

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND



Ireland is a key partner country to Sierra Leone; and has consistently demonstrated her commitment on development assistance to Sierra Leone since the successful transition from conflict in the early 2000s. Areas of intervention by the Irish Government include improving the health sector, promoting women's rights, and nutrition for the poorest communities. Over the last decade, Irish Aid to Sierra Leone is estimated at **\$124 million**. It is important to note that total support from Ireland reflects direct disbursements from Irish Aid but does not include any support from other ministries (for example Agriculture or Finance). It also does not include any direct disbursements to Sierra Leone from international organisations in receipt of core funding from Ireland. As such the final total will likely be larger.

The table below shows Irish Aid Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1.Human Capital Development	10.92
COVID-19 Response	7.00
Health	2.14
Education	1.78
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	3.55
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	3.55
4. Governance and Accountability for Results	2.38
Transparency and democracy	1.90
Capacity Building of government agencies	0.49
Gender	3.78
GRAND TOTAL	20.64

The table above, support from the Irish Government increased from **\$7.58 million** in 2019 to **\$ 20.64 million** in 2020 representing an increase of approximately **172 percent** of Irish aid to Sierra Leone.

Consistent with the Government priorities, the Irish Government provided an estimated **\$10.92 million** to support human capital development related sectors. This accounts for an estimated **53 percent** of total Ireland's support to Sierra Leone in 2020. The Government of Ireland further provided an estimated **\$7 million** as support to Sierra Leone's fight against COVID-19.

Support from Irish Government also focussed on Empowering Women, Children, Adolescents and Persons with Disability for which an estimated **\$3.78 million** was provided in 2020, accounting for **18.3 percent** of total support from Ireland.