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Bishop Alphonso Barry is awaiting to face court charges

Police at the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) have confirmed to Concord Times they have concluded investigations into a mega fraud matter involving one Bishop Alphonso Barry, residing at Waterloo in the Western Rural.

Bishop Barry is alleged to have embezzled over four million United States Dollars entrusted to him to provide borehole wells for vulnerable communities across Sierra Leone.

"We have concluded investigations into the matter and sent the file for advice. There is overwhelming evidence that we unearth during the course of investigation and we believe he going to be charged to court," sources at the CID headquarters told Concord Times.

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LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

British High Commission in Sierra Leone, on Tuesday commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the existence of Chevening Scholarship.

The Cocktail celebration, which brought together Sierra Leoneans who have benefited from the scholarship, was held at the residence of the British Commissioner to Freetown.

The Commission also launched the Chevening Scholarship Alumni Awards Initiative for all alumni in Sierra Leone.

Chevening is the UK government's international scholarships and fellowships programme that gives individuals who show potential to inspire, inform, and influence positive change.

In Sierra Leone, over 150 scholars have been identified and supported to become the leaders of the future since the programme started in 1983. These leaders join the 53,000 strong scholars and fellows that have

benefitted from the UK's world class education system over the past 40 years.

Scholars have studied across every subject and passion, from arts and culture, literature and music, to good governance practices, democracy, and protection of human rights. As well as engineering, medicine, sciences, media and communication, climate and many more. The breadth of study is a testament to the talent and variety that Chevening Scholars have brought for decades.

Speaking at the event, the British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Lisa Chesney, said the scholarship had provided opportunities for many Sierra Leoneans to study in the field of Art, Culture, Law, Good Governance and many other field of study in various universities in the UK.

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Bishop Barry may get his day in court

From Cover

Bishop Barry is the local representative of an American Non-Governmental Organisation, (Water of Life) and he has been receiving funds from his partners in the United States to implement the project in Sierra Leone.

He met with his U.S partners in 2012 at a Christian conference in Liberia where they established contact and the former decided to work with him to ameliorate the plights of vulnerable communities in Sierra Leone that do not have access to pure drinking water.

Bishop Barry is alleged to have used the funds he received on behalf of the vulnerable communities to enrich himself and living a lavish lifestyle at Waterloo to the envy of his neighbours.

One of Bishop Barry's partners, Tyler, a U.S national, who spoke to Concord Times, narrated that, "In 2022 alone, we sent four hundred thousand United States Dollars for him to construct 96 borehole wells, but he didn't. He always deceives us with fake reports. But what we did was that we created a database of all the reports he sent to us in the form of google map. We went on site using GPS to locate the borehole wells he said he had constructed, but only found a few. Some of the wells we found out are hand-dug wells and that is not what we paid for.

Tyler said Bishop Barry always gave them over bloated expenses and that

he even converted to his own use, monies meant to pay staff of the organisation.

"He told us he was paying over two thousand United States Dollars for our office space in Kambia, but we later found out from the landlady that he was paying four Hundred United States Dollars. He requested that we pay two thousand eight Hundred United States Dollars as sacked benefit to one of our staff, but he didn't pay the fellow even though we gave him the money," he said.

Tyler expressed frustration that authorities including the police should take the matter seriously because it has to do with the lives of vulnerable Sierra Leoneans.

"We will not continue to fund the project if that man is allowed to walk free after he has done a great harm to people."

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British High Commission celebrates 40yrs of Chevening Scholarship



Chevening alumni at the celebration

1983, Chevening has brought over 55,000 exceptional professionals from about 160 countries to study in the United Kingdom (UK) through scholarships and fellowships funded programmes.

She said beneficiaries of the scholarship completed their studies, returned home and are now contributing and making positive impact in the Sierra Leonean society. Chesney mentioned that those who

had benefitted from the scholarship will serve as inspirations for others to work hard to benefit from the scholarship.

Chevening National Alumina Coordinator, Momoh Turay, said that the scholarship had given them the opportunity to interact with other nationals and that Chevening is the best scholarship programme in the world.

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Palo Conteh's COI appeal hearings commences

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay



Former Minister of Internal Affairs, Alfred Palo Conteh

The appealing hearing of former Minister of Internal Affairs, Rtd. Major Alfred Palo Conteh, has commenced at the Appeals Court yesterday, October 4.

Palo is challenge the adverse findings of the Commissions of inquiry.

Representing the appellants, Lawyer Ady Macauley was instructed by the panel of judges to file in his written synopsis with regards to the matter, furnish the counsel for the respondent and the court as a whole with the same. Lawyer Macauley informed the judges that they have not received one of the

records from the COI Secretariat and that they were finding it difficult to put together their synopsis.

He submit that his client has given him some documents which he will share with the state lawyer, T.J Freeman, so that they can look at it and get back to court before the next adjourned date.

The State lawyer, T.J. Freeman, informed the court that, he will communicate with his boss, the Solicitor General as to what steps they need to take in relation to the records of Palo Conteh.

The judge has adjourned the matter to Tuesday for further direction

LOCAL NEWS

President Dr Julius Maada Bio has received a cheque for a USD100 million loan to support 1,000 Sierra Leonean graduates to study STEM, MBA, and AI courses in the United States of America and Canada.

The symbolic presentation of the cheque, which is a no-collateral educational loan, was made to the government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Employment, Labour, and Social Security by the SOS NEKOTECH Centre of Excellence school programme, which was officially launched in Sierra Leone in 2021. The programme is currently operating in seven African countries, including Sierra Leone, Ghana, Malawi, Kenya, and Cameroon.

Executive Chairperson of the SOS NEKOTECH programme, Rev. Dr. Princess Ocansey, on behalf of their organisation, congratulated President Julius Maada Bio on his re-election and praised his commitment to human capital development for Sierra Leoneans.

She said the moment was historic, especially when President Bio was even more focused on building the human capital of the nation, adding that they were committed to supporting more graduates to further their education overseas. She also

noted that based on the President's commitment to human capital development the country would soon be among the first countries to be declared the home of 'African Intelligence', especially after the graduation of 1,000 Sierra Leoneans.

Minister of Employment, Labour, and Social Security, Mohamed Rahman Swaray, said he was happy that his ministry was leading the programme, reminding them that two years ago he joined the SOS team to officially launch the programme in Sierra Leone.

He added that while he was in America, upon the invitation of the SOS NEKOTECH Centre of Excellence in 2023, speakers paid glowing tribute to President Bio for transforming Sierra Leone on the path of development. He said the present generation was very lucky to have a President whose government was bringing education as an opportunity to the doors of citizens.

In his remarks, President Julius Maada Bio said he was happy to receive the cheque from SOS NEKOTECH, on behalf of Sierra

potential to increase youth participation in public governance. Youth participation is essential for the development of inclusive, sustainable, and stable communities by 2030," Mr. Fatoma said.

He stated that when established, the ECOWAS Youth Parliament will be

Bio receives \$100 Million for 1,000 Sierra Leonean graduates to study abroad



Leonean citizens, stressing that Africa must catch up with the rest of the world by investing in education.

"I have always said that the most important resource of any country is that of its human capital. People are not only the beneficiaries of development but also the means to development. Therefore, if we want to embark on successful human capital development and national development, we must invest in the human capital of our country.

"What we need now as a continent and as a nation is human capital development. Human beings are the

most precious assets of any nation, and until and unless we invest in that capital through quality and fit-for-purpose education, we can never realise the potential of our people," President Bio reminded.

He noted that it took partners like SOS NEKOTECH to work with his government to improve the human capital of Sierra Leone by ensuring that more graduates had the opportunity to be educated abroad. The President expressed excitement about the loan and assured of his government's fullest support of the programme and prayed for all successful future graduates.

CHRDI, partners to establish ECOWAS youth parliament

The Campaign for Human Rights and Development International (CHRDI) is currently collaborating with Oxfam and the ECOWAS Parliament to establish a formal ECOWAS Youth Parliament for young people in the sub-region.

According to the Chief Executive of CHRDI, Abdul M. Fatoma, the move is part of their mandate to promote citizen participation in governance and also ensure youth participation in democracy and governance in ECOWAS.

The Foundation for Security and Development in Africa (FOSDA), the Campaign for Human Rights and Development International (CHRDI), and the West African Youth Alliance, which includes young people from Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Burkina Faso, make up the partnership.

"Public institutions must change how they interact with youth and empower them to reach their



the first in the African Union (AU) Community and one of the few in the world to recognise young people's sociopolitical value beyond simple voting.

He added that the platform is intended to prepare young people for leadership positions and educate

them on how to utilise their diversity to impact and expand the region.

"Youth from across ECOWAS will collaborate with the Parliament to realise the community's vision via the ECOWAS Youth Parliament," the CHRDI Chief Executive added.



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LOCAL NEWS Orange launches 5G tech in Sierra Leone



Orange Tech Night



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Orange Mobile Telecommunications Company has made an unprecedented move in Sierra Leone's telecommunications industry by launching its cutting-edge 5G technology. With the trial taking place in Freetown's central business district, Orange Sierra Leone (OSL) aims to revolutionise connectivity in the country and provide faster and more reliable data transmission for its customers. The technology is also expected to propel Sierra Leone into a new era of advanced telecommunications infrastructure. Sekou Amadou Bah, CEO of Orange Sierra Leone, emphasised the significance of this 5G trial during the launch, stating that it has the potential to catalyse rapid technological advancement and economic development for the country.

"Introducing the 5G trial holds immense importance as it can build the pathway to catalyse rapid technological advancement and economic development that will enable the Internet of Things to reach full potential," Sekou Amadou Bah said.

The deployment of 5G by Orange Sierra Leone marks a major milestone in Sierra Leone's telecommunications landscape. With its promise of ultra-fast speeds, low latency, and enhanced network capacity, 5G is set to transform the way people connect and communicate.

Furthermore, the introduction of 5G technology is not only beneficial to individual consumers but also supports various industries such as healthcare, education, manufacturing, and agriculture. The CEO highlighted the potential of 5G to enhance communication and enable transformative digital services that will positively impact these sectors.

"Undoubtedly, 5G technology has the potential to enhance communication

and enable transformative digital services that will positively impact various sectors like education, health, manufacturing, and commercial agriculture," Sekou Amadou Bah affirmed.

Sekou Drame, CEO of Orange Sonatel, mentioned during his remarks that Orange Sierra Leone has invested considerable resources to ensure the successful rollout of this cutting-edge technology. He stated that this aligns with the government's priorities to drive investment in technology, infrastructure, and digitalization.

"I am delighted that Orange Sierra Leone is providing leadership in setting the technology standard baseline for 5G by rolling out this cutting-edge pilot stage on our network in line with a corporate vision of becoming the first in class mobile internet service provider in Sierra Leone. As the government commits to implement the five big game changers, this technological milestone for Orange Sierra Leone is in alignment with the Government's vision to drive investment in technology, infrastructure and digitalization," Sekou Drame said.

Chief Minister David Sengh praised Orange Sierra Leone for aligning the company's vision with Sierra Leone's commitment to digital inclusion. He recognized the company's investment in this advanced infrastructure as a demonstration of their unwavering commitment to meeting the evolving needs of their clients and positioning Sierra Leone at the forefront of telecommunications development.

Experts predict that the OSL 5G network will have a transformative impact on various sectors, including e-commerce, entertainment, and communication. This advanced infrastructure also has the potential to attract foreign investment and stimulate economic growth in the country.

Fatmata Kargbo, a loyal Orange subscriber for 13 years, expressed her excitement for the introduction of 5G technology, stating that it sets a new standard for connectivity in the country. She believes that this cutting-edge technology will unlock tremendous opportunities for both consumers and businesses, offering

seamless connectivity, faster data speeds, and enhanced capabilities.

Overall, the launch of Orange Sierra Leone's 5G technology represents a significant step towards advancing telecommunications in Sierra Leone, bringing the country into a new era of connectivity and supporting its economic development goals.

Doreen Barrie: DoFA has reached over 5,000 aged in three years

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

Chief Executive Officer of the Dorwontony Organization for the Aged has disclosed that they have reached out and touched the lives of over 5,000 aged across the country with food stuff and medical treatment.

She was speaking at the organization's head office on Albert Street in Freetown during the celebration of the organization's third year of existence and also launching of their website.

She said three years ago, she was inspired to establish such an organisation because she was raised by her grandmother and when she also realised that many people she knows and had worked with spent their old age moment at the King George's Home.

She said the aged in the country have and are still going through a lot with challenges of being abandoned and disrespected and that it was against that backdrop she formed the organization to ensure that the aged get the respect and care they deserve. She further noted that the website will enable them to increase the reach of their work for the in the country.

She cited office space as one of the challenges they were currently faced coupled with the lack of funds to enable them take care of the aged.

"Taking care of the aged is very expressive because it is not every food they eat and they need medical attention always. Let me use this opportunity to inform you that October 14, we are having our 3rd



edition Miss Old is Gold Beauty pageant at the Freetown City Council Auditorium," she said.

Board Chairman of the organization, Rev. Peter Conteh, said the organization's impact in just three years of existence seemed like they have been around for 30 years, considering the amount of people they have reached.

He said unlike in Sierra Leone, but in other countries the aged are respected because they are symbols of wisdom.

Head of Finance and Administration at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Musa Bockarie, said the ministry recognises the work of the organization.

He recalled that since 1996, a department of Social Safety Net was established within the ministry and that department has over the years doing transfers to the aged across the country, especially those that were in the informal sector and did not have the opportunity to contribute to the National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT).

He said the ministry's doors are always open to DOFA organization for any help needed.



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REQUEST FOR OFFER FOR AN OFFICE SPACE TO RENT

Request for Proposal (RFP) No. CCM/SL/RFP/2023/001

Issue Date: Monday 2nd October 2023

Deadline for Submission: Monday 30th October 2023 at 4pm SL Time.

If you have any question, please contact: ccmsierraleonesecretariat@yahoo.com

Background

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- Ensure the effective operations of the CCM SL, including the implementation of the CCM SL Calendar of Activities, Oversight Plan, hosting and coordination of meetings etc.
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- Support CCM SL fundraising activities
- Perform other responsibilities as requested by CCM SL Board or Global Fund

In view of the above, the CCM SL is looking for an office space with the following minimum requirements/specifications:

Office Space Requirement/Specifications.

Facility	Dimension/Comment	Quantity
Boardroom	35-39ft x 18-22ft approximately	1
Meeting/Breakout rooms(Minimum)	20-22ft x 15-17ft approximately	2
Office rooms	18-20ft x 13-15ft approximately	3
Internet Connectivity	The space should be able to support proper internet connectivity	N/A
Reception room	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	1
Pantry/Kitchen	8-6ft x 4-3ft approximately	1
Restroom	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	3/2
Store	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	1
Car space	Ability to accommodate min 10(ten) cars at any point in time	1
Water Availability	42.9.90% (At least three(3) times/week)	N/A
Water Tank Holding Space	Ability to accommodate/hold 5000L(Vertical/Horizontal) water tank	1
Light Availability	70-90% six(6) hours daily	N/A
Preferred Areas(Suitable environment – Less noisy & crowd)	Around (Central Freetown, Brookfields, Kingtom, Congo Cross, Wilkinson Road, Wilberforce, Hill Station) etc	N/A
Security post	10-12ft x 8-10ft approximately	1
Decent Outside Toilet Facility	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	1
Fence	Fence Compound	N/A
Secured Environment	The space should be free from noisy environment, violent prone etc	N/A
Generator House	11-12ft x 6-7ft approximately	1
Generator Holding Space	9-8ft x 3-4ft approximately	1
Payment currency (Rent/Lease payment should be in conformity with GoSL regulations)	NLe/SLL	N/A

Other requirements:

Please provide information with supporting document(s) where applicable on:

1. Ownership & title of office space/building
2. Duration for rent/lease I.e How long will the space be available for rent/lease?
3. Is the building/space ready for use or need renovation?
4. Office Space Cost
5. Payment terms. I.e should payment be made monthly, annually etc

Payment Terms

1. Payment shall be after signing agreement, within 30 working days of receiving correct & detailed invoice.
2. Payment shall be via bank transfer or check.

Payment shall be made upon verification and acceptance of the office space as per the Office Space Requirement/Specifications.

Acceptance of Payment Terms

Do you accept the above payment terms?

Yes

No

Offer Requirements

Offers that do not meet the following will be automatically rejected regardless of price:

1. Offers must be received before the stated deadline.
2. Offers must include all information requested above.
3. Offer should remain valid for a period of at least ninety (90) days from the submission closing date.
4. Offer must be accompanied by relevant supporting documents
5. Offers must be submitted through hard copy in sealed envelopes or email.
6. Offers must be clean & clear. The vendor/individual should sign and stamp next to handwritten corrections or corrections made with whiteout.
7. Interest Company/Vendors/Landlords/Property Owners shall sign the Integrity Pack Form during the submission of proposal. The Integrity Pack Form is available at the CCM SL Secretariat.
8. Offers must be complete, signed in a clear date and stamped on all pages.

Delivery Instructions:

Interested Company/vendors/Individuals may submit their offers via one of the following methods:

1. Complete, stamped and signed offer to be delivered in sealed envelope with tender number on it CCM/SL/RFP/2023/001 to CCM Sierra Leone Secretariat Office, 45 Adelaide Street. For further information about CCM SL office address please contact: +23276324248

2. Completed, stamped, and signed offer can be submitted by email to ccmsierraleonesecretariat@yahoo.com as PDF file. Email must indicate the tender number which is CCM/SL/RFP/2023/001 or the offer will be excluded. The file should not exceed 15 MBs and the company biography should not exceed 10 pages where applicable. When sending your tender, kindly copy the below emails:

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Driver support service is one of the back-office services required by CCM SL, to keep operations running efficiently and effectively.

In view of the above, the CCM SL is seeking applications from suitable qualify Sierra Leoneans to apply for the driver position as below:

Position: Driver

Location of Position: Freetown and will be required to travel up country when demanded.

Contract Duration: Initially 6 months. Contract will be extended to another 6 months pending availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

Responsibilities:

- The driver will be attached to the CCM SL secretariat and provide effective support to the overall operations of the CCM SL
- The driver may be called upon to make trips up country as demanded by the situation
- The driver should inspect the vehicle and report on any fault observed
- Ensure the vehicle he/she is driving is clean on a daily/weekly basis
- Take the vehicle to garage for maintenance and monitor all repairs done on the vehicle
- The driver should maintain an updated valid driver's license.
- Adhere to all rules and regulations of the CCM SL

Report To: The Administrative and Finance Manager

Requirements:

- Should be a Sierra Leonean with valid driver's license
- Qualification: WASSCE Equivalent
- Minimum of 3years of excellent driving experience/ record with NGO, Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs) or Private Sector.
- Has sound mechanical knowledge and experience of basic vehicle maintenance and repairs plus ability to perform daily vehicle check and report maintenance needs promptly
- Knowledge and experience on the protocol to delivering paperwork to Government Ministries, Agencies, Department, Banks, NGOs and other CCM SL Stakeholders
- Desirable; experience in driving senior officials or international donors
- Ability to work under pressure with tight and conflicting deadlines and simultaneous activities
- Good communication and inter-personal skills and able to work as a member of a team
- Ability to speak English comfortably and experienced in keeping written transport records and logbooks
- Flexibility and adoptability to changing working environment
- Ability to drive 4x4 wheel vehicles(Land Cruiser and Hilux) will be an added advantage

All applications should be delivered by hand to our office 45 Adelaide Street Freetown on **Monday 30th October 2023 on or before 4pm SL time.** The application should consist of a cover letter, valid Sierra Leone driver's license and names of two referees as well as an updated CV. Women drivers are encourage to apply.

Date Posted: Monday 2nd October 2023

Deadline for the receipt of application: Monday 30th October 2023



Call for Applications for National/International Consultants

Technical Assistance to 6 Financial Intermediaries to deliver financial products and services to informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone

Deadline: 13th October 2023 at 4:00 PM (GMT)

UNDP in partnership with the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), and the International Labour Organization (ILO) are implementing a four-year project **"Supporting Informal Enterprises Transition Towards Sustainable Growth and Formalization in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions"** funded by the European Union. The project aims to unlock the potential of the informal economy for inclusive growth and transformation by developing and supporting the implementation of favourable regulatory conditions and relevant incentives for businesses to formalize. UNDP Sierra Leone is seeking the services of five (5) International/National Consultants to provide Technical Assistance to 6 Financial Intermediaries to deliver financial products and services to informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone.

The five (5) Consultants required are below:

1. National/International Consultant to provide technical assistance to ILCUF and Quick and Reliable Microfinance to develop agriculture finance products that meet the financial needs of informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone
(https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=11694)

2. National/International Consultant to provide technical assistance to Sierra Leone Insurance Company to assess the current outreach strategies of insurance products and ensure they meet the needs of the informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone
(https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=11714)

3. National/International Consultant to provide technical assistance to Archway SL Ltd. & Drexler Ltd. to assess the current product suitability to meet the financial needs of informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone
(https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=11725)

4. National/International Consultant to provide technical assistance to LAPO to assess the current product suitability to meet the financial needs of the informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone
(https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=11715)

5. National/International Consultant to provide technical assistance to ECOBANK to assess the current product suitability to meet the financial needs of informal enterprises and entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone
(https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=11729)

How to apply

Follow instructions using the links on the procurement notice against each of the consultancy opportunities above where documents include the Terms of References. Offers must be submitted directly in the system following this link: <http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org> using the profile you may have in the portal. In case you have never registered before, you can register a profile using the registration link(s) above via the procurement notice and following the instructions in the guides available on the UNDP Website:

<https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders>. Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from the previous registration.

Once the application is complete and submitted, revised versions of the application will not be accepted.

The deadline for applications is **4:00 pm on Friday, 13th October 2023**. Proposals should be submitted directly in the portal no later than the indicated deadline.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing via messaging functionality in the portal. UNDP will respond in writing including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry.



Population Services International- Sierra Leone

Job Description

Communication Intern (EpiC Sierra Leone)

Job Type: Internship
Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone
Start Date: Immediately
End Date: December 31st 2023
Reports to: Country Project Manager- EpiC SL
Grade: TBD

Background Introduction

Population Services International (PSI) Sierra Leone, a network member of the world's leading non-profit social marketing organization. We work to make it easier for people in the developing world to lead healthier lives and plan the families they desire by marketing affordable health products and services. We commit ourselves to contributing to health systems transformation with the government partners and others. We believe in investing in Consumer-Powered Healthcare that keeps pace with the changing health needs of consumers, systematically addresses barriers to positive health behaviors and outcomes, and encourages the most efficient use of available resources.

There are over 9,000 "PSI'ers" around the world. It's a diverse group of entrepreneurs and professionals with an unusually wide range of backgrounds - from the medical industry to the music business - all with unique skills we bring to the job.

PSI seeks a Project Officer/Coordinator to assist with ongoing coordination and management of the EpiC Sierra Leone activities to help increase the coverage of COVID 19 Vaccination in Sierra Leone under the Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project.

Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) is a five-year global project funded by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). EpiC receives COVID-19 funding to bolster health systems necessary to address COVID-19 and reduce cases of reemergence.

Currently, EpiC and its consortium members implement COVID-19 activities in more than 45 countries worldwide. The project delivers high-quality technical assistance at the community, facility, district, regional and national levels and builds relationships with relevant partners working to address COVID-19.

EpiC worked hand in hand with Sierra Leone's Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) to identify and define gaps that are not currently covered by other partners throughout the country but more especially in the 7 districts that have the lowest COVID-19 vaccine uptake. Through Population Services International (PSI) - Sierra Leone, EpiC will support the Ministry of Health & Sanitation in Sierra Leone and other COVID-19 stakeholders in implementing specific activities aimed at increasing the uptake of COVID-19 Vaccines. This support will principally focus on cold chain systems support; data capturing timeliness, data quality improvement and data analysis enhancement; surge/mass campaign outreach support; community engagement and demand creation for COVID-19 vaccine. Although some of the activities will be implemented nationwide, principal emphasis will be placed in the 7 lowest performing districts identified according to their identified needs.

General Objective of the Position

The Communication Intern will support the production of stories, photos and other materials for PSI standards for effective donor and public engagement. He/she will contribute towards the process of researching information and writing and editing articles and other features for PSI social media platforms.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the production of stories, photos and other materials in line with PSI standards for effective donor and public engagement;
- Gather and produce resources (stories, photos and video) for effective donor and public engagement;
- Support Communications Coordinator as point person to write tweets, vlogging and blog postings for social media;
- Contribute towards the process of researching information and writing and editing articles and other features for the PSI Annual Report, Magazine and other publications to communicate effectively the PSI brand;
- Support the development of advocacy-oriented communication products in order to ensure that behavioral change is achieved.
- Provide support to other departments engaged in any form of Advocacy and demand generation campaign as assigned by the Communications Coordinator;
- Handle administrative issues (preparing internal requisition etc.) draft Monthly Management Reports (MMR) and weekly schedules;
- Support with creating and spreading communication media, such as presentation, posters, flyers, blog posts, or videos on EpiC Project funded social media platforms – WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
- Assist in facilitating all social media engagements.
- Assisting in preparing and maintaining digital communications reports, such as social media content calendars, analytics, media reports, and website updates.
- Contributing to the development of a strategy for digital marketing.
- Helping create an internal employee newsletter, factsheets and other one or two pager documents
- Perform other essential tasks assigned by the communications Coordinator.

QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION/KNOWLEDGE/TECHNICAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Qualification required: Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Mass Communication, Journalism, Advertising or a related field is required.

Experience: Minimum of 1 year of demonstrated experience in producing resources (stories, photos and video), researching information, and writing and editing articles, magazines and other publications.

Technical Skills & Abilities:

- Must be able to represent PSI
- Competent in using MS Word, MS Excel and PowerPoint presentation
- Excellent command of English, both written and verbal
- Ability to work under stressful conditions and adapt to local culture and situations and;
- Experience in working in a cross-cultural environment;
- Must be willing and able to travel nationally.

Interested candidates should submit CV, professional certificates and cover letters indicating the position they are applying for and submit online to the email recruitment@psi-sl.org before the 6th October 2023.

Population Services International is an Equal Opportunity Employer, promoting gender, equity and diversity.

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Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24th March, 2023.

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

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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

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

The cover price remains the same.

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

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

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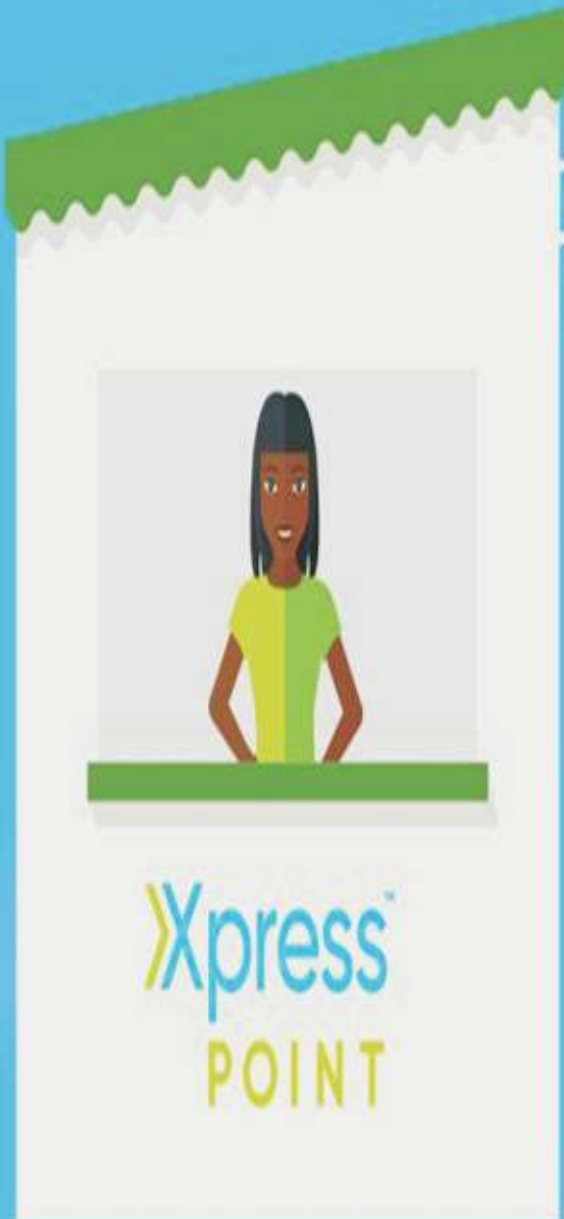


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Jesse Lingard has been pictured training with Saudi Pro League side Al-Ettifaq for the first time since the free agent arrived in the Kingdom in a bid to secure a new contract.

The former Manchester United star played for Nottingham Forest last season but failed to make an impact in Steve Cooper's side, registering just 17 league appearances during their 2022-23 campaign.

After opting not to extend his one-year contract over the summer, the 30-year-old has been without a club, but has been training with West Ham since the start of August.

David Moyes' side ultimately chose not to re-sign the England international after a blistering half-season in 2021, prompting his move to Saudi at the start of this week.

Al-Ettifaq first shared a video of Lingard walking out onto the pitch during a night session overseen by head coach and ex-Liverpool icon Steven Gerrard, captioning the clip: 'Enjoy Ettifaq's Wednesday night session featuring a new face'.

In the video, Lingard is seen beaming as he begins to take part in the training, and the club later shared a picture of the player looking similarly delighted.

Jesse Lingard is pictured training with Al-Ettifaq for the first time as he bids for a contract at the Saudi Pro League side

'First sighting of Lingard in Ettifaq training. Green fits him well eh?' the caption read.

Lingard will have limited time to prove his worth to Gerrard in a bid to earn himself a contract at the Saudi club, who currently sit fourth in the league after eight matchdays.

But should he be offered to stay long-term in Dammam, the move would see him reunited with a former team-mate.

Former Liverpool midfielder Jordan Henderson played alongside Lingard during England's 2018 World Cup campaign in the country's first major tournament under Gareth Southgate.

Whilst Henderson remains a fixture in Southgate's set-up, Lingard found himself increasingly sidelined after the competition as his form at Man United dipped.

Henderson joined Al-Ettifaq in an eyebrow-raising move in August for a deal that is thought to garner the player £700,000 per week in wages. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football>



Former Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane 'agrees' sensational return to football management under ONE condition



Former Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane has reportedly agreed on a sensational return to management,

but under one condition. The former France star has one of the most impressive trophy cabinets both as a player

and as a manager.

He led Real Madrid three consecutive Champions League trophies as their boss and lifted the UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup twice, as well as a La Liga title and Supercopa.

However, he has never managed outside of Spain and returned for a second spell at the club during his last stint in management.

It has now been reported that the Frenchman has decided on a new club, with France Blue Provence stating that he has reached an agreement with another one of his former clubs.

The report states that Zidane has agreed to become the manager of Olympique de Marseille.

However, there is one condition that must be met if he is to take the reigns in France.

It is believed that his agreement is not with the club itself, but appears to be with Saudi Arabia.

He has reportedly agreed to become the new manager of Marseille in the event that the club's sale to the Gulf State goes through.

However, the dream may have to wait as Frank McCourt, Marseille's current owner, bought the club just seven years ago, and he

has reiterated in recent months that his side is not for sale.

The report continues to state that Saudi Arabia have their eyes firmly set on the French side and are dreaming of 'making the club the Newcastle of France'.

Furthermore, it is believed that Zidane has asked for a £260million transfer budget to accept a return to Marseille, and Saudi Arabia have granted this.

He also wishes to be in charge of recruitment if he is to take the role, which has also been approved.

Marseille's owner McCourt must still be convinced to sell if Zidane is to return to his former side, but a move could well happen.

The news comes as a shock following the appointment of Gennaro Gattuso as the new OM head coach just yesterday.

The 45-year-old Italian replaced Marcelino, who stood down last week just a handful of games into his stewardship amid tensions between management and supporters.

It remains to be seen as to how long Gattuso will be given at the helm, with pressure on him and the owners already following the news about a potential return of Zidane.

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SWASAL Signs MoU with Sierra Leone Premier League Board



The Sports Writers Association of Sierra Leone (SWASAL) has on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the newly appointed Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) Premier League Board (PLB) at the Board Secretariat, Football Academy, Kingtom.

The purpose of the MOU was to establish a collaborative partnership between the Sports Journalists body and the country's highest football league board and to establish the terms and conditions under which reporting on the Sierra Leone Premier League and all other related activities of the league that can be facilitated and enhanced to ensure coverage and promotion across the country.

reporting on activities of the Sierra Leone Premier League and ensures collaboration with the Premier League Board and its media team in all its social and capacity-building programmes. Also, SWASAL and the Board must ensure they introduce the 'Coach and Player of the Month' award and must collaborate to produce a weekly special edition of the SWASAL Newspaper Sports World Newspaper that should be dedicated to the Sierra Leone Premier League.

are delighted to sign this MoU and look forward to good collaboration with SWASAL." President of SWASAL, Sahr Morris Jr, said: "We hope this signed MoU will be embraced by sports journalists towards the development of the game and also for the authorities to see sports journalists as partners. We look forward to a positive working relationship as always." The signing of the MoU came a few weeks after the PLB Board Chairman had an engagement with the SWASAL executive.

Chairman of PLB, Victor Lewis, said: "We

Sierra Leone appoints new coach ahead of 2026 World Cup qualifiers campaign



Koroma and Bo Rangers tactician Alhaji Foray as Leone Stars would be starting their 2026 World Cup qualifier campaign in November. According to SLFA, the 49-year-old coach, Karim and his team will take charge of the World Cup 2026 qualifiers with his first assignment scheduled to be a doubleheader against the Walia Ibex of Ethiopia before hosting the African powerhouse Egypt. Karim and his Leone Stars squad are in Group A along with; Egypt, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, and Djibouti.



Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) has appointed former Sierra Leone international Amidu Karim as provisional head coach of the country's senior National team, Leone

Stars ahead of the World Cup 2026 qualifiers. The former Sierra Leone attacking midfielder will be assisted by former home-based coach Francis Zappa

The former Leone Stars player has been one of Coach John Keister's assistants during the AFCON in Cameroon and the 2023 AFCON qualifiers. The 2026 World Cup qualifiers Africa Zone will begin on 13 November 2023 and end in November 2025. The African teams will play across two rounds - the

first contest of the group stage, with nine groups of six teams each. Each team will play ten home and away matches -the top finisher in each group will qualify for World Cup 2026. The second round pitted the four best runners-up in two one-off semi-finals, followed by a final. The winner of this second round will participate in the FIFA Play-off Tournament.