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By Hassan G. Koroma

In their quest to providing financial support and solutions, and also help boosting businesses between Sierra Leone and Europe, Access Bank has officially established German Desk in Sierra Leone. The desk helps to bridge cultural and language gaps, establishes a close link between the local banks, the local business community, the German Chambers of Commerce Abroad and DEG's representative office on the ground, and serves as a bridge for financing solutions, which DEG itself could not offer onsite.

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COMMENTARY Leone Rock deserves smooth sail in parliament

A long battle has been fought and won. Those who believe in corporate gangsterism should now know that there is no battle to be fought any longer and that they should accept defeat.

Through wisdom, the government of President Bio has, in the interest of the country and people, signed a new agreement with Leone Rock Metal Group (LRMG), to run and management the Pepel Rail and Port for twenty years.

The executive has loudly answered YES to the agreement and the onus is now on parliament to do the needful, to represent the people of Sierra Leone who voted them and above all protect the interest of the country as the executive has rightly done. The era of a few people ganging up against the majority and reaping-off the country is over.

The due diligence undertaken by the executive before signing the agreement with Leone Rock, in the midst of media blackmail and lies, demonstrated the fact that the future holds better for the mining sector. As the Speaker of Parliament rightly said during the launch of the of the six month mega project to expand and restore the Port to match modern trend and open doors for other players to use it, an agreement becomes valid after approval by parliament.

And the beauty is that, the House of Parliament has been fully constituted with the opposition already sworn-in, and we are now waiting patiently to see that parliament protect the interest of the country.

A win for Sierra Leoneans

Despite media bashing that the government has entered into a bad deal with Leone Rock Metal Group, the Minister of Mines, Julius Mattai has emphatically reiterated that the new lease agreement with the mega Chinese company is the best ever government has done for the people of Sierra Leone.

Julius Mattai is human and he is prone to mistakes, but his background in the mines makes him a perfect person to strike a mining deal with a company. With fierce competition between ARISS and Leone Rock to manage the port, the minister never acted like an am-chair government minister, but conducted a feasibility survey on the companies and came to a conclusion that Leone Rock is a better alternative, with the right credibility and finesse to manage the rail and port on behalf of the people of Sierra Leone.

Speaking at the launch of the expansion project of the rail and port, the deputy minister of Finance 2, Jeneba Bangura told the gathering that the ministry played a pivotal role in the negotiation of the agreement and that they made sure all taxes are protected. This is a win for the country and the people of Sierra Leone.

Bumper Package for mining communities

We have been told that mining started in Sierra Leone since 1930, yet we see mining communities swimming in utter poverty, with little or no benefit from the mining proceeds. In our own time, we saw with our naked eyes, our minerals being taken away by companies like African Minerals, but little did we have to show as a country.

That was primarily due to some fly-by-night agreements signed by government with the help of a few Sierra Leonean heartless cons, who were bent on cheating the people. But, the agreement with Leone Rock will definitely make a difference in the lives of people who reside in the company's operational areas.

Gilbert Zhao is the Chief Executive Officer of Leone Rock Metal Group and he told the gathering during the launch of the port expansion project that "In this new agreement, there are several notable provisions that highlight our commitment to Sierra Leone's progress. One of the most significant changes is our agreement to pay landowners their surface rent and community development fees directly. We are proud to announce that we will increase the annual payment from a mere \$30,000 USD to \$250,000 USD, underscoring our dedication to the communities along the rail line and port chiefdoms.

Additionally, he said, the agreement also offers substantial tax benefits to the government, which will contribute to an increase in GDP and, in turn, help the government meet its national financial commitments.

It is no gainsaying that the above package, coupled with the Corporate

Social Responsibility that would be implemented by the company, will take the community a long way in terms of development.

Modernisation of the Pepel Port

As part of the agreement, the company has already launched the expansion and restoration of the Pepel Rail and Port, a project that is geared towards modernizing the port and makes it attractive and competitive in the West African sub-region.

Chief Technical Officer of Leone Rock, Salim Sillah, said the expansion project is aimed at modernizing the port to match with modern trends and demands, and that they would bring in new generational types of materials to ensure that the port is safe, attractive and stands the test of time.

"We want to ensure that the port is competitive to other ports in West Africa. There is a whole lot of engineering involved in the improvement of the port and I believe Leone Rock will do that."

With that in hindsight, the company will take a holistic approach to implement the expansion project and CEO Gilbert Zhao said: "Our first order of business is the construction of a 49 MW Power Plant in Tonkolili, with an investment of over \$32 million USD. This endeavour will generate 100 new job opportunities during construction and operation. Simultaneously, we will be constructing a 9 MW Power Plant in Pepel Port, with an investment of over \$7 million USD and the creation of 60 new job opportunities during construction and operation. As part of our efforts to meet the anticipated high traffic demands for multiuser third-party clients, we will also commence the restoration of the jetty with an investment of \$4 million USD. In total, we are looking at an investment of \$40-50 million USD, and we are committed to completing these projects within six months from today's commissioning.

Jobs for the youth

With Sierra Leone being among countries where youth unemployment stands at record high, the lease agreement with Leone Rock will surely minimize the ugly trend. CEO of the company dilated on the jobs the company has created and the ones they intend to create for the youth in the near future.

"We are fully aware that we cannot provide jobs for everyone, but our statistics show that the 5,200 jobs we have already created is benefiting over 25,000 people. Furthermore, our project expansion in mining development, the railway, and the port is expected to generate nearly 20,000 direct jobs in the next three years.

Strengthening China-Sierra Leone relationship

Sierra Leone and China have enjoyed a mutual bilateral relationship that spans over fifty years and the two countries have benefitted a lot from that relationship.

Speaking at the launch of the expansion project at Pepel, the Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Wang Qing, noted that the new lease agreement signed between Leone Rock Metal Group (LRMG) and the Government of Sierra Leone was a clear demonstration of a bright and promising Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cooperation between China and Sierra Leone.

He said the agreement represents a practical cooperation for China-Sierra Leone bilateral relations.

"It is another important milestone of China- Sierra Leone cooperation in Mining and Infrastructure sector under the framework of BRI. This new lease agreement is a perfect metaphor as well as the natural consequence of China-Sierra Leone successful BRI cooperation."

Sierra Leone as a country cannot afford to trample on the cordial relationship we have with China because the country has benefited a lot from China through infrastructural development, education, health and agriculture. We can bluff of other powers by maintaining our relationship with China which stands ready to answer to the call of Sierra Leone whenever the need arises.

The new agreement will in no doubt benefit the country in diverse ways and Members of Parliament should see the need to ratify it in the interest of all and sundry.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation has received delegations from the World Health Organization (WHO), Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on emergency preparedness at the ministry's conference room in Freetown.

The engagement was for the government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Health to strengthen the health security and emergency capacity and to implement the emergency preparedness and response initiatives in Sierra Leone. In his statement, the WHO Sierra Leone Country Representative, Innocent Nuwagira, said WHO, through the CDC team, will work jointly with the Government of Sierra Leone to identify priority areas and engage with its partners in articulating a shared vision for strengthening health security and emergency.

He said following a recommendation by African Health Ministers to adopt a new strategy to transform health security in the region during the

seventy-second session of the WHO regional committee for Africa in LOME in August 2022, there aim was to strengthen member states capacities to effectively prepare, detect an respond to public health emergencies, transforming Africa surveillance system and strengthen an utilizing response group for emergencies.

"The emergency Preparedness and response flagship scoping mission 2023 exemplifies WHO's global commitment to equitable health preparedness and response. Together with Sierra Leone, we are dedicated to fortifying healthcare systems and crisis readiness, ensuring the well-being of the nation's people," WHO Rep.

"In this collaborative endeavour with Africa CDC, WHO is focusing on solidarity and preparedness, striving for a healthier and more resilient Sierra Leone and contributing to enhanced global health security, our shared mission is to protect and improve the lives of all those we serve."



Deputy Minister one, Dr. Charles Senessie, and the WHO team

He maintained that the mission of the WHO Director-General, Adhanom Ghebreyesus is that "WE must stop the cycle of panic and neglect when it comes to pandemic preparedness. We don't want COVID-19 to repeat, we don't want vaccine nationalism to repeat, and we don't want people dying from lack of oxygen to repeat."

Deputy Minister of Health 1, Dr. Charles Senessie, in his word, said there is a lot Sierra Leone can learn

from the past pandemics, Ebola and COVID-19, and other diseases.

He maintained that during the period of the Ebola pandemic, he was at the WHO, and what Sierra Leoneans experienced during that period made them learnt a lot.

He said the ministry welcomed the initiative from WHO and (CDC) and that they will ensure that they work closely with the team to make sure that they have a better planning for the next pandemic.

Fashion For Change surprise visit to Women's Correctional Centre ahead of more international collaborations

FIFA Council Madam Isha Johansen and leading household Sierra Leone fashion designer names paid a surprise visit to the Women's Correctional Centre in Freetown to thank the inmates for their dedicated efforts in producing and working with Fashion For Change to produce some very stunning outfits as Sierra Leone made its groundbreaking debut at the prestigious 2023 London Fashion week this year.

Johansen, the founder and brain behind the Initiative which started off as Football for Reform, using Football as a tool for social change, solicited the help of society fashion designers Jenneh Amara Bengali, Frederika, Pa Musa and Hannah Fullah to use Fashion as an empowerment tool for change and rehabilitation.

The Correctional Centre is fast becoming a topic of convert and interest as an increasing number of globally reknown organisations are expressing keen interest in supporting or collaborating with the Correctional Centre on diverse



areas of skills, and learning.

Recently FIFA supported the centre with the building of a tailoring workshop. CAF has pledged to offer coaching coaches, and Brussels Airlines Foundation has just added another five sewing machines to the already five donated a few months ago.

Johansen who is a key motivational force behind the young women,

securing the release of five female inmates on UN Women's this year, and international corporate partnerships for the centre, made a vow to the young women today that she would ensure that everyone of them is given an opportunity to be reformed citizen who adds value to her country and not one that should be hidden away from society.

Madam Jenneh Amara Bangali of haute Couture and other designers

including Pa Musa Sonessie of Pa Musa designs and Ms Frederica Williams of Just Fabulous designs were at the centre to boost the morale of the young women.

Acting Director General of the Correctional Centre Colonel Shiek Sulaiman Massaquoi applauded Johansen's tireless dedicated service to the Centre and assured the delegation of his continued support at all times.



LOCAL NEWS Celebrating UN at 78 with residents of the Freetown Cheshire Home

By Kadiatu Mansaray

Certain places are special in our lives, where memories intertwine with the walls and corridors. One such place for me is the Freetown Cheshire Home. This was founded in 1962 to support and raise people with disabilities. It came to be after the Second World War after a man called Leonard Cheshire witnessed the destruction caused by war and drew pity to save and give a new future to those extremely affected by the war.

Recently, I embarked on a nostalgic journey to revisit this cherished abode. This time, it was to celebrate the 78th Anniversary of the United Nations with the lovely residents of the home. As is now a permanent fixture in the calendar of activities of the UN in Sierra Leone, each time the day is observed, the anniversary cake is donated to a facility for children and young people. Thus, when my colleagues at the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, where I now work as a Partnerships and Knowledge Management Officer, asked for suggestions on where to donate the cake this time, my former home came to mind. I did not think twice. I suggested, and they accepted. The next day, we meandered our way through the traffic east of the city for Race Course, the home of Cheshire Home.

On my return, what we discovered was a captivating blend of emotions, reminiscence, and personal growth.

As I stepped through the familiar entrance, a wave of nostalgia washed over me. The scent of an aged cotton tree in front of the girl's quarter and the beautiful flowers greeted me, instantly transporting me back to a time when this place was my

sanctuary. The boarding home, once bustling with life, now stood in a tranquil stillness, waiting to reveal its uniqueness and hope.

My first memory of the Cheshire Home was as a day scholar when I was enrolled in Class One two decades ago. I was brought to town from a village behind Kabala that I cannot remember now. I could not speak Krio, let alone English, and the latter was the only means of communication in the school where deviants were punished with the Black spot – a coin given to one caught speaking Krio and where the last person with the spot on the day is sentenced to the cleaning of the girls' dormitory. During my formative years, I was found wanting a number of times.

Meeting the current residents, who now call this place home, was a heartwarming experience. Listening to their stories being told by the chairperson and caregivers, I discovered common threads that connected me back to my days in the home. The Freetown Cheshire home had become a bridge between the past and the present, a testament to the enduring spirit of community and belonging. It has transformed the lives of so many physically challenged people in the country who are now serving in different spheres of life, ranging from doctors, lawyers, managers, teachers, and the like.

Amidst the success of the home, it is now faced with great challenges that cannot be overlooked if we want to impact the lives of the young pupils of the home.

Currently, the home is constrained with food to feed the children, both resident and non-resident,



amounting to a hundred persons. Years back, which I can vividly remember, the home used to get food donations from Rome-based donors and other NGOs, which was a big aid to the home, but according to the chairperson, Dr. Abdulai Dumbuya, all this support stopped a while back, leaving him to scramble his way out to feed the children.

Noting the challenges, Dr Abdulai mentioned the effect of late government subventions, which, according to him, has caused a lot of constraints in securing his staff and effectively taking care of the children. According to him, most staff who came with a determination to support the children had to quit their jobs because of late salaries, since it normally takes some time for the home to be able to pay them. He disclosed that the home is left now with workers passionate about serving these children, but deep within him, he is not pleased with the situation as he believes in decent work for all.

The home has no disability-friendly vehicle to transport the children to their various schools. According to the chairperson, the government shortlisted forty homes that would benefit from the fifty disability-

friendly buses that would be given to these homes, but Freetown Cheshire Home was omitted. He added that the home only has one vehicle, which was donated by the World Bank years ago, and whenever that vehicle had serious maintenance problems, it became challenging to support the children at their different schools.

As I glanced through the familiar spaces and faces, I could not help but reflect on the lessons this home had taught me. It was here that I learned the value of independence, resilience, and adaptability. Living among diverse individuals from different backgrounds, I discovered the beauty of embracing differences, finding common ground, and looking beyond my disability. This home had prepared me for the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

Returning to this place allowed me to appreciate the journey I had undertaken and the person I had become, and every child deserves equal opportunities and a chance to thrive.

By addressing these challenges, we can make a significant impact on the lives of these children and the staff of the home.

Rapist gets 15 years imprisonment

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Mohamed Bawo has sentenced 33-year-old Amadu Bangura to fifteen years imprisonment after he was found guilty of raping a twenty-year-old adult.

Bangura was before the court on one count of rape contrary to Section 6 of the Sexual Offence Act No 12 of 2012, as repealed and replaced by Section 4 of the Sexual (Amendment) Act of 2019 Act No.8 of 2019.

State prosecution alleged that the convict on 24th August, 2021, at

Kerry Town in the Western Area of the Republic of Sierra Leone, intentionally committed an act of sexual penetration without the victim's consent.

After the defense closed their case, an option was given to the convict to select whether he wanted to rely on his statement he made to the police, take the witness stands and call witness or testify in the dock. But he informed the court through his lawyer from the Legal Aid Board that, he relied on the statement he made to the police.

Meanwhile, Justice Mohamed

Bawo immediately withdrew the file for judgment.

The judge recalled that the accused had pleaded not guilty to the offence as charged, adding that the prosecution brought four witnesses, including the mother of the victim.

He said in the case of the prosecution, they also made an application for the matter to be tried by judge alone, which he granted accordingly.

Justice Bawo in his ruling stated that, the 20-year-old victim testified in court that, the accused

came to visit her uncle when he asked her to sleep with her and give her fifty thousand Leones.

"I refused that I am not going to do it, but he forced himself on me and raped me," she victim testified.

He said the victim in her testimony in court, narrated how the convict after raping her, threatened to kill her if she disclosed to anybody about what transpired between them.

"I submit that the prosecution has proven its case beyond all reasonable doubt against the accused person. I therefore hold the accused guilty as charged of rape. He is therefore sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment," he ordered.



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LOCAL NEWS

World Bank: Inflationary pressures continue to intensify in 2023

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

According to World Bank's Sierra Leone Economic Update 2023, inflationary pressures have continued to intensify in 2023 and since the start of the year to August, headline inflation has averaged 44 percent, gaining pace after a few months of respite.

According to the report, food inflation has rose to 63 percent, while non-food inflation increased to 42 percent and that those inflationary pressures have persisted amidst a combination of global and domestic price shocks (food and fuel accounts for over 60 percent of total imports), a depreciating currency, and domestic policy slippages.

The report highlighted that the August increase in fuel pump prices by 40 percent to NLe30 per liter also contributed to both food and non-food price pressures, through an increase in transportation costs.

Despite efforts by the Central Bank to control inflation, the rates have increased by 500bps percent to 19.25 percent since the start of 2022, inflationary and exchange rates pressures have persisted as these efforts have been limited by shallow financial markets, fiscal dominance, and a widening monetary base. The monetary base grew by an average of

38 percent during the first half of 2023.

The Report says despite consecutive increase of the monetary policy rate by the Central Bank, domestic prices continue to be affected by currency depreciation, which has aggravated imported inflation.

The report also speaks on the risks to debt sustainability that have intensified, noting that public debt has increased sharply both in absolute terms and as a share of GDP because of the cumulative effects of fiscal slippages, the steep depreciation of the Leone, and increased reliance on high-cost domestic borrowing.

It says the public debt-to-GDP ratio is estimated to have increased from 84.7 percent at the end of 2021 to around 96.3 percent at the end of 2022. As the debt stock and associated debt payments rise, both liquidity and solvency risks have risen – with the most significant risk stemming from large debt service obligations.

The report further stated that, according to the joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Low Income Country Debt Sustainability Framework (LIC-DSF), Sierra Leone has been at high risk of debt distress since 2018 when



public debt was under 70 percent of GDP.

It says further that, the most recent debt sustainability analysis (DSA) published in June 2023, concludes that Sierra Leone's public debt remains sustainable, but the risks associated with external and overall debt distress have significantly increased and risks are elevated primarily due to the substantial fiscal overruns last year, coupled with a sharp depreciation of the Leone, resulting in a worsening of both solvency and liquidity measures.

The report disclosed that the total debt is composed primarily of external concessional debt, but with an increasing contribution from

expensive domestic debt, noting that public and publicly guaranteed (PPG) external debt has risen from 49.7 percent of GDP in 2020 to 65.8 percent of GDP by end-2022, largely due to sharp depreciation of the Leone.

It says in 2022, public external debt (65.8 percent of GDP) comprised mostly obligations to multilateral creditors, with the IMF and World Bank accounting for about 26 percent (17 percent of total public debt) and 24 percent 16 percent of total public debt respectively and other multilateral creditors accounted for less than 5 percent each, while official bilateral creditors accounted for around 12.2 percent of the total PPG external debt.

Bio engages Sierra Leone Community in Morocco

By Aminaash Nyande
Brima, Information
Attaché, Rabat, Morocco

President Julius Maada Bio has called on the Sierra Leonean Community, including Sierra Leonean students in Morocco, to be good citizens and show their best character as good ambassadors representing the Republic of Sierra Leone.

President Julius Maada said this while engaging the Sierra Leone Community in the Kingdom of Morocco on his arrival in Marrakech ahead of the 2023 Africa Investment Forum (AIF) Market Days Event slated for 8th to 10th November 2023.

During this engagement, several concerns were raised by the Sierra Leone Community in Morocco, which President Julius Maada Bio asked them to put in writing, while assuring them that he would look into the issues raised on his return to Sierra Leone.

The President reaffirmed his government's commitment to the Big Five Game-Changer project, and the "Feed Salone" initiative, being the cornerstone of his administration's flagship program aiming to achieve food security in Sierra Leone by 2035, while leveraging on human capital development, Technology, and Infrastructural investments and initiatives.

"My government is investing in the youth



and empowering them through education and investing in human capital development so that they can navigate their ways to success. No nation can develop without education," stated President Julius Maada Bio while addressing Sierra Leoneans in Morocco. President Bio further admonished the Sierra Leone Community to raise the country's flag a notch higher, refraining from all forms of violence, being law-abiding and responsible Sierra Leonean citizens abroad. He also encouraged the

Sierra Leonean students to prioritize their studies so that, in the end, they would be able to invest their skills in their country.

"The Moroccan Government has graciously increased the number of scholarships awarded to Sierra Leoneans based on the bilateral relationship between the two countries and my government will continue to strengthen such bilateral relationships in the interest of Sierra Leoneans," Presided Bio assured.

President Bio expressed his thanks and

appreciation to the Moroccan Government for increasing the quota of scholarships for Sierra Leonean students to 125, adding that his government and the people of Sierra Leone will take advantage of the opportunity.

Giving his remarks, Ambassador Atumanni Dainkeh informed the Sierra Leonean Community that President Julius Maada Bio had prioritized such a meeting with Sierra Leoneans living in Morocco despite his series of planned engagements during the 2023 Africa Investment Forum.

The President of the Sierra Leone Students Association, Jeremiah Abdul Akim Jalloh, congratulated the President on his re-election and thanked him for demonstrating good leadership since 2018. He commended the president for revitalizing the Moroccan Government scholarships given to Sierra Leoneans, which had stalled for about five years before the Bio Government was elected.

Other members present from the Sierra Leonean Community thanked President Julius Maada Bio for engaging the Sierra Leonean diaspora in Morocco despite his tight schedule.

President Julius Maada Bio was warmly welcomed and honoured to the Kingdom of Morocco by the Sierra Leoneans and the Moroccan government. Other dignitaries present at the meeting included the Sierra Leone Consul-General to the Kingdom of Morocco, Madam Zainab Kande.

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LOCAL NEWS

From Cover

Speaking at a breakfast meeting with customers and stakeholders at their Siaka Stevens Street Head Office in Freetown, Managing Director of Access Bank Sierra Leone, Ganiyu Sanni, said the desk comes with a lot of trade opportunities and will let people understand that there are lots of trade opportunities in the country.

He said Access Bank will be merging with Standard Chartered Bank and that they are willing to ensure that they keep and maintain staff of Standard Chartered Bank.

Head of German Desk, Sub-Sahara Africa, Sebastian Barroso Da Fonseca, said the Desk started operations in Africa (Nigeria) in 2017, looking into different countries and opening up for customers that are looking beyond their business.

He said in Sierra Leone, they will make sure that they grow enough so that their next step could be international.

Sebastian Barroso Da Fonseca said they have established the desk in other countries including Ghana and South Africa and will soon establish same in Guinea and The Gambia.

He said the Desk will also help to promote financial inclusion and that they will bring other offers from other global banks that will be attractive to Sierra Leoneans, and also make them aware that there are other options for them outside, and with Access Bank on ground makes it perfect.

He said they chose Access Bank because they are known as one of the fastest growing African banks

that has a footprint almost everywhere in Africa, France and other parts of the world.

According to a presentation done by Head of German Desk in Ghana, Max Ernest Heinrich, the German Desk at Access Bank, in partnership with the German Government and KWDEG, Deutsche Investitions-Und Entwicklungsgesellschaft), a specialised team dedicated to serving the financial needs of German and European clients, with the support from experienced German relationship managers, the German Desk offers a wide range of banking services and solutions tailored to German businesses and individuals.

He also cited the Chinese desk at Access Bank., which is a specialised team dedicated to providing financial services and support to Chinese clients.

He said the Chinese desk is well-versed in Chinese business practices and regulations, enabling them to assist clients in navigating the complexities of operating in both Chinese and international markets.

He said the DEG is offering Africa Connect, including attractive investment financing for German and European companies, loans for almost all African markets in EUR, USD and local currencies, terms ranging between 3 and 7

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Access Bank MD, Ganiyu Sanni in conversation with partners from German Desk

years, with optional grace period. He said loans range from EUR 750,000 to EUR5 million (generally unsecured) and funds are disbursed directly to the subsidiary in Africa, without involving principal banks, with risk-adequate equity contribution of 20% to 50%.

He also presented that the DEG is offering up-scaling program to targeted groups, including SMEs in the FinTech Sector or the GreenTech Sector, which are registered in a developing country or emerging market, with preference given to investments in Africa.

He also noted that the DEG offers and provides funding of 500,000 to

749,000 EUR, which constitutes a maximum of 50% of the total investment volume.

He said private sponsors must contribute a substantial share of equity (at least 25% of total investment volume), and that up scaling funds must be repaid in the event of success of the company.

He also presented that the DEG offers supports to young companies in their investments, to scale in Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana or Tanzania with a grant financing of up to 100,000 EUR, and at least 50 % of the total investment must be contributed by the company in the form of new capital and half of those funds must be provided in the form of equity.

Together with partner banks and the local German Chambers of Commerce, DEG is offering "German Desks" and the service is available for German SME companies and their local trading partners. The particular needs of German firms and their local partners are handled at the office by a bank employee, who operates in both languages and cultures. The range of services extends from setting up accounts through services for financing trade and transaction banking, to credit lines or investment financing for local companies wishing to acquire German equipment. In this way, companies can benefit from the combined network of the bank, the Chamber of Commerce and DEG.





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PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Handicap International "HI" (operating as Humanity & Inclusion) is an International NGO which has been working closely with the Government of Sierra Leone, international and national partners in the country since 1996 supporting vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Program areas include inclusive education, social and economic inclusion, rehabilitation, prevention of disabilities, advocacy and rights.

Currently, HI is implementing four projects for the promotion of Inclusive Education, Mental Health, Accessible and Technical support and Protection. HI is currently in design/approval process for new projects to create a comprehensive portfolio, in line with the implementation strategy for 2022 and onwards.

Position's context:

The Touching Minds Raising Dignity (TMRD) project is a mental health and Psychosocial Social Support (MHPSS) project that is in its second phase of another four years (2022 to 2025) of its implementation. The project seeks to continue to adapt and implement the community based MHPSS prevention and response strategy that was developed and implemented in the first phase (2018 to 2021) of the project.

The position requires working in slums and other deprived communities within the country's capital, Freetown. This includes direct interaction with person living with psychosocial distress/mental health lived experience. However, the position holder will not provide any form of direct specialized MHPSS services to the beneficiaries of the project.

Specific focus points:

- Participate in National MHPSS steering activities including advocacy action at national level
- Provide direct management to a team of one (1) Senior Project Officer and two (2) IGA Officers and work closely with 1 MHPSS Specialist to ensure the project meets technical standards.
- Manage the relationship between the project and two of the official implementing partners (CAPS and MoHS) to the project.

General Mission

Reporting to the Operations Manager, the project manager contributes to the implementation of the mandate and the 10-year strategy of Humanity & Inclusion in Sierra Leone. S/he is responsible for implementing his/her project. S/he ensures optimal quality and the impact of the project implemented by means of a delegation system with appropriate oversight mechanisms. With all the other HI managers, the project manager shares responsibility for the sound management and effective functioning of the global organisation

Missions / Responsibilities:

1. Management

- Embody HI's values on a daily basis, and be a role model
- Understand the strategy, make it explicit, translate it into operational objectives for his or her team, lead the necessary changes. Give meaning to each management action. Encourage inter and intra departmental exchanges of practice. Encourage innovation and risk-taking.
- Organise the operational management of his or her team, structure the work around identified processes, steer performance and facilitate the resolution of problems.
- Contribute to the development of his or her staff, creating the conditions for their commitment, professionalism and attachment to HI.
- Ensure compliance with the code of conduct and institutional policies, the mindset and expected individual and collective behaviour.

2. Strategy and steering: Contribute to the development of the programme's operational strategy

- Contribute to programme's operational strategy (StratOp).
- Draft new project proposals for the continuity or expansion of the project.
- Contribute to the drafting of new proposals for new opportunities, if necessary

3. Operational implementation

Responsibility 1: Ensure the implementation of the project, in line with the logical framework and allocated budget

- Steer the project's intervention strategy and put forward adjustments if the objectives change or if it is likely that they will not be met.
- Ensure that activities and the associated resources are planned, and implement the action plan.
- Ensure that activities are implemented in line with the project proposal and the allocated budget.
- Ensure project reporting, internally (within the programme) and externally (reporting to funding bodies, authorities and/or partners).
- Undertake expenditure and manage the project activity-specific budget lines according to the delegation he/she received based on the programme signature delegation table
- Prepare and manage partnerships with the project implementation partners **Guarantee the proper archiving of information**

Responsibility 2: Ensure that project implementation complies with the existing frameworks

- Ensure the proper implementation and follow-up of institutional policies (specifically PME, PSEAH and Age-Gender Disability policies) and the other HI internal standards.
- Ensure compliance with the terms of the project proposal and the rules applied by the project funding body/bodies.
 - Ensure compliance with global technical standards and norms by communicating and by involving the technical specialists and advisors with expertise in the project themes.

Responsibility 3: Ensure project monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning

- Ensure project monitoring, specifically activity progress indicators and the expected outcomes.
- Develop and implement the project evaluation plan.
- Ensure that the project is accountable to the local stakeholders.
- Ensure project learning, taking into account lessons learned from similar previous projects, following the recommendations made throughout the project (from evaluations, support missions, audits, etc.), and capitalising on the acquired knowledge.

Responsibility 4: Ensure project data management

- Ensure that the appropriate data collection and management tools are in place on the project, in line with global standards.
- Ensure that data related to the project is collected and compiled in the project database.
- Carry out regular checks and makes any necessary corrections to the activity database.

Responsibility 5: Coordinate the teams involved in the project

- Facilitate coordination meetings between his/her direct team and the support services located in the area when necessary.
- Ensure that his/her team and the support teams (shared and technical services, in particular) work well together in order to facilitate the implementation of the project in the country.
- Facilitate the project steering committee.

Responsibility 6: Contribute to external project communication

- Contribute to HI's external influence by taking part in networks, when required.
- Communicate about the project to partners, authorities and stakeholders when relevant.

4. Emergency Preparedness and Response

Lead the emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganize the priorities of his/her team according to the humanitarian priority, in order to ensure a quick and efficient response by HI.

PROFILE SOUGHT

	Essential	Preferable
Qualification(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's or Bachelor's degree in public health or Social Sciences with a strong knowledge and experience on MHPSS Proven expertise in MHPSS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's degree in clinical psychology with knowledge and experience on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) programs,
Experience (type and amount of experience):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 4 years' experience in projects management in the field of community or human rights based mental health and psychosocial support Knowledge of MHPSS framework and references Experience in analysis (donor environment, geopolitics) and ethical positioning Experience in partnership mobilization Experience in research, in planning and coordinating qualitative and quantitative surveys, with dissemination of results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in HI and/or the related sector of activities is a plus Experience working with government ministries Experience working with local partners
Skills (knowledge, abilities required for the position, refer to skills repository document):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good communication and writing capacities in English Synthetic and analytic thinking Pedagogical skills Team motivation Strategic thinking Proficient: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge and ability to use the IASC guidelines in adapting project activity in the case of emergency response
Personal qualities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent communication skills and diplomacy Ability to work independently and as a member of a team Flexibility Strong attention to details Good capacity to coordinate and consult with others Good organizational skills Practical, dynamic and solution oriented Open to cultural differences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good capacity to withstand pressure and manage stress and anger Emotional maturity Open to receive constructive criticism and feedback

Salary: As per HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 3 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with possibility of renewal based on performance and funding availability.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE:	PROJECT MANAGER, SAVING LIVES in SIERRA LEONE
COUNTRY PROGRAM:	Sierra Leone
REPORTS TO:	Operations Manager
LOCATION:	Freetown – with travels to field offices

HI is seeking for a qualified individual to fill the above mentioned National Position.
WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE:
 Handicap International has clear institutional policies on "Child Protection", "Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption", "Disability, Gender and Age" and "Protection of Beneficiaries from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment". It is therefore mandatory for all staff to commit themselves to respect, uphold and promote these policies, and to sign the HI Code of Conduct.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND
 Handicap International - Humanity & Inclusion (HI) is an international NGO that has been working closely with the Government of Sierra Leone and international and national partners in the country since 1996 to support vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Program areas include inclusive education, social and economic inclusion, rehabilitation, prevention of disabilities, advocacy, and rights. Currently, HI is implementing three projects for the promotion of an inclusive economy, mental health, and inclusive health. HI is currently in the design process for new projects to create a comprehensive portfolio in line with the implementation strategy for 2023 and onwards.

Position's context:
 The Saving Lives in Sierra Leone Phase 3 project aims at using whole-system approaches needed to tackle preventable death effectively and sustainably among women, adolescent girls, and children, addressing root causes while improving access to inclusive care. The five-year project will run from November 2023 to October 2028 in six districts (**Bombali, Kambia, Western Area Urban, Kono, Moyamba, and Kenema**) in coordination with five partners (Concern (lead), Helen Keller International, King's Global Health Partnership Sierra Leone, Welbodi Partnership, and AISPO). The position requires frequent travel to the above six districts and coordination with the project consortium partners as well as government ministries and agencies at the national level. The position holder will work and coordinate with HI's internal department to build the capacity of the 6 Organization of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) for the implementation of its activities, which includes direct interaction with persons living with disabilities. He/she will interact with the Mano River Inclusion Technical Manager to ensure that the activities implemented meet technical standards

Missions / responsibilities
 The SLISL3 Project Manager, will cover the full scope of the Standard Function for Project Manager. Specific focus points are mentioned below:

- The Project Manager will provide direct line management to a team of 6 Project Officers (one office per district).
- Prepare and manage the relationship between the project 5 consortium partners.
- Support the selection and management of 6 OPDs through sub-grantee process.
- Attend government ministries and agencies coordination meetings.

Missions / Responsibilities:
Mission 1: Management

- Manager as a role model: embody HI's values on a daily basis, and be a role model.
- Manager as a coach for meaning: understand the strategy, make it explicit, translate it into operational objectives for his or her team, lead the necessary changes. Give meaning to each management action. Encourage inter and intra departmental exchanges of practice. Encourage innovation and risk-taking.
- Operational manager: organise the operational management of his or her team, structure the work around identified processes, steer performance and facilitate the resolution of problems.
- First HR & Coach: contribute to the development of his or her staff, creating the conditions for their commitment, professionalism and attachment to HI. Ensure compliance with the code of conduct and institutional policies, the mindset and expected individual and collective behaviour.

Mission 2: Strategy and steering

- Contribute to the development of the programme's operational strategy
- Contribute to programme or country operational strategy (StratOp).
- Draft new project proposals for the continuity or expansion of the project.
- Contribute to the drafting of new proposals for new opportunities, if necessary

Mission 3: Operational implementation Responsibility 1:
Responsibility 1: Ensure the implementation of the project, in line with the logical framework and allocated budget.

- Steer the project's intervention strategy and put forward adjustments if the objectives change or if it is likely that they will not be met.
- Ensure that activities and the associated resources are planned and implement the action plan.
- Ensure that activities are implemented in line with the project proposal and the allocated budget.
- Ensure project reporting, internally (within the programme) and externally (reporting to funding bodies, authorities and/or partners).
- Undertake expenditure and manage the project activity-specific budget lines according to the delegation he/she received based on the programme signature delegation table.
- Prepare and manage partnerships with the project implementation partners.
- Guarantee the proper archiving of information.

Responsibility 2: Ensure that project implementation complies with the existing frameworks.

- Ensure the proper implementation and follow-up of institutional policies (specifically PME, PSEAH

and Age-GenderDisability policies) and the other HI internal standards.

- Ensure compliance with the terms of the project proposal and the rules applied by the project funding body/bodies.
- Ensure compliance with global technical standards and norms by communicating and by involving the technical specialist and advisors with expertise in the project themes.

Responsibility 3: Ensure project monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning.

- Ensure project monitoring, specifically activity progress indicators and the expected outcomes.
- Develop and implement the project evaluation plan.
- Ensure that the project is accountable to the local stakeholders.
- Ensure project learning, taking into account lessons learned from similar previous projects, following the recommendations made throughout the project (from evaluations, support missions, audits, etc.), and capitalising on the acquired knowledge.

Responsibility 4: Ensure project data management

- Ensure that the appropriate data collection and management tools are in place on the project, in line with global standards.
- Ensure that data related to the project is collected and compiled in the project database.
- Carry out regular checks and makes any necessary corrections to the activity database.

Responsibility 5: Coordinate the teams involved in the project.

- Facilitate coordination meetings between his/her direct team and the support services located in the area when necessary.
- Ensure that his/her team and the support teams (shared and technical services, in particular) work well together in order to facilitate the implementation of the project in the country.
- Facilitate the project steering committee.

Responsibility 6: Contribute to external project communication

- Contribute to HI's external influence by taking part in networks, when required.
- Communicate about the project to partners, authorities and stakeholders when relevant.

Mission 4: Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Lead the emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganize the priorities of his/her team according to the humanitarian priority, in order to ensure a quick and efficient response by HI.

	Knows	Practices	Proficient	Expert
Assessment		✓		
Intervention strategy		✓		
Planning, monitoring & coordination			✓	
Operation partnerships		✓		

Emergency Preparedness and Response skills

	Knows	Practices	Proficient	Expert
Emergency response			✓	
Humanitarian monitoring and emergency preparedness			✓	

Language skills

	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
HI official languages				✓		
Language of the country						

Other skills

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Skills in developing and facilitating training
- Emotional Regulation skills
- Communication skills
- Problem Solving skills
- Remonte management skill

Education & Knowledge

- Bachelor's degree in public health, Community Health and Clinical Sciences, or other Social Sciences related courses.
- Higher Diploma in State Register Nurse (SRN), Community Health Sciences.
- Fluent written and spoken english.
- Knowledge in project management (preferably consortium project).
- Knowledge in managing project with sub-granting.
- Knowledge in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support.

Experience

- Minimum of five years working experience in a development related field or managing sexual reproductive health project.
- Experience in managing FCDO funded project
- Experience working with vulnerable groups
- Experience working in INGO

Salary: As per HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 3 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with possibility of renewal based on performance and funding availability.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE:	PROJECT OFFICER, SAVING LIVES IN SIERRA LEONE (6 Persons)
COUNTRY PROGRAM:	Sierra Leone
REPORTS TO:	PROJECT MANAGER, SAVING LIVES IN SIERRA LEONE
LOCATION:	Bombali, Kambia, Western Area Urban, Kono, Moyamba and Kenema

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The position holders will be based in the districts, traveling to Freetown upon request by line management. He/she will coordinate with the project consortium partners as well as government ministries and agencies at the district level. The position holder will work with and support the Organization of Persons with Disabilities (OPD) with the implementation of its activities at the district level, which includes direct interaction with persons living with disabilities. He/She will interact with the inclusion technical manager to ensure trainings facilitated at the district level are successful.

Missions / responsibilities

The SLiSL3 Project Manager, will cover the full scope of the Standard Function for Project Manager.

Specific focus points are mentioned below:

- Maintain regular interaction with 5 consortium partners at district level.
- Support the implementation of activities by 1 OPD at district level.
- Support the selection and management of 6 OPDs through sub-grantee process.
- Attend government ministries and agencies coordination meetings.
- Participate in regular consortium coordination meeting at district level.

Missions / responsibilities

Mission 1: Operational implementation

Responsibility 1: Contribute to project planning and implementation in line with the existing frameworks.

- Contribute to planning and preparing activities, tools and the associated resources, and implement the action plan in conjunction with the support services and the technical unit.
- Ensure that activities are implemented and that resources are correctly allocated as authorized by the project manager.
- Ensure regular reporting of activities, and contribute to the internal and external reporting as requested by the project manager.
- Contribute to identifying areas of the project in which adjustments are required and put forward adaptations to the project manager.
- Contribute to the drafting of amendment requests when asked by the project manager.
- Contribute to coordination with the local stakeholders and to monitoring the partnership relationship with the project partners.
- Ensure that project documents and information are properly archived.

Responsibility 2: Contribute to project monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning

- Contribute to project monitoring, specifically activity progress indicators and the expected outcomes.

- Contribute to project evaluations at the request of the project manager, and ensure that project evaluation recommendations are followed.
- Contribute to the setup and smooth running of accountability mechanisms.
- Contribute to project learning.

Responsibility 3: Ensure project data management.

- Ensure that the appropriate data collection and management tools are in place and are used correctly on the project, in line with global standards.
- Collect and compile project-related data in the relevant database.

Responsibility 4: Contribute to the coordination of project teams.

- As authorized by the project manager, facilitate coordination meetings between the project teams and the support services located in the area when necessary.
- Ensure that the project teams and the support teams (shared and technical services, in particular) work well together in order to facilitate the implementation of the project in the country.

Responsibility 5: Contribute to external project communication.

- Contribute to HI's external influence by taking part in networks, when required.
- Communicate about the project to partners, authorities and stakeholders when relevant

Mission 2: Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Contribute to the programme's emergency preparedness initiatives, and in an emergency situation, adapt his/her working arrangements in order to contribute to an effective humanitarian response from HI.

Skills

Project management" professional path skill

	Knows	Practices	Proficient	Expert
Assessment		✓		
Intervention strategy		✓		
Planning, monitoring & coordination			✓	
Operation partnerships		✓		

Emergency Preparedness and Response skills

	Knows	Practices	Proficient	Expert
Emergency response			✓	
Humanitarian monitoring and emergency preparedness			✓	

Language skills

	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
HI official languages				✓		
Language of the country						

Other skills

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Skills in facilitating training
- Emotional Regulation skills
- Communication skills

Education & Knowledge

- Diploma in Public Health, Community Health and Clinical Sciences, or other Social Sciences related courses.
- Diploma in State Register Nurse (SRN), Community Health Sciences.
- Fluent written and spoken English.
- Knowledge and skills in community mobilization and engagement.
- Ability to work independently with remote support.

Experience

- Minimum of 2 years working experience in a development related field
- Experience working with vulnerable groups preferably persons living with disabilities
- Experience working in INGO

Salary: As per HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 3 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with possibility of renewal based on performance and funding availability.

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INVITATION FOR Bid:

PAINTING of ChildFund Country Office Overview of ChildFund International

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ChildFund Sierra Leone is looking for contractors/bidders for:

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 - To submit a letter for expression of interest and detail profile
 - Provide BOQ and clearly indicate the type of paint suitable to

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- A valid tax and business registration certificate
- NRA tax clearance, including TIN number and NASSIT clearance
- Experience in previous services
- The vendor agrees to sign contract with ChildFund

Bidding procedure

Expression of interest must be delivered sealed bid to the address below:

All bids must be delivered on or before 16th November 2023 to:

The Procurement Committee

ChildFund Sierra Leone

84 Regent Road

Hill Station

Freetown

Sierra Leone

Or send to: sierraleoneprocurement@childfund.org

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UNICEF Sierra Leone wishes to invite reputable businesses to submit bids for the supply of drivers' uniforms.

Offers clearly marked LRFQ-2023-9185288 must be received by email not later than 10 am on Wednesday 15th November 2023. Please email to srlprocurementproposals@unicef.org

All offers should be by email. No offers should be delivered by hand.

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There will be no pre bid meeting or public bid opening.

All bids must be quoted in New Sierra Leone leones.

Bidders must include in their submission the following mandatory documents:

- v Business Registration or certificate of incorporation.
- v Valid copy of NRA certificate.
- v Valid copy of NASSIT clearance.

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Invitation for Bids

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sierra Leone Roads Authority



EMERGENCY REGRAVELLING WORKS ON:

- **NJALA JUNCTION – SEMBEHUN JUNCTION-KPETEMA (55KM)**
- **BAUYA JUNCTION-TIHUN CEMETERY AND OTHER AJECENTROADS (20KM)**

- Njala Junction – Sembehun Junction-Kpetema (55km)
- Bauya Junction-Tihun Cemetery and other adjacent Roads (20km)

The roads are gravel roads that connect district headquarter towns to major chiefdom headquarter towns in Moyamba, Bo and Bonthe Districts. Key settlements along the mentioned routes are predominantly known for established learning institutions, agriculture and economic activities. With the collapse of the Bumpah Bridge, the main trunk road connecting BO City and Mattru Township experienced a strategic cut-off. Due to the increase in traffic and the heavy down pour of rain, the above mentioned route became very deplorable and experienced several cut-offs and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who can demonstrate technical and financial capabilities for the procurement of the following said works:

Procurement Number: SLRA/DTR/ICB/2023/005

Date of First Issue: 6th November, 2023

The Sierra Leone Roads Authority has secured funds from *the Ministry of Finance* for the procurement of Contractors to undertake the Construction of Emergency Regravelling Works on:

Lot No.	Name of Project	Location	Road Length (km)	Procurement Number	Bid Security (Le) New Leones	Source of Fund
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Njala Junction – Sembehun Junction-Kpetema (55km) • Bauya Junction-Tihun Cemetery And Other Ajacent Roads (20km) 	Moyamba, and Bo Districts Bonthe District	(55) (20)	SLRA/DTR/ICB/2023/005	150,000.00	MOF

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 09:00 – 16:00 hours Mondays - Fridays. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Le 1000 (One Thousand Leone) New Leones per copy. Payment for the Bidding document must be paid into the Following Accounts shown below:

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2) Sierra Leone Commercial Bank Limited

Account Name: Revenue from sales of Bidding Document Sub Treasury
Account Number: 003001081791112183
Currency: Leones

3) Rokel Commercial Bank (SL) Limited

Account Name: Revenue from sales of Bidding Document Sub Treasury
Account Number: 02-011012428
BBAN: 002001002101242863
SWIFT CODE: RCBKSLFR

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 10th November, 2023 at 11:00 am. All bids must be accompanied by:

- q Bid Security from a reputable Commercial Bank
- q A valid tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached]
- q A valid Ministry of Works Certificate (Class I&II)
- q A Valid Sierra Leone Roads Authority Certificate
- q A Signed Integrity pact

Bidders are encouraged to visit the site independently. Further information in this regard can be obtained from the Director of Trunk Roads, SLRA between 9:00-16:00 hours Monday – Friday. Bids will be publicly opened on Friday 10th November, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. at the SLRA Conference Room, Kissy, Freetown in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

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Procurement Department
Sierra Leone Roads Authority
P. O. Box Number 1324
Kissy
Freetown
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GTB **SIERRA LEONE RED CROSS** **NASSIT** **SIERRA LEONE POLICE** **SLRA**
EPA **SIERRA LEONE BREWERY** **SLTC**
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