by a valid *Bid Security* in the amounts indicated above or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. The Bidder shall seal the original and each copy of the bid, in separate envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as "ORIGINAL (1)" and "COPY (3)." The envelopes shall then be enclosed in an outer envelope and sealed.

For Inspection and submission of Bidding Document, please contact the Procurement Unit  
The Project Coordinating Unit (PCU)  
3rd Floor Youyi Building (West Wing), Brookfields.  
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country planning  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Or  
Send an email request for PDF version of bidding document via email to: [sllapprocurement@gmail.com](mailto:sllapprocurement@gmail.com), copying [joejoe7787@yahoo.com](mailto:joejoe7787@yahoo.com), [alphajohcham@yahoo.com](mailto:alphajohcham@yahoo.com) and [jobosamba@yahoo.com](mailto:jobosamba@yahoo.com)

For Public Opening of Bids, the venue is: SLLAP Conference Room, Third Floor.  
Youyi Building (West Wing), Brookfields.  
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country planning  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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Sierra Leone Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project  
(SLRRVDP)  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)

### SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**COUNTRY:** Sierra Leone

**NAME OF PROJECT:** Sierra Leone Regional Rice Value Chain Project (SLRRVCP)

**SECTOR:** Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS)

**PROCUREMENT OF WORKS**

**Loan No:** 0915

**Contract Title:** Rehabilitation/Construction of 35Km of Rural Roads

**NCB Procurement No:** MAF/RRVCP/PMU/NCB/WK/2023/001

**ELIGIBLE BIDDERS:** Arab and African Companies, or a Coalition of Arab/African Companies and Companies from Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank.

### INVITATION TO BID

1. The Government of Sierra Leone represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS), Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project (RRVCDP), has received a loan from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and intend to apply parts of the proceeds of this loan for the Rehabilitation/Construction of 35Km Rural Roads in Torma Bum - Bonth District, Sierra Leone.

2. The Sierra Leone Regional Rice Value Chain Project (SLRRVCP) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of the following works:

The Construction of 35Km Rural Roads - Development of the Regional Rice Value Chain in Torma Bum - Bonth District - Sierra Leone (The Works).

The road works is composed of:

Part 1: The main Road is on the West Side of the Irrigation site, parallel to the Sewa River, and has a length of 17,000m.

Part 2: Five settlement roads of a total length of 15,730 m.

Eligible bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the bidding documents, at the office of the Employer:

Sierra Leone Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project (SLRRVCDP) Head Quarter

Attention: Procurement Unit,

Address: 135 Dambala Road Bo City.

Telephone: +23278488076 Or +23276725738

Email: [fodaykarimu@gmail.com](mailto:fodaykarimu@gmail.com) and Copy [abdulai.bumwai@gmail.com](mailto:abdulai.bumwai@gmail.com)

Description of Activities	Procurement Numbers
Rehabilitation/Construction of 35Km of Rural Roads	MAF/RRVCP/PMU/NCB/WK/2023/001

3. A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of SLe 5,000 (Five Thousand New Leones) to the account given below and a payment slip submitted at the Project Office for the collection of the bidding document starting from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

No cash or cheque payment is allowed at the Project Office

The method of payment:

Bank: United Bank for Africa

Account Name: Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project

Account No: 540110110000571

4. All bids must be accompanied by a security of:

Description of Activities	Reference Number	Bid Security Amount (USD)
Rehabilitation/Construction of 35Km of Rural Roads	MAF/RRVCP/PMU/NCB/WK/2023/001	78,011.55

5. Bids must be delivered at the offices of Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project Head Quarter, 135 Dambala Road Bo City on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 12:00pm. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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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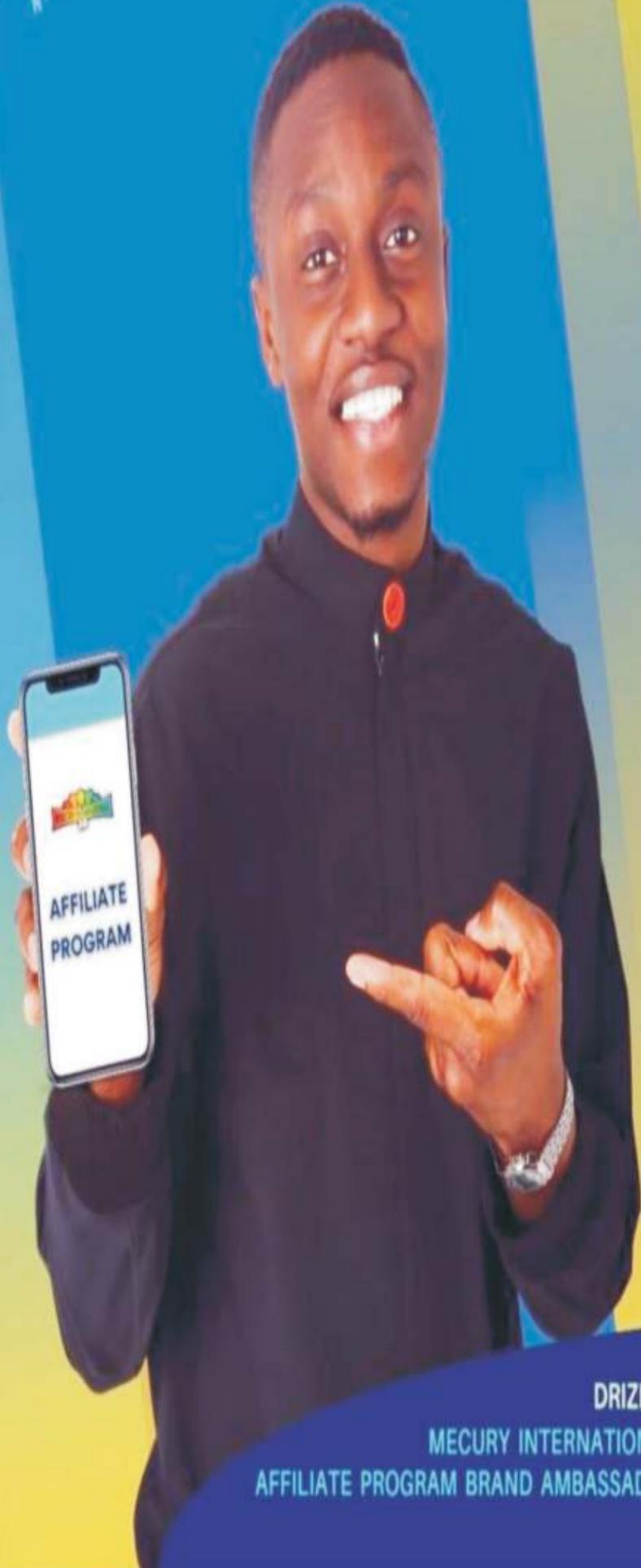
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## Dream Stars, FC Kallon go head-to-head for CAF Confederation Cup group stage place

DREAMS FC MEDIA



**D**reams FC of Ghana are set to face Sierra Leone's FC Kallon today, Friday, September 15 2023 as they commence their on-pitch battle of who will secure a place in the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup.

Both sides would be seeking to eliminate each other as they seek their first-ever qualification to the group stage of the African Football Governing Body, CAF second top-level club competition.

The Ghanaian side are entering the match with confidence and as the first leg host and just after they eliminated Guinean side Milo FC de Kankan in the last round.

The first leg ended 1-1 in Guinea, with the second leg at

the Accra Sports Stadium witnessing a comeback win for the Ghanaian FA Cup champions.

FC Kallon, on the other hand, advanced to the final knocked-out stage without kicking a ball after their scheduled match against Niger's AS Douanes was cancelled.

Dreams FC has been more active in recent competitions compared to their Sierra Leonean counterparts, and they are poised to secure a favourable result in the first leg, which will take place in Accra.

They are determined to maintain their momentum and secure a comfortable advantage heading into the second leg, which will be held in Sierra Leone in two weeks.

