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# From Prisons to Corrections: Promoting Institutional Reform of the Sierra Leone Correctional Services

2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report 1 January – 31 March 2017



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## Project Overview

<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 January – 31 March, 2017
<b>Donor</b>	US Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)
<b>Country</b>	Sierra Leone
<b>Project Title</b>	<i>“From Prisons to Corrections: Promoting Institutional Reform of the Sierra Leone Correctional Services (SLCS)”</i>
<b>Project ID (Atlas Award ID)</b>	00090095
<b>Outputs (Atlas Project ID and Description)</b>	00102631
<b>Implementing Partner(s)</b>	SLCS and UNDP, Sierra Leone
<b>Project Outputs</b>	Output 1: Institutional capacity of Correctional Facilities is improved in accordance with international human rights standards for inmates and staff.  Output 2: Capacity of SLCS staff strengthened to ensure the welfare of inmates and the safety and security of society.
<b>Project Start &amp; End Dates</b>	1 October, 2016 - 31 December, 2018
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	USD 1,500,000 (INL: 1,080,000\$; UNDP:420,000\$)
<b>2017 Annual Work Plan Budget</b>	USD: 848,466
<b>Total resources spent during reporting period</b>	USD: 116,119
<b>Actual average monthly burn rate</b>	USD 38,706
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\* Frontpage: 20-24 March 2017 Pilot Human Rights Audit of Pademba Road Prison, HRA Team and Team leader Josh Ounsted, RWI Country Director Kenya.

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## I. Executive summary

This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report details progress against targets under the project "From Prisons to Corrections: promoting institutional reform of the Sierra Leone Correction Service (SLCS)" within the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. Within this period, UNDP has moved to complete the recruitment of major consultants to support key activities within the project. The international consultant to develop the accommodation and industry masterplan has made much progress in developing the industry plan with the production of an assessment on existing industries and skills required.

The recruitment of the local consultant engineer/architect is now also finalized. The local consultant will provide support in the development of designs and drawings to accompany the production of the accommodation master plan. In addition, the local consultant will provide an assessment of infrastructures to be refurbished and monitor refurbishment work across identified facilities. In preparation for the development of the accommodation master plan, a planning meeting was scheduled between the local consultant engineer, the SLCS M&E personnel, UNDP and the international consultant for the accommodation and industry master plans. The said planning meeting has paved the way forward to progress the development of the plans with planned field missions scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI) within their consultancy and agreed deliverables has successfully completed the comprehensive human rights audit in Pademba Road Prison, Freetown and scheduled the next for early April to be held in Makeni Male Correctional centre. The confidential reports developed from these audits are key working instruments for the SLCS going forward in terms of developing action plans and commencing implementation of these as well as improving the overall respect for human rights for both inmates and staff.

Within this quarter, 5 meetings of the SLCS Working Group of the Sub-Committee of the Correctional Council (WG) have been organized ensuring for finalisation of ToR and review of the national legal framework for the Correctional Service. Discussions have progressed further the south-south visit scheduled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as well as provided much useful insights in supporting the SLCS Working Group of the Sub-Committee on the development of Correctional Rules for the Correctional Council's approval. The WG members also conducted a guided tour to the Pademba Road correctional facility to acquaint themselves with the functioning of the centre as well as on issues affecting the centre in preparation of the south-south study tour to Kenya. Discussions have also focused on the revisions of the SL Correctional Act and this is done concurrently with the development of the SLCS rules.

In close relation with the INL Judiciary project and pertaining to the review of cases through the piloting of the Prison Courts, UNDP has initiated discussions with all justice chain institutions. Draft agreements with various institutions including the Sierra Leone Police (SLP), the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the SLCS, the Legal Aid Board (LAB), civil society and the Judiciary are underway.

## II. Activity Progress Updates (Progress towards Outputs)

Output 1: Institutional capacity of Correctional Facilities is improved in accordance with international human rights standards for inmates and staff				
Output Indicators	Activity	Baseline	Target	Current status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % change in Correctional Centres population during project period;</li> <li>• # skills training facilities established/refurbished;</li> <li>• #inmates engaged in production and earning scheme; profit/savings for prisons</li> <li>• # Correctional Officers and sentenced prisoners certified</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action 1.2.1.: Undertake bail/case review exercise (prison courts) and legal aid scheme to reduce inmates overcrowding</li> <li>• Action 1.2.2.: Development of Accommodation Master Plan</li> <li>• Action 1.2.3.: Industries plan for inmates produced and pilot phase implemented including equipping workshops, training inmates, setting up inmate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present estimated capacity of Correctional Services is 1,895.</li> <li>• Current prison population is 3,314 whereof 1,825 are on remand/trial</li> <li>• Limited industry available to inmates who are most time idle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of prison courts piloted</li> <li>• Skills training facilities established/refurbished with 250 inmates engaged in production and earning scheme; profit/savings for prisoners;</li> <li>• 100 Correctional Officers certified as trainers and 500-600 sentenced prisoners will have received professional certification of skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP has initiated bilateral discussions with justice chain institutions on the prison court pilot initiative which is aimed at reviewing selected cases for bail and review of minor cases across 4 judicial districts. These institutions include the SLP, MOJ, SLCS, Legal Aid Board (LAB) and civil society. Joint planning meetings will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and draft agreements will be finalized for kick-off of the pilot initiative.</li> <li>• The recruitment of the international consultant for the industry and accommodation master plans and the local consultant engineer have both been recruited and are on board. In preparation for field work for the collection of data necessary for the development of the accommodation master plan, a planning meeting was organized in March, 2017 between the SLCS, UNDP and recruited consultants. A comprehensive field mission timetable has been developed to be rolled-out in the second quarter.</li> <li>• The international consultant has commenced the desk review assessment of SLCS industries and marketable skills available and required and draft report is expected to be finalised in early May 2017.</li> </ul>

	earning scheme and tracking success/profit			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of the industry master plan has progressed further with several meetings held by the international consultant with the SLCS management and visits to the Pademba Road prison the consultant on specific issues.</li> </ul>
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## Output 2: Capacity of SLCS staff strengthened to ensure the welfare of inmates and the safety and security of society

Output Indicators	Activity	Baseline	Target	Current status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Correctional Rules developed (Yes/No);</li> <li># correctional facilities benefitting from human right audit exercise;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action 2.1.1.</b> Support the SLCS and partners to draft the new Correctional Rules in compliance with international standards and train officers for implementation.</li> <li><b>Action 2.1.2.</b> Support SLCS to carry out human rights audit of facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archaic prisons rules still in place.</li> <li>No basic human rights audit conducted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New correctional rules developed and consistently applied by the SLCS;</li> <li>At least 4 correctional facilities are audited.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WG began its work in January, 2017 and 5 meetings have so far been organized by the SLCS and Ministry of Internal Affairs in collaboration with UNDP. In February 2017, the WG finalised the ToR.</li> <li>The RWI, Kenya Office was effectively recruited to support the SLCS in the achievement of the Human Rights Audit pilots and key support to the WG in the review of the SLCS legal framework and development of new Correctional Rules.</li> <li>With support from the RWI, the WG has progressed discussions on the development of the rules and the revision of the SLCS Act, 2014. The WG also interfaced with the 1<sup>st</sup> Parliamentary Counsel, who is the Government Lead Draftsperson to receive more insights on the entire drafting process.</li> </ul>

	(including a South-South Exchange) and develop action plan for improvement.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In March 2017, the planning commenced further on the Kenya – South / South visit. With support from RWI contact was made with the office of the Kenya Prison Service (KPS), Commissioner General of Prisons. The KPS welcomed the visit of the SLCS.</li><li>• The SLCS WG identified three members to accompany the SLCS delegation to ensure representation from key institutions beyond the SLCS, including the MIA, the Human Resources Management Office and the civil society organisation – Prison Watch.</li></ul>
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### III. Schedule

#### 1. Are all project personnel in country?

The Rule of Law Programme Specialist was in-country within the reporting period. The INL Project Manager and the Programme Associate have been on leave for three weeks of the reporting period. The recruited international consultant for the development of the accommodation and industry master plan has been on board since recruitment and he has now been joined by the local consultant engineer.

#### 2. Are project activities Ahead of Schedule, on schedule or behind schedule?

The recruitment of the local consultant engineer has been delayed and this has also affected the delivery on the development of the accommodation and industry master plans. However, the project has mitigated these delays with time spent on other interventions related to these activities. Overall the project remains on target.

#### 3. List significant project activities/events planned for the next 3 months?

In addition to the identified activities updated within this quarter, the following interventions are planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:

- South – South visit to Kenya Prison Service
- 2 Human Rights Audits of Makeni and Bo Female Correctional Centers April/May
- Action Planning Workshop with the Officers in Charge and Regional Commanders will be scheduled for mid-May 2017
- Review of the Correctional Act advancing and development of specific Prison Rules
- Working Group drafting and review workshop with RWI and UNDP June 2017
- Case Management Needs Assessment of the SLCS will commence by 1 June 2017



#### **IV. Other**

N/A.

#### **IV. Annexes**

There are no annexes to this 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report. Study on the Correctional Service legal framework and the industry and market assessment will be shared during May 2017 with INL.