

National Indicative Programme 2014-2020

SIERRA LEONE

11th EDF 2014-2020

General overview of the programme

Intervention Area	Budget (MEUR)
Governance and Civil Society	179
Education	80
Agriculture and Food Security	60
Transport	43
Other support measures	14
Total	376

Sector 1: Governance and Civil Society

General objective: to strengthen the legitimacy of the state through improved governance and public sector reform.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ To modernise public administration through public sector reform and capacity building to improve service delivery, revenue generation in line with the principles of good governance in the tax area (transparency, exchange of information and fair tax competition) and budget management;
- ✓ To consolidate peace through increased public service delivery and oversight in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and security.

Expected results:

- Improved Public Financial Management (PFM)
- Increased tax collection and revenue generation (transparency, exchange of information and fair tax competition);
- Increased access to improved services for citizens through
- Improved access to justice and security for all citizens

Sector 2: Education

General objective: to complement national efforts in achieving Universal Primary Education (UPE) and support secondary and tertiary/vocational education to ensure alignment with labour market demands.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ To improve access to, equity and completion of quality education;
- ✓ To improve quality and relevance of teaching and learning;
- ✓ To strengthen the education system;
- ✓ To consolidate education and associated infrastructure through an integrated approach at both urban and rural levels.

Expected results:

- Increased enrolment and retention
- Improved quality and allocation of teachers and Improved skills acquisition and learning outcomes;
- Strengthened governance and management of the education sector at school, local and central levels
- Adequate supply and distribution of schools to meet the growing education demand in Sierra Leone.

Sector 3: Agriculture and Food Security

General objective: To improve productivity and value addition in cash crop production maximising returns, especially to small holders (consolidating achievements of the 10th EDF A4D) and revenues for the country, while preserving ecosystems services and adapting to climate change.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ Sustainable improvement of productivity, quality, value addition and marketing conditions in cash crop production while preserving key ecosystems and adapting to climate change;
- ✓ Creation and implementation of a comprehensive food security national policy and strategy.

Expected results:

- The area cultivated and/or rejuvenated with target crops including, cocoa, coffee and cashew nut is expanded
- Productivity of the selected cash crops is improved both quantitatively and qualitatively making use of good agricultural practices (soil and water conservation, rational use of agrochemicals etc);
- Management of the technological aspect of the post-harvest process is improved at all steps;
- Availability and access to staple food and diversified crops is improved
- Predictive and reactive capacities to tackle staple food shortages at country level are increased;
- Nutrition status of the country is improved;
- Vulnerability to climate change is reduced

Sector 4: Transport

General objective: the reduction of poverty through the enhancement of the road network in Sierra Leone and in the West Africa region. The road from Bo-Bandajuma to the Liberia border is a key missing link in the road network of Sierra Leone and within West Africa. The rehabilitation of the road will enable trade linking between Sierra Leone and Liberia and in the region of West Africa and will contribute to economic and social development in this part of Sierra Leone and in the region. The project will complete an essential missing link in the Trans-West African Coastal Highway.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ Upgrade the road transport system from Freetown to the southern part of the country and to Liberia.
- ✓ Rehabilitation of a part of the West African regional transport corridor, construction of two bridges as replacement of 2 single lane existing ones and the construction of a new one, replacing a hand-pulled ferry.
- ✓ Strengthen policy dialogue (e.g. financing of maintenance works and axle load control).

Expected results:

- Improved road network linking Freetown to Monrovia and the completion of the West African Coastal Road.
- Reduced travel time and increased road safety.
- Improved road maintenance and reduction of overloaded trucks

Other support measures

A support facility (i.e. the Technical Cooperation Facility - TCF) which aims to support or accompany the programming, preparation or implementation of actions, will be foreseen in the programming through a specific allocation. An indicative amount of EUR 8 million may be foreseen for this facility. An indicative amount of maximum EUR 6 million should be foreseen for support to the National Authorising Officer.