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# Big Fish gun down

By Alfred Koroma

## UN: SLPP, APC must dialogue without delay

In the afternoon hours of Thursday, popular hip-hop artist, Mohamed Massaquoi, nick named 'Big Fish', was shot dead by a military officer around Lightfoot Boston/ Gloucester Street in Freetown.



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**PERSONAL GLIMPSSES!!**

By: Winstanley. R. Bankole Johnson

**G**iving praise where it is due, I think President Bio ought to be commended that throughout his explanations at his American University alma-mater, he never admitted to having conceded to a purported request from the United States to have meddled in and tampered with the elections processes. What pundits are skeptical about is why even though his encounter with the United States occurred right here in Sierra Leone during the elections, he had to wait until he was on American soil before divulging such an important piece of information to his citizens, and through third parties for that matter.

Still I am inclined to believe President Bio because in the event those edicts justifying interference by a foreign diplomat into our electoral processes existed, then there would have been no need for running those elections that were supposed to have been conducted on a level playing field and in a free and fair manner, when possibilities also existed for their outcomes to have been manipulated in favour of the incumbent Head of State candidate.

Diehards

But that inadvertent Presidential delinquency to have waited until he was on foreign soil before divulging it to us has opened up to a plethora of concerns including the one that is now looking axiomatic that indeed, the SLPP did not win the last elections – unless of course they wish to insult our collective intelligence by insisting that by his own voluntary public admission that he was requested by the United States to have meddled into and tampered with those elections results, our President, Commander-in-Chief and Fountain of Honour misdirected himself.

That speculation holds true because if indeed SLPP/President Bio had actually won those elections hands down and by the margin announced by the ECSL, they would have (in Bible paraphrases) long published those disaggregated results in “Gath” (all international news outlets – the BBC, CNN, Al-Jazeera, VoA, Radio Deutsche-Weller etc) as well as “in the Streets of Ashkelon” to have prompted their Sons and Daughters into endless rejoicing and to the chagrin of their sworn enemies, the APC. But by all indications the “double upper-cut” which Bio promised his opponent Dr. Samura Kamara in the First Round did not work.

So SLPP diehards, sympathizers and watchers of democracy in the world at large who believe Sierra Leoneans should just let the proverbial “Sleeping dogs lie” and “move on” are best advised to consider the wider implications of relying on an elections mandate unsubstantiated by credible disaggregated results analysis from polling booths, polling centers,

**WE NEED THOSE EVIDENCES!!**

Wards, Constituencies, Districts and Regional in our country and within the sub-region – especially one already almost festooned with coup plotters – or with dictators running governments on a stolen political mandates.

Implications

The specter becomes critical if when analyzing those implications, detailed correlations are made and due attention paid to upholding and preserving of Constitutional Order, which exercises will definitely open the examiners to a plethora of issues as follows:

1. If indeed as President Bio asserted he was approached by the United States into meddling and tampering with the electoral processes, of what use was the information to the International Community given the fact that there is no part or code of constitution or electoral statutes as ratified by our legislature that would have justified those actions? And in the event, of what continued use would have been our extant electoral laws and or the need to be conducting future elections if an incumbent Head of State could easily transgress them on the whim and caprices of a foreign diplomat?

2. But whether or not any such code of statutes justifying that exists in our laws, we would need to see, watch or listen to the video and audio evidences of the entire discussions between and among the three or more counterparties (the US, Bio and Mohammed Konneh) as they colluded into agreeing on the necessity to have meddled in and tamper with the ongoing electoral process between 24th June and the dates of announcement of the results outcomes. So where are the video clips and audio tapes? We need those evidences!!

We would specifically need to know from the details of those conversations between and or among President Bio, the United States and Mohamed Konneh to differentiate between whether they constituted specific directives from the US to the President meddle in and interfere with the results, or whether they were simply strict admonitions from the United States for President Bio to stop Mohammed Konneh from proceeding with announcements of fictitious results that they knew were already skewed in his favour, and that were not even certified by the correct District Returning Officers. So we need those audio and video evidences!!

As the Peace brokers progress with their investigations, production and examination of those video and audio evidences will help to conclusively establish not only the extent of their respective culpability in that enterprise to deprive the electorate of

their choice of a more popular candidate, but also to ascertain at precisely which point of Mohamed Konneh's announcement of those fictitious results did the United States request Bio to have interfered with the processes. This will further enable all of us/them to determine whether it is for a full, partial or just at the run-off stage that should be recommended as the baseline for any potential re-run.

3. Were the final results announced by Mohamed Konneh reflective of the disaggregated calculations and tabulations transmitted from Polling Booths, Stations, Centers, Wards, Constituencies, Districts and Regional levels before or after President Bio's alleged influencing by the US to interfere? Or were they premised on premeditated figures concocted and influenced by the 56.1% Institute for Governance Reforms (IGR) indicators floated in Bio's favour prior to the elections, and which were evidently based on those equally concocted Mid-Term Census figures earlier compiled by Statistics Sierra Leone?

4. And incidentally why was it necessary to have ordered that violent and unprovoked Security Sector assault on the main opposition APC Party headquarters that almost culminated in the assassination of Dr. Samura Kamara and in a loss of the valuable life of Matron Dumbuya after the government had already known in advance that the results were clearly in favour of the incumbent Head of State? Incidentally who gave those orders and what was the motive?

5. Given President Bio did not heed influences by the United States to have meddled in and interfered with the elections results outcomes but like he asserted had won the APC candidate hands down, would it not be safe therefore to conclude that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the edicts enshrined in our Constitution, our Electoral and other subset laws pertaining to the conduct of periodic national elections in this country Laws as they are, but that if any amendments to them are needed they should be restricted to curtailing the powers of an incumbent Head of State over the national security architecture during electioneering periods to avoid them confusing and prioritizing their obligatory loyalty to the Constitution with that of an incumbent Chief Executive?

6. And assuming the status quo should continue, should we not might as well expect much worse to happen to during all ensuing elections as successive Heads of State attempt to perpetuate their incumbency using the state security apparatus until age, decrepitude and senility compels them to (as SLPP Chairman Dr. Prince Harding has vowed in the case

of President Bio), hand over power only to his own preferred choice of successor – whether or not they emerge from within his household?

Could such situations not be tantamount to an incumbent leader implicitly and seamlessly transiting Sierra Leone into a “ONE PARTY” system of government without so much as altering our national constitution?

“Deja Vue?”

“Sour Grapes”

In conclusion my fervent hope is that this piece will serve as an aide-memoire to guide the APC and SLPP parties in their proposed deliberations with the International Peace Brokers for a way out of our current political quagmire, which should start with an unwavering demand by the APC for Mohammed Konneh to first produce those disaggregated results countrywide. And there should be no compromises in that demand because it is these same kinds of compromising “Sour Grapes” that past politicians settled for on the altars of greed and selfishness that is setting our teeth on edge today. It will be unforgiveable for us to repeat those same mistakes. After all as we would say in Krio: “If D Forl Whyte: E Whyte!!”.

Ours is not an “Animal Kingdom” where “might is right”, and nobody should believe they have a monopoly over hatred. So whatever the expected outcomes of meetings with the Peace Brokers, the APC must ensure the peoples' votes are jealously protected as promised by our Leader Dr. Samura Kamara and reflective solutions that will set a Road Map for restitution of the people's stolen (Presidential and Parliamentary) electoral mandates.

Any outcomes hinging on a capitulation by the APC, or on a continuation of the status quo and we might as well be thinking of expunging from our statutes offenses and penalties for “Receiving Stolen Goods, Chattels and Mandates” and “Obtaining Goods, Chattels and Mandates Under False Pretenses”.

There is no law anywhere in the world by which villains are allowed to enjoy the full benefits of what by law belongs to their victims and in share and share alike.

P.S.: For very good reasons I have deliberately omitted any reference to the Independent National Commission for Peace and Reconciliations throughout this piece. However both APC and SLPP should make it their duty to explain the English translation of the phrase: “After all if D Forl Whyte: E Whyte” to the International Peace Brokers well before they start engagements.



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## LOCAL NEWS 3 remanded for theft at Sierra Fishing Company

By Blessing C. Cole

Three accused persons, Dauda Kamara, Zachariah Swaray Bay and Bai Fullah Kamara alias I.T. have been remanded to the Male Correctional Centre by Magistrate Sahr Kekura presiding at the Ross Road Court No.1 for allegedly stealing property worth over Nle168, 000 at the Sierra Fishing Company, Kissy Dockyard in Freetown.

The accused persons appeared before the court on four counts of conspiracy, store breaking, larceny and receiving stolen goods contrary to law.

It was alleged that the accused persons on Monday 21st August, 2023, at Kissy Dockyard in Freetown, conspired with other unknown persons to break into and entered the Sierra Fishing Company and stole therein two welding machines, zummertible pump, welding cable,

electrical cable and other valuables totalling to one hundred and sixty-eight thousand, eight hundred and five Leones (NLe168, 805) belonging to Sierra Leone Fishing Company.

It was also alleged that, the second accused on the same date at Government Boatyard Compound, Kissy Dockyard, received a welding machine valued forty-four thousand Leones, (NLe44,000) belonging to the said fishing company.

Led in evidence by Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Osman M. Bangura, first prosecution witness, Ahmed Al-Saleh, a Syrian National, who doubles as the Chief Security Officer working for Sierra Fishing Company, recognised the accused and recalled on the date in question.

The witness told the court that on the date in question, he received a phone call from the second accused,

instructing him to go to the crime scene.

He said upon receipt of the information, he left for the crime scene and when he arrived there, the second accused told him that the first accused wanted to explain something to him.

He stated that the second accused gave him information about the first accused and that upon receipt of the information, they conducted a search behind the store.

During the search, he said he discovered that the window guard was damaged and removed, adding that he instructed the first accused to hand over his mobile phone to him, but he refused and jumped into the sea.

The witness said he later reported the matter to the top management level at Sierra Fishing Company, being

that the store keeper, whose name was not mentioned, was not around by then.

At that stage the police prosecutor, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Osman M. Bangura, sought for adjournment for him to have proper conference with his witness, which was granted by Magistrate Kekura.

Before the adjourned date, defence counsel A.B. Kamara renewed and adopted his previous application for bail on behalf of the first accused.

However, Magistrate Kekura denied the first and second accused persons bail and remanded them at the Male Correctional Centre, whilst bail for the third accused continues.

The matter was adjourned to 27th September 2023 further hearing.

## Health Ministry to reduce HPV vaccine dose for girls

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay



Dr. Desmond Maada Kangabia

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with its partners is planning to switch from double HPV vaccine dose to single dose and from single age cohort of 10- year-old girls to multiple- age cohorts (MAC) vaccination for eligible girls 10-18 year.

That development was revealed at a-five-day stakeholders meeting.

The Ministry of Health in October, 2022, introduced HPV vaccine into the routine immunization system, in the form of a vaccination roll-out campaign targeting girls 10 years of age.

During the campaign roll-out, the first dose of the vaccine was administered to over five hundred eligible girls, who could have also taken their second dose after six

month from the time of the first administered dose.

Dr. Desmond Maada Kangabia, Child Health and Expanded Programme on Immunization, said further research and evidence gathered by WHO and other health professional bodies on the efficacy and effectiveness of the vaccine, showed that just one dose of the HPV vaccine can provide life-long protection against cervical cancer for girls.

Dr. Kangbai continued that the switch is cost-effective as it is possible to provide for more girls.

“Just imagine the HPV vaccine was introduced with the hope of

giving 2 doses to a girl and now with the switch, 2 doses can be given to two eligible girls instead of two vaccine doses per girl. You see how more girls would benefit from the lifesaving vaccine,” he stressed

Dr. Kangbai said with the switch to single dose and multiple-age cohorts, they were planning for a nationwide HPV vaccination next year, in which girls 10-18 both in and out of school, will be vaccinated against cervical cancer.

He reiterated that cervical cancer is the second cause of deaths in women in Sierra Leone after breast cancer.



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## LOCAL NEWS UN: SLPP, APC must dialogue without delay

The Head of the United Nations in Sierra Leone, Dr Babatunde Ahonsi, yesterday in Freetown, used a ceremony marking International Day of Peace to call on the SLPP Government and the APC to dialogue without delay to resolve the current political stalemate resulting from the outcome of the June 24 elections.

In his keynote address at an event attended by the new US Ambassador Bryan David Hunt, Ambassador Manuel Muller of the European Union, the Manu River Union Secretary-General Maria G Harrison and political party representatives from the SLPP, UDM and the RUPF and other stakeholders, Dr Ahonsi expressed hopes for a genuine and honest commitment by all stakeholders to resolve the impasse. Dr Ahonsi said that political deadlocks and conflicts that descend into violence hamper peace and stability and, consequently, undermine development and social cohesion and frequently cause unnecessary suffering among people. The Resident Coordinator stated that political tensions are perhaps natural at a time of elections, but if they are

not addressed quickly in the appropriate manner once the elections are over, they risk becoming an obstacle to national development and cohesion, creating an atmosphere of instability in the country.

He therefore welcomes the initiative of the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland, to facilitate a dialogue process with the support of ECOWAS, AU, and the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion (ICPNC).

According to Dr Ahonsi, Government and social actors at all levels, including political parties, have a shared responsibility for ensuring that multiple grievances are addressed in the appropriate manner and that conflicts are resolved peacefully. "We must never forget that conflict prevention is always far better than peacebuilding," he emphasised.

He also commended President Bio and the APC leaders for their steadfast commitment to peace and called for inclusion and respect for the rule of law and human rights at all levels.



## Man alleged of fraud held in custody

By Mohamed Bangura (intern)

Saidu Sheriff Sesay appeared before Magistrate Mark Ngeba of Court No 1, facing charges of obtaining money by pretenses.

The accused is currently standing trial for one count of larceny, as per Section 32 (1) of the Larceny Act of 1916.

According to the police, on January 18, 2023, at the Access Bank building located at No 30 Siaka Steven Street in Freetown, Western Area, Sierra Leone, Saidu Sheriff Sesay obtained the sum of five hundred United States Dollars (\$500), which is equivalent to eleven thousand five hundred new Leones (Nle 11,500), from Aminata Bangura through pretenses.

It is claimed that Sheriff falsely promised to assist Bangura's brother, Osman Bendu, in traveling to France, despite being aware that the statement was untrue.

Testifying in court as the prosecution Witness 1 (PW1), Aminata Bangura recounted the events of January 18, 2023.

She stated that while she was working at Access Bank, the accused, Sheriff, approached her and collected five hundred United States Dollars. According to Bangura, Sheriff informed her that the total travel expenses would amount to four thousand five

hundred United States dollars (\$4,500). Furthermore, he assured her that by paying the initial sum of five hundred United States dollars, the visa process would commence, and Osman Bendu would be able to travel to France within two weeks.

Feeling uncertain about the situation, Bangura sought legal advice from a lawyer named Yadama. Both parties signed an agreement stipulating that any breach of the agreement would entitle either party to pursue legal action. However, as time passed, Sheriff failed to provide any positive updates or respond to Bangura's calls. Eventually, he contacted her to inform her that he would assist her son-in-law in traveling to America before proceeding to France.

Disturbed by the lack of progress, Bangura reported the matter to the police station in Bamoi, Kambia district. Following this, the case was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department in Freetown.

The trial of Saidu Sheriff Seasay continues, and the court will evaluate the evidence presented to determine his guilt or innocence regarding the charges of obtaining money by pretense. The matter was adjourned to the 25th of September 2023.

## SALPOST engages stakeholders on postal sector policy review

By Mohamed J Kargbo



SALPOST, in partnership with the Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Information and Civic Education, has on Thursday, 21st September, engaged stakeholders as well as the media on the review and development of a postal sector policy.

In his keynote address, Deputy Minister of Information and Civic Education, Yusuf Keketoma Sandi, said without the services of the postal service, it will be very difficult for the whole world to stay connected, stating that as they were there to complete the review of the postal policy, it was important to know that the postal reforms and development was part of the priority of the Universal Postal

Union.

He said the development of technology has affected the postal sector in many ways, while technology and improve data base and postal transactions have also provided an opportunity for the postal sector to provide quality customer services and rationalise cost.

Minister Sandi said the postal sector takes on a pivotal role of infrastructure provided for the conduct of businesses in the world, as manufacturers and costumers were often physically separated.

He said for Sierra Leone, the postal sector serves as a bearing and that it should undergo a major

transformation built on a sound postal policy.

He said the meeting took them to one step further in exploring the huge business potentials and social value of the postal sector, and alliance with the universal postal union strategy for integrated reform and development project.

Making his statement, Managing Director of SALPOST, Brima Katta, said the policy also includes the regulation of postal services and that they were working to involve the telecom regulation agency.

He said they have drafted the policy which is already at the Law Officers Department and will be taken to parliament for ratification.

He further said that Sierra Leone is part of the universal postal union, and

that they held a meeting last month in Abidjan about the review and development of postal services

He stated that the soon-to-be Act is meant for the development and reformation of postal services, adding that SALPOST is going to offer data and postal services through digital means.

During his presentation, Graeme Lee, consultant of Sunflower Associates, said SALPOST should implement rural inclusion, public social partnerships and shouldn't focus on the main city and forget about the people in the rural areas.

Lee also said that government should also allow SALPOST to carry out all government logistics and be official supplier serving every government building throughout.



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## PONDER MY THOUGHTS

By Andrew Keili

## MAYOR-ELECT YVONNE UNDER FIRE AGAIN

Those who thought the fight between Former Mayor and Mayor Elect, Yvonne Aki-Sawyer (YAS) and the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs had ended and both parties would turn over a new leaf during her second term must be disappointed that the fight has started again. This time, if YAS had sat down quietly at home waiting for those "disaggregated results", as one commentator suggested, it would not have been necessary. "But no, she jumped on a plane and went all over the place, even generating more publicity than those who went to UNGA". Said the commentator. This time, she went to "Heaven"-I will explain that later! Her signing of an accord with the Mayor of New Haven, Connecticut in the USA, reaffirming an earlier agreement between that city and Freetown has not gone down well with the Ministry.

The Ministry has been quite unequivocal in its press release on the issue. They consider this agreement as null and void, as YAS was not properly seated as Mayor to sign any agreement. The release called upon the Sierra Leone Ambassador to the USA to contact the Mayor of New Haven and apprise her of this matter. The release also warns that, "this act of fraudulence will be investigated to bring out details of the source of funding for this illegal engagement". Detractors are

asking questions about where YAS got the money from to travel all over the place. Could this be a case for the ACC? Did she go with any entourage utilizing government or FCC funds that would warrant ACC's intervention? The Ministry reiterates that "Sierra Leone is a sovereign nation that has prided itself in the rule of law". And, indeed, we are a sovereign state that takes care of itself. Why the hell would people want to interfere into our business? The release also encourages citizens not to take this agreement seriously and has disclosed that the Ministry has been "overwhelmed with calls from concerned citizens over the reaffirmation agreement". One only hopes someone kept a tab on the number of complaints for YAS to realize the seriousness of her infraction. The Ministry considers the agreement null and void.

The only problem is that in its haste to put out the release before YAS embarked upon another tour, the Press release refers to "New Heaven" in several instances instead of New Haven, spells "necessity" as "necessesity" and also makes reference to "Mayor of Connecticut". As for "New Heaven", the typist probably thought it was correct, as there is reference to New Heaven in Revelations 21- "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven.....". She probably picked

this up from Winners Chapel's Bible study.

It is comforting however to learn from an email sent to YAS by the Mayor of New Haven that YAS signed the agreement with the acknowledgement that it was non-binding and merely symbolic to reaffirm an earlier agreement. So what are they fighting over? Legitimate questions could however be posed to both sides. Why did YAS not just wait until the current political impasse was settled instead of popping up in all places and hobnobbing with the rich and famous? And to the Ministry- would it not have helped if all facts about an "infraction" were investigated before rushing to judgment? And lastly, an advice-change that typist or transfer him/her to YAS when she becomes Mayor again!

## BANK GOVERNOR, THE LION TAMER!

It is a big relief to learn that the Governor of the Bank of Sierra Leone, Professor Kelfala Kallon has not disappeared and gone into self-exile as a result of advising President Bio on political matters, as insinuated in well circulated postings on social media. Well, the Governor has put his detractors to shame and reacted by clarifying the issues. He says he has been at several functions and therefore cannot be in exile. Besides, he went on, he would not advise the President on social media when he

had direct access to him. He affirmed that as Governor, he has worked so hard to keep Politics out of the Bank and the Bank out of Politics. The big question being asked is why people should go to the extent of manufacturing such lies and embarking on a vendetta against the Governor? For those cowards hiding behind social media postings, the Governor has a stern warning for them, by stating, according to one report- "I am not a coward and have manifested my bravery by engaging three lions at the same time!". Come to think of it, how many Sierra Leoneans have even seen a lion let alone play with one? I can attest to seeing one such picture of the Governor playing with a lion and later singing some groovy tunes at what appeared to be a holiday resort recently. Another stern warning from him is his advice for people behind the audios to find work and become productive to help the economy. Sage advice indeed, as there are bound to be more employment opportunities when he comes back from his leave and espouses new economic policies. This time, any inimical effect of his redenomination would have been a thing of the past and there will probably be no more old notes in circulation! The big question being asked by the people behind the audios however is this- "When does his leave period end?" Well, it looks like he would have to put out another statement.

Ponder my thoughts.

# Big Fish gun down

From Cover

Before he was shot, eye witnesses said the late artist had earlier muttered that he was in the mood for killing shortly after he had snatched the gun from the officer at the bank.

It is also reported that the military officer who killed Big Fish encouraged him to put down the gun in his possession, but the Artist refused. The officer then fired two shots at him, one in his foot, and the other in his chest.

Big Fish was notorious for violent behavior. In September 2021, he was suspiciously spotted at the State Avenue with a cutlass, shouting "Allahu Akbar" Authorities asked him out of the avenue, but he refused to leave. He was eventually arrested and taken to CID.

Big Fish is believed to have lived in the United States of America for some time, but it is not clear under which circumstances he returned to Sierra Leone. Sources say, he has been acting erratically and insanely since he returned from the U.S.



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## Nigerian president says there should be equal partnerships with Africa

In his inaugural speech at the United Nations, Nigeria's president, Bola Tinubu, emphasised the need for Africa to overcome the constraints of foreign exploitation and unlock its vast potential. "Failures in good governance have hindered Africa. But broken promises, unfair treatment, and outright exploitation from abroad have also exerted a heavy toll on our ability to progress," he said. "African nations will improve our economies so that our people do not risk their lives to sweep the floors and streets of other nations." Tinubu stressed the importance of the international investments, saying partners should see Africa's

development as a priority, but adding that this should be in an equal and mutually beneficial manner. "What we seek is an equal, firm commitment to partnership. Walk with us as true friends and partners," he said. "Africa is not a problem to be avoided. Nor is it to be pitied. Africa is nothing less than the key to the world's future." Tinubu also spoke out against coups, saying democratic governance was the best guarantor of the will and well-being of the people. And he highlighted the urgency of addressing the impacts of climate change on the continent.

## Niger: Bazoum wants regional court to reinstate him as President

The deposed president of Niger, Mohamed Bazoum, has decided to take his case to the West African justice system to obtain his release and the restoration of constitutional order in the country, almost two months after a coup d'état carried out by soldiers who overthrew him and are still holding him captive. "We ask (...) in view of the violation of political rights, that the State of Niger be condemned to the immediate restoration of constitutional order by handing over power to President Bazoum, who must continue to exercise it until the end of his mandate on April 2, 2026", his Senegalese lawyer, Maître Seydou Diagne, told AFP on Wednesday. The petition filed with the Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) on September 18 alleges "arbitrary arrest" and "violation of the freedom of movement" of President Mohamed Bazoum, his wife Haziza and son Salem, detained with him at the presidential palace since the coup d'état on July 26. According to Maître Diagne, his "clients are victims of serious and intolerable human rights violations. They have the right to take their case to the competent courts. This can't aggravate their situation, it's a reason to hope that justice will be done. In the event of a favorable decision, "the State of Niger has (ura) the legal obligation to execute the decision", he assured.

"What we're interested in is getting the State of Niger condemned by a court decision. Mr. Bazoum's fight is a fight through the law", he stressed. Maître Seydou Diagne also asserted that "General (Abdourahmane) Tiani (head of the military regime, editor's note) is not empowered by Nigerien law to make arrests. He has been appointed by decree since 2011 to ensure the President's security". The organization's Court of Justice is the main jurisdiction of Ecowas, made up of 5 judges chosen from among the nationals of member states. In mid-August, the coup plotters announced their intention to "prosecute" Mohamed Bazoum for "high treason" and "undermining the security" of the country. Bazoum and Ecowas backed Ecowas has been threatening the coup plotters with military intervention since July 30 to restore constitutional order. It had announced that the day and modalities of the operation had been decided, prioritizing diplomatic channels, but is now remaining relatively silent, despite the support of several Western countries. On Wednesday, the European Union (EU) reiterated its "support for the position of Ecowas", once again calling for "the immediate and unconditional release of President Bazoum and his family", and "does not recognize the authorities resulting from the putsch", Nabila Massrali, spokeswoman for EU diplomatic chief Josep Borrell, told AFP.

## UNESCO puts Rwanda genocide memorials on World Heritage list



UNESCO puts Rwanda genocide memorials on World Heritage list - Copyright © africanews JACQUES NKINZINGABO/AFP or licensors

Four memorials to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda of more than 800,000 people, mainly Tutsi, were added to UNESCO's World Heritage list on Wednesday, the UN cultural body said. The sites at Nyamata, Murambi, Gisozi and Bisesero commemorating the mass killings were "just inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list", the organisation posted on X (formerly Twitter). The four sites commemorate the genocide that

targeted the Tutsi minority in large part but also moderate Hutus who were shot, beaten or hacked to death by Hutu extremists between April and July 1994. "This historic decision will help safeguard memory, counter denial and strengthen genocide prevention efforts globally. #NeverAgain," Rwandan government spokeswoman Yolande Makolo posted on X. The UNESCO move was also welcomed by

## Sudan: UN calls for more humanitarian aid

The United Nations has summoned the governments of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Qatar, as well as the European Union and the African Union, calling for increased support for humanitarian action as Sudan's neighbours face a constant influx of refugees and returnees. 700,000 children at risk of death According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), millions of people - particularly in Khartoum, Darfur and Kordofan - have no access to food, water, shelter, electricity, education or health care. Malnutrition rates are on the rise, pointing to premature death for 700,000 Sudanese children suffering from severe acute malnutrition. Half the population is acutely food insecure, and more than 6 million people are just one step away from starvation. Measles and other diseases are endemic, and sexual and gender-based violence

takes a heavy toll on women and girls. More than 7 million people, including 3.3 million children, have been driven from their homes, and more than 1 million have sought refuge in the Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia and South Sudan. The international response plan must be strengthened. In the short term, aid to the population must be stepped up. The Humanitarian Response Plan for Sudan needs 2.6 billion dollars to help 18 million people until the end of the year. However, it is currently only 31% funded. The Sudan Regional Refugee Assistance Plan, meanwhile, is only 27% funded and is seeking \$1 billion to support refugees, returnees and host communities in five of Sudan's neighbouring countries. At a pledging ceremony in Geneva in June, according to an OCHA and UNHCR press release, donors pledged nearly 1.5 billion dollars for the response in Sudan and the region.

## Moroccan children walk long distances to tent school following earthquake



Students attend class at a makeshift school in Asni - Copyright © africanews FADEL SENNA/AFP or licensors

Some students in the disaster-hit region surrounding Asni have been heading into the small Moroccan town to go to school. But the building is not an ordinary one. Classes are being held in traditional tents which have been set up as makeshift premises for the 2,800 middle and high school students. "The site contains 32 large tents to accommodate the students, 16 tents for middle school students and another 16 tents for vocational high school students," says art teacher, Khalil Tizoula. Many of the young people flocking to the tent school lost family members in Morocco's recent devastating earthquake. And while classes have not yet officially resumed, teachers are providing them with a distraction and badly-needed psychological support. "Initially, we listed 242 schools affected by the earthquake, 33 of which were completely destroyed," says Mohamed Zerrouki, the provincial director of national education. "The authorities have taken the necessary steps

to rebuild them as quickly as possible, while guaranteeing that teaching continues and the return of students and teachers to their classrooms." The young people coming to the temporary school in Asni are some of the one million schoolchildren that the United Nations says were impacted by the earthquake. Teachers say that despite the shared trauma, they hope to help them and make the school year a success. For some of the students, being back at school surrounded by friends is a relief, even if it is in a tent. But others say their emotional distress runs too deep and they do not feel ready to resume classes. Either way, as the school day ends, most of them face a long walk, or if they are lucky a ride, to get back home to their villages.

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Naphthali Ahishakiye, executive secretary of Ibuka, the association representing survivors of the genocide. "This will make the genocide that was committed in Rwanda against the Tutsi more known across the world," he told AFP in Kigali. Skulls, bone fragments, torn clothing and images of piled up corpses confront visitors to the Kigali Genocide Memorial in Gisozi, the final resting place of around 250,000 victims. Each year more are buried as new graves are uncovered around the country, with remains also housed at a former Catholic church at Nyamata, a school complex at Murambi and a memorial at Bisesero built in 1998. In addition to human remains, the sites also feature material evidence of the 100-day killing spree by Hutu extremist forces -- spears, machetes, clubs and bladed weapons. Three of the sites were themselves the scene of massacres. At Nyamata, more than 45,000 people who had sought shelter in the church were slaughtered in one day, according to UNESCO. Its chapel now houses the clothing and rosaries worn

by the victims along with the weapons used by the perpetrators of the killings. Mass graves are situated behind the church, with a vault that houses the skulls of victims and other human remains, according to the memorial's website. At Murambi, tens of thousands of people who were encouraged to take refuge in the technical school on the pretext of ensuring their safety were executed in one of the genocide's bloodiest episodes. At Bisesero, a "resistance memorial" pays tribute to Tutsis who fought back with spears and stones as Hutu extremists murdered hundreds of people in the surrounding hills. The genocide was unleashed shortly after the ethnic Hutu president was killed when his plane was shot down in an attack blamed by the government on Tutsi rebels. The killing ended only when the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) took over in July 1994, having defeated the Hutu extremists. Trials of genocide suspects have been held in Rwanda, at a UN tribunal in the Tanzanian city of Arusha, as well as in France, Belgium and the United States among others.

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**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.

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

**Reports To:** Finance and Operations Director

**Job Location:** Freetown, Sierra Leone

**Duration:** 12 Months

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## TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ADVANCED HIV DISEASE MEDICATION

### Timeline:

Item	Date
2	Closing date for clarifications 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
3	Closing date and time for receipt of Tenders 26th September 2023- 1:45pm -GMT
4	Deadline for Submission 27th September 2023 12 noon

Interested bidders can collect the tender document:

1. At Jhpiego Office, 1 Sonia Drive Hill Station on or before 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
2. Or through this link: [TTL for the supply of advance HIV Drugs PDF.pdf](#)

### Background

Since its founding in 1973, Jhpiego has been innovating to save the lives of women and families worldwide

Jhpiego creates and delivers transformative healthcare solutions that save lives. In partnership with national governments, health experts, and local communities, Jhpiego builds health providers' skills and develops systems that save lives now and guarantee healthier futures for women and their families.

Jhpiego through the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and funding from the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) continue to provide innovative and evidence-based interventions across 30 high-volume sites in 4 high burden districts of Sierra Leone to meet the UNAIDS 95.95.95 target for HIV epidemic control.

Jhpiego is seeking a vendor to supply the following:

Item Description	Specification
Advanced HIV Disease Medication	Drugs

### General Requirements

1. Must be registered to conduct business and be in compliance with governmental tax regulations in Sierra Leone.
2. Jhpiego retains the right to reject, cancel, negotiate, amend, split, and accept any offer, without consideration of the lowest offer.
3. This invitation to potential bidders is not a promise or obligation that Jhpiego will contract with bidders through the submitted offers.

## 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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**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN) FOR  
DESIGN AND REHABILITATION /CONSTRUCTION OF  
VARIOUS WORKS IN FREETOWN, SIERRA LEOEN**

## Invitation for Bids

**IFB Number:** WASHAERP/OFID/GoSL/GVWC-003 WKS  
**Sector:** Water and Sanitation  
**Project ID No:** P-SL-E00-004  
**Employer:** Guma Valley Water Company  
**Project:** Freetown Water & Aquatic Environment Revamping

**Project Contract title:**

LOT 1A: Design and Construction of Mortem and Mongegba Weirs & associated Raw Water Pipelines in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 1B: Design and Rehabilitation-Expansion of Allentown Water Treatment Plant and Rehabilitation of Allentown Reservoir in Freetown, Sierra Leone

Lot 2A: Design and Rehabilitation of Pumping Stations, Rising Mains and Reservoirs in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

LOT 2B: Design, Supply, and Installation of Distribution System Extension by 45 km in Freetown, Sierra Leone

**Country:** Sierra Leone  
**Loan No.** 6540654001532  
**Procurement Method:** Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)

**ICB No: WASHAERP/OFID/GoSL/GVWC-003-005 WKS**

**Issued on:** Thursday 14 September 2023

- The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) and Ministry of Finance (MoF) has received financing from the OPEC fund for International Development- OFID 'hereinafter called the fund 'toward the cost of the Freetown Water & Aquatic Environment Revamping Project (WASHAERP). It is intended to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for:

LOT 1A: Design and Construction of Mortem and Mongegba Weirs & associated Raw Water Pipelines in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 1B: Design and Rehabilitation-Expansion of Allentown Water Treatment Plant and Rehabilitation of Allentown Reservoir in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 2A: Design and Rehabilitation of Pumping Stations, Rising Mains and Reservoirs in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 2B: Design, Supply, and Installation of Distribution System Extension by 45 km in Freetown, Sierra Leone

"For these contracts, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the AfDB's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit." The OFID procurement activities shall make use of procurement rules and procedures of African Development Bank.

- The Guma Valley Water Company in Freetown, republic of Sierra Leone now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the:

LOT 1A: Design and Construction of Mortem and Mongegba Weirs & associated Raw Water Pipelines in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 1B: Design and Rehabilitation-Expansion of Allentown Water Treatment Plant and Rehabilitation of Allentown Reservoir in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 2A: Design and Rehabilitation of Pumping Stations, Rising Mains and Reservoirs in Freetown, Sierra Leone

LOT 2B: Design, Supply, and Installation of Distribution System Extension by 45 km in Freetown, Sierra Leone

Note: Bidders may bid for all lots or any one lot in a package, and contract award maybe for more than one Lot or more Lots to a single successful contractor, provided that the contractor demonstrate capacity to execute multiple Lots contracts simultaneously if successful. Contracts may be also awarded to different successful contractors on Lot basis. Each lot has separate qualification requirements and evaluation shall be done per lot

- Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International),

OCBI procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework dated October 2015 as per the legal agreement, and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding document at the office of:

The Procurement Manager,  
 Freetown WASH and Aquatic Environment Revamping Project, Guma Valley Water Company,  
 7th Floor, Guma Building, 12/14 Lamina Sankoh Street  
 Freetown  
 The Republic of Sierra Leone  
 Electronic mail address: gumaprourement@yahoo.com  
 and washaerpprourement@yahoo.com

- The bidding document 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 Fifty (50) United State Dollars or Le 950,000 (Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand New Leones) from Guma Valley Water Company Procurement office 7<sup>th</sup> Floor.

The method of payment will be cash or direct deposit to the Guma Valley Water Company designated account number to be provided upon request.

The document will be sent by email or International express courier at the expenses of the contractor. Copy of receipt of tender document purchase shall be attached to the bid during bid submission.

- Bids must be delivered to the address below (9a) on or before Friday 20 October 2023 at 13:30. hours Freetown Local Time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below (9b) on Friday 20 October 2023 at 13:45 hours Freetown Local Time.

- All Bids must be accompanied by a Security of:

The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be,

LOT 1A: The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be USD 160,000(One Hundred and sixty Thousand United States Dollars only or NLe 3,355,040 new leones (Three million three hundred fifty-five thousand and forty New Leones only)

LOT 1B: The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be 260,000 USD (Two hundred sixty thousand united states dollars only) or NLe 5,451,940 New leones (five Million Four hundred fifty-one thousand and nine hundred forty New leones).

LOT 2A: The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be USD 210,000.00 (Two hundred and ten thousand United States Dollars only or NLe 4,403,490 Four Million four hundred and three thousand four hundred ninety New Leones only)

LOT 2B: The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be USD 215,000.00 (Two hundred fifteen Thousand United States Dollars only or NLe 4,508,335 (Four million five hundred and eight thousand three hundred thirty-five New Leones only)

refer bank of Sierra Leone middle exchange rate of Wednesday 13 September 2023 www.bsl.gov.sl.

**Note:** Bidders submitting for more than one lot, shall submit for each lot, a separate bid security required for the Lots they are submitting.

- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

- The address(es) referred to above is:

(a) Address for submission

Guma Valley Water Company  
 Freetown Wash and Aquatic Environment Revamping Project  
 Guma Building  
 7th Floor, Procurement office  
 12/14 Lamina Sankoh Street,  
 Freetown, Sierra Leone.

(B) address for bid opening

Guma Valley Water Company  
 Freetown Wash and Aquatic Environment Revamping Project  
 Guma Building  
 4th Floor, Conference Room  
 12/14 Lamina Sankoh Street,  
 Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**THE END**



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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## **Request for Proposal (Re-advertisement) Long Term Agreement for Air Conditioners Maintenance Services (only for Businesses Registered in Sierra Leone)**

UNICEF Sierra Leone invites tenders for air conditioners maintenance services for its offices in New England (Freetown) and Kenema, and its Warehouse at Ferry Junction (Freetown). This will be through a Long-Term Agreement which will be for 24 months with the possibility of another 12 months extension.

A Bid Conference will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 at 10.30 am GMT at the UNICEF Country Office.

The deadline for bid submission which is through email submission is at 10 am GMT on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Interested firms are requested to visit the United Nations Website at [Air Conditioner Maintenance \(ungm.org\)](http://Air Conditioner Maintenance (ungm.org)) to download all the tender documents and instructions.



# **MARIE STOPES SIERRA LEONE**

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## **CALL FOR PROPOSAL**

Marie Stopes Sierra Leone invites eligible Service Providers to submit proposal for Client Exit Interview 2023

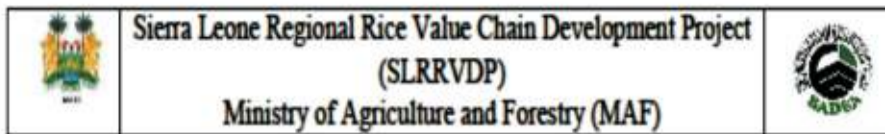
Items	Deadline to request the ToR	Deadline for the submission of Proposals	Tender reference
Client Exit Interview	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 - 1600hrs GMT	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	CEI/MSSL/09//23

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from Marie Stopes Sierra Leone via email to [procurement@mariestopes.org.sl](mailto:procurement@mariestopes.org.sl)

Completed documentation should be submitted in soft copies to [procurement@mariestopes.org.sl](mailto:procurement@mariestopes.org.sl).

**You must submit your proposal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

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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 - Bonthe 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 - Bonthe 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.bunwai@gmail.com](mailto:abdulai.bunwai@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.



Government of Sierra Leone

Ministry of Agriculture  
and Food Security

# RECRUITMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**Project Location/Duty Station: TORMA BUM**

**Recruitment of Agribusiness Development Officer – SL  
Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project (SL-RRVCP)**

The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security (MAFS) has obtained a Financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) as partial funding for the implementation of the Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project (RRVCDP) under the National Agric. Transformation 2023 programme. Part of these funds are going towards supporting a Program Management Team to be located in Torma Bum, Bonthe District. The Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security now invites applications from suitable and qualified Sierra Leonean candidates to fill the following vacant position:

The overall goal of the Regional Rice Value Chain (RRVC) Program is to contribute to the respective countries' ambitions of becoming self-sufficient in rice given that most are currently importing significant amounts of rice at high cost. Achieving this goal requires supporting smallholder farmers that dominate the rice production systems in the targeted countries (Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia). It is within this context that this program aims at improving the production and commercialization of the smallholder rice sector in these five countries. This is critical to the national self-sufficiency and import substitution goal of the country. Value chain approach is the main delivery mechanism of the regional program and its specific country projects. The approach will stimulate public-private partnership where the private sector plays a key role with the governments and development partners providing the required enabling environment. A key success factor of the program is increasing, in a sustainable manner, smallholder rice paddy yields to a range of 3-5 ton/ha, up from the prevailing 1-2 ton/ha.

For the implementation of this project MAFS is recruiting an Agribusiness Development Officer for the Project Management Unit.

#### How to apply:

For all information on how to apply and to view the job description please visit the MAFS website: <http://www.maf.gov.sl> under the About Us Page Section by going to the Jobs page

**Women are particularly encouraged to apply**

**Deadline for submission is COB on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

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