



United Nations Development Programme

Country: Sierra Leone

Project Document

Project Title Promoting Transparency in Sierra Leone's Judiciary

UNDAF Outcome(s): Pillar 7 Governance and Public Sector Reform, Outcome B. Justice and security sector delivery systems improved in compliance with international human rights principles

Expected CP Outcome(s): Justice and security sector delivery systems improved in compliance with international human rights principles

Expected Output: 4.1 Targeted state institutions and constitutional bodies are able to provide effective justice and security services in an accountable manner at national and local level

Implementing Partner: UNDP Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone Government, the Judiciary, Civil Society Organisations

Responsible Parties: UNDP Sierra Leone and Judiciary of Sierra Leone

Brief Description

The project will introduce a sentencing policy and guidelines as well as amend the current bail policy in line with the new Criminal Procedure Act (CPA) once enacted and support effective implementation of that policy.

*The policy framework will define the role of Sierra Leone justice institutions in formulation, implementation & monitoring of sentencing and bail guidelines and recommend, if necessary establishment of relevant oversight mechanisms within existing structures entrusted with the functions mentioned above. The Policy Framework should also indicate Sierra Leone's vision of further actions that reflect the purposes of sentencing. This includes punishment, the reform and rehabilitation of offenders which will be supported through implementation of the non-custodial sentencing introduced in the new CPA, the protection of the public, and the making of reparation by offenders to persons affected by their offences. The project will seek to draft **sentencing guidelines** for the seven most significant offences sentenced by Magistrates and Judges in line with relevant legislation such as the Constitution and international standards. The sentencing guidelines should provide guidance on general sentencing issues and principles, ensuring for Judges and Magistrates in various Courts to adopt a uniform approach to sentencing as well as provide them with guidance on factors to take into account when exercising their margin of discretion in determining the severity of the sentence. The duration of the project will be two years. The project will also seek to support implementation of the **bail policy**, revising it to take account of the new CPA and supporting its implementation nationally through a network of civil society structures.*

The project will achieve the following two outputs:

- 1. Sentencing and bail policies and guidelines adopted by the mandated judicial authorities*
- 2. Sentencing and bail guidelines are in place and consistently applied*

Programme Period:	2015-2017
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan):	<i>Countries have strengthened institutions to progressively deliver universal access to basic services</i>
Atlas Award ID:	_____
Start date:	1 July 2015
End Date	31 December 2017
Management Arrangements	UNDP implementation

YYYY AWP budget:	_____
Total resources required	\$1,500,000.00
Total allocated resources:	\$1,500,000.00
• Other:	
○ U.S. Dept. of State/ INL	\$1,500,000.00

Agreed by (the Judiciary of Sierra Leone):  08/06/17

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