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**H. E. Dr. Julius Maada Bio at the Inaugural Presidential Development Partnership Committee (DEPAC)
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“My Government is keen on strengthening the partnership with our development partners and making it work for our people and taxpayers of your respective countries who are providing support to Sierra Leone. We fully subscribe to the principles of mutual transparency and accountability.”



World Bank		
Project	Sector	End Date
Sierra Leone Energy Sector Utility Reform Project	Energy and Power	31/12/2022
Sierra Leone Health Service Delivery and System Support	Health	30/06/2021
Extractive Industries Technical Assistance Project (EITAP) 2	Mineral Resources and Mining	31/12/2022
Agro-Processing Competitiveness Project	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2023
Integrated and Resilient Urban Mobility Project	Transport	17/01/2024
Freetown Emergency Recovery Project	Environment	28/02/2021
Sierra Leone Financial Inclusion Project	Public Financial Management	30/06/2025
Sierra Leone Skills Development Project	Education	31/12/2021
Smallholder Commercialization and Agribusiness Development Project	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	12/10/2021
Sierra Leone COVID-19 Project	COVID-19 Response	31/03/2022
Sierra Leone Free Education Project	Education	30/09/2025
Health Infrastructure Improvement in Kailahun, Sierra Leone	Health	31/12/2023
Support the government in establishing national safe blood transfusion service	Health	31/05/2021
WAPP APL4 (Phase 1) - Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea Power System Re-development	Energy and Power	15/11/2022
Regional Disease Surveillance Systems Enhancement (REDISSE)	Health	31/01/2023
Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West Africa	Population policy and administrative management	31/12/2025
Resilient Urban Sierra Leone Project	Infrastructure	30/06/2021
WAPP APL4 (Phase 1) - Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea Power System Re-development	Energy and Power	14/11/2022
West Africa Region Fisheries Program AF Guinea, Sierra Leone & Liberia	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2021
Sierra Leone Economic Diversification Project	Macroeconomic Management	01/10/2025
OPEC Fund		
Project	Sector	End Date
Three Towns Water Supply and Sanitation	Water and Sanitation	-
Bo-Bandajuma Road Project	Road Network	-
Residual Payment for FBC Rehabilitation	Infrastructure	-
Abu Dhabi		
Project	Sector	End Date
6 MW Solar Project at Newton	Energy and Power	-



We are pleased to present the 2021 Development Assistance Report which provides an analysis of aid flows to Sierra Leone for 2020

In the bid to achieve the goals set out in the New Direction Agenda, the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MOPED) is committed to effectively coordinate and implement the Medium Term National Development Plan (MTNDP 2019-2023) by all MDAs and Development Partners. The MTNDP is aimed at laying a strong foundation for Sierra Leone to achieve middle-income status by 2035. The country's economic development is funded by both domestic resources as well as foreign aid. Data on foreign aid is managed by the Development Assistance Coordination Office (DACO) within the Ministry.

DACO has been publishing the Development Assistance Report (DAR) annually since 2006. The DAR captures aid interventions by development partners in various sectors of the economy.

The Ministry of Planning and Economic Development is committed to releasing the DAR in a timely manner, as it helps inform resource allocation in various sectors and aid transparency. In addition, it serves as a key tool in donor coordination as it helps donor partners direct their funding where it is mostly needed and helps stem duplication of interventions. It is also our hope that this report will give relevant information in the preparation of the National Budget.

The primary source of data for the DAR is the Development Assistance Database (DAD), a web-based Aid Management Information System (AIMS) managed by DACO. The DAD Sierra Leone can be accessed at www.dad.synisys.com/dadsierraleone. Data is inputted by trained Information Focal Persons (IFPs) assigned by their respective Development Agencies. The 2021 DAR presents and analyses aid inflows by partners for the year 2020. In addition to disaggregating the data by sectors and clusters of the MTNDP, analyses of aid modality and channel of support are also presented.

We are very grateful for the cooperation received from the Development Partners through the submission and inputting of their aid flow data on the DAD platform. We are also grateful to the Multilateral Project Department at the Ministry of Finance (MPD) for giving us access to data from Non-Resident Development Partners.

Francis M. Kai-Kai

Minister of Planning and Economic Development

The Ministry of Planning and Economic Development remains grateful to the UNDP for their continued financial support in the preparation of the Development Assistance Reports of Sierra Leone over the years. This report would not have been produced without the collaboration of Development Partners. As always, we are grateful to all our Information Focal Persons (IFPs) for providing and validating data for their respective Agencies.

The data used for the analysis is from the Development Assistance Database (DAD) through which partners have been able to input their data. The DAD can be accessed at www.dads.synisys.com/dadsierraleone. For non-resident donors whose data cannot be directly obtained, such data is obtained from the Multilateral Project Department (MPD) of the Ministry of Finance.

UNIDO		
Project	Sector	End Date
SIL: 11th EDF WACP for Sierra Leone: Increasing Sierra Leone's competitiveness through enhanced productivity and trade compliance in selected value chains.	Capacity Building of government agencies	30/06/2022
West Africa Competitiveness and Quality Infrastructure Project	Infrastructure	30/09/2022
USAID		
Project	Sector	End Date
Sierra Leone Elections Dialogue Series (SLEDS)	Transparency and democracy	31/08/2021
Child Blindness Program	Health	31/08/2021
Act to End Neglected Tropical Diseases	Health	18/07/2023
A whole school Approach to prevent school-related Gender-Based Violence (SRGB): Minimum Standard and Monitoring framework.	Education	31/01/2021
COVID-19 Support	COVID-19 Response	31/12/2020
Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal disease (ECTAD)	Health	03/09/2024
IFRC Umbrella PIO Grant - Community Pandemic Preparedness Program (CP3)	Health	31/12/2021
Breakthrough - Action	Health	20/07/2022
Breakthrough - Action	Health	01/03/2024
Global Supply Chain Program-PSM Task order 2 malaria	Health	11/01/2023
Unshackling Auditors: Unleashing the Potential of Public Audits (Audit Accountability Initiative)	Energy and Power	06/09/2021
Power Africa Grant	Energy and Power	18/02/2022
MCGL - NPI	Health	05/07/2022
PMI Impact Malaria	Health	01/02/2023
PMI Vectorlink	Health	29/01/2022
Digital Square	Health	31/12/2024
Internet Measurement Program	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	31/12/2023
Conflict prevention	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/09/2021
Africa Regional Migration Program (ARMP)	Capacity Building of government Agencies	30/09/2022
World Bank		
Project	Sector	End Date
Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project	Public Financial Management	31/03/2021
Sierra Leone Safety Nets Project	Private Sector Development; Health; Education	30/06/2023

UNFPA		
Project	Sector	End Date
Promoting Gender Equality and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women and Girls through Male Engagement	Gender	31/12/2023
Surgical Training of Non-Physician Clinicians	Health	31/12/2023
Improved quality of obstetric care services in 3 regional hospitals in Sierra Leone and	Health	31/12/2023
Rainbow Initiative	Gender	31/12/2023
UNFPA PROGRAMME	Education; Health; Youth Development; Gender	31/12/2023
UNICEF		
Project	Sector	End Date
Capacity to Deliver MNCAH+N Services	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
Community Based Health and Nutrition	Health	31/12/2023
Health and Nutrition Care Practices	Health	31/12/2023
Institutional Capacity in water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Water and Sanitation	31/12/2023
Coverage and Quality of Water Services	Water and Sanitation	31/12/2023
Sanitation and Hygiene in Community	Health	31/12/2023
Evidence Based Planning and Monitoring	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
Early Learning Quality and Coverage	Education	31/12/2023
Quality Basic Education	Education	31/12/2023
Access To Skills Development For Adolescent Girls	Education	31/12/2023
Policy Implementation and Coordination	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
Prevention Violence and Harmful Practices	Security Sector	31/12/2023
Birth Registration	Social Welfare	31/12/2023
Data and Evidence on Child Deprivation	Social Welfare	31/12/2023
Integrated Social Protection	Social Welfare	31/12/2023
Local Governance for Child Wellbeing	Decentralisation	31/12/2023
Integrated Programme	Decentralisation	31/12/2021
Improved Health Outcomes	Health	31/03/2021
Improved Water And Sanitation	Health	31/03/2021
Equitable And Inclusive Education	Education	31/07/2021
Integrated Programme	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2021
Improved Nutrition Outcomes	Education	31/12/2021
Improved Child Protection Outcomes	Gender	31/12/2021

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Project	Sector	End Date
Strengthening Domestic Resource	Public Financial Management	31/12/2023
Accelerator Lab - Sierra Leone	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
Efficient Energy Production	Energy and Power	31/12/2023
Harnessing the Blue Economy Po	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2023
Coastal Risks Management	Environment	31/12/2023
COVID-19 Response	Sustainable and local economic development	31/12/2023
Promoting Disaster Risk Resilience	Sustainable and local economic development	31/12/2023
Strengthening Natural Resource	Sustainable and local economic development	31/12/2023
Accelerating Youth Innovation	Sustainable and local economic development	31/12/2023
COVID-19 Resilient Health System	COVID-19 Response	31/12/2023
COVID-19 Resilient Health System	COVID-19 Response	31/12/2023
UNDA Project to Improve Access to Legal for Women in Western Africa	Justice Sector Development	30/06/2021
Empowering youth at risk as resources for sustaining peace and community resilience in Tonkolili and Kenema districts in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	27/10/2022
UNFPA		
Project	Sector	End Date
High level advocacy to end child marriage	Gender	31/12/2023
Data Collection Assessment and Planning	Population policy and administrative management	31/12/2023
Strengthen national capacity to deliver integrated sexual and reproductive health services, including Family Planning and Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services	Health	31/12/2023
Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs Work Plan 2020	Gender	31/12/2023
Policy Development and Capacity Building for Increased Attention to Adolescents and Young People, With Specific Focus on Vulnerable Adolescent Girls	Youth Development	31/12/2023
National Population Policy Implementation	Public Financial Management	31/12/2023
Civil Works at 3 Health Facilities	Health	31/12/2023
National training of student midwives	Health	31/12/2023
Enhancing knowledge, SRHR and Economic status of Vulnerable Women and Adolescent Girls through Access to Equal Opportunities	Health; Education	31/12/2023
Haikal's 2020 Work Plan	Health	31/12/2023
Aberdeen Women's Centre Work Plan	Health	01/12/2023

IRISH AID		
Project	Sector	End Date
SRH Information And Education For In- And Out -Of-School Adolescents	Education	31/12/2023
Rainbow Initiative	Gender	31/12/2023
Kuwait Fund for Development		
Project	Sector	End Date
Waterloo-Kent-Tokeh Road	Road Network	31/12/2021
Tokeh-Lumley Road	Road Network	30/12/2021
Tokeh-Lumley Road Improvement Project	Road Network	30/12/2021
Hillside Bye Pass Road Phase 2	Road Network	31/12/2020
UNAIDS		
Project	Sector	End Date
PMI Impact Malaria	Health	01/02/2023
PMI Vector link	Health	29/09/2022
UNDP		
Project	Sector	End Date
Mitigating localized Resource	Security Sector	30/09/2021
Environmental Protection and Conservation	Environment	31/12/2023
Promoting Peace and Social Cohesion	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
Operations Support to Programme Delivery	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
Programme Coordination	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
External Relations	Social Welfare	31/12/2023
Communication and Public Advocacy	Social Welfare	31/12/2023
Planning and Monitoring	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
Innovation and Technology for Development	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	31/12/2023
Communication for Development	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	31/12/2023
COVID19-Response	COVID-19 Response	31/12/2023
Strengthening Rule of Law (RoL) Sec & HR-SL	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
RBA-COVID19-Response	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
UNDP ROL COVID-19 Intervention	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
Mitigating Localized Resource-	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
Promoting Peace and Social Cohesion	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
LOCAL GOVERNANCE	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
SUPPORT TO PARLIAMENT	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
SUPPORT TO INCR-SL	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
SDI COVID-19 RESPONSE	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
NHDR 2018 & National Strategic	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023
COVID-19 Socio Economic Impact	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2023
New Deal	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/12/2023

AfDB	Africa Development Bank
CIDA	Canada International Development Agency
DACO	Development Assistance Coordination Office
DAD	Development Assistance Database
DAR	Development Assistance Report
DFID	Department For International Development
ECF	Extended Credit Facility
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FCDO	Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit
HCD	Human Capital Development
HESCA	Hygiene and Economic Support for Communities Affected
IDB	Islamic Development Bank
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
MTNDP	Medium Term National Development Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
QAERP	Quick Action Economic Recovery Programme
RCF	Rapid Credit Facility
UN	United Nation
UNDP	United Nation Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
UNWOMEN	United Nations Women
USAID	United State Agency for International Development
WB	World Bank
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organisation

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In addition to disaggregating the data by sectors and clusters of the MTNDP, analyses of aid modality and channel of support are also presented. Owing to the influx of partner support to fight COVID-19 and how relevant that fight is towards the economic recovery of the nation, the report contains a summary of COVID-19 support from various partners. This amounts to 23% of total support in 2020.

The data indicates that Development Partners provided approximately **\$878 million** in 2020 to fund various development projects and programmes. About **71 percent** of this support was provided as grants (**\$624.10 million**) while nearly **29 percent (\$253.43 million)** was in loans. Cluster 1 of the MTNDP received the most support accounting for about **47 percent (\$416.18 million)** of all disbursements by partners in 2020. Project support accounted for about **59 percent (\$520.04 million)** while direct budget support accounted for about **41 percent (\$357.49 million)** of all support provided by partners in 2020. The data revealed support from multilateral Agencies increased whilst bilateral support declined for the period under review. The World Bank provided the most support amounting to about **\$224 million**.

IRISH AID		
Project	Sector	End Date
Social and Behaviour Change Communication Campaign to address COVID-19 Nutrition Program	Health	31/05/2021
Targeted Supplementary Feeding, Enhanced Community level Nutrition Surveillance and Social Behaviour Change on Improved Nutrition in Sierra Leone in response to the COVID 19 Outbreak Nutrition Program	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/03/2021
Implementation of the 2020 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA) to provide an insight into food security and vulnerability at the chiefdom level Nutrition Program	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	11/04/2021
Linking Agriculture and Natural Resource Management and Nutrition (LANN)-COVID19 Modification Nutrition Program	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/05/2021
Nation-wide transition from mass Vitamin A supplementation to a routine six-monthly contact point for integrated reproductive and child health services Nutrition Program	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/08/2021
Support development of National Nutrition Social Behaviour Change Communication Strategy and Plan	Health	31/03/2021
Enhancing the capacities of Human Rights Defenders for improved human rights situation in Sierra Leone Governance Program	Capacity Building of government agencies	21/09/2021
More than a Woman Year 2 Governance Program	Capacity Building of government agencies	30/04/2021
COVID-19 Response Emergency Response	COVID-19 Response	30/04/2021
Updating UNICEF supported Out of School children (OOSC) study 2016 with a focus on out of school girls. Education program	Education	31/07/2021
Improving the Availability and Quality of Free Health Care for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence Gender Program	Gender	30/09/2021
Strengthening of Forum Against Harmful Practices (FAHP) for the coordination of FGM reduction in Sierra Leone: Influencing Zero Tolerance project Gender Program	Gender	30/09/2021
Strengthening the prevention and management of undernutrition, through an integrated programme in Moyamba, Sierra Leone Nutrition Program	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/07/2021
Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 Responses on Governance and Accountability Processes in Sierra Leone Governance Program	Transparency and democracy	30/09/2021
FREE Education Project Education Program	Education	30/09/2021
Women Unite: Strengthening women-led social cohesion and accountability in Sierra Leone Governance program	Transparency and democracy	31/12/2021
Strengthening Multi-Sectoral Response to Adolescent Pregnancy (StRAP) Gender Program	Gender	31/12/2021
Investing in Girls: Nurturing transitions into Formal Education (IGNITE) Gender Equality program	Gender	31/12/2021

GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN		
Project	Sector	End Date
Enhancing the Impact of Rural Renewable Energy in Sierra Leone	Energy and Power	30/09/2023
Reducing the risk of irregular migration through promotion of youth employment and entrepreneurship in Sierra Leone	Youth Development	31/03/2022
Support to the implementation of Sierra Leone school feeding programme	Education	31/12/2021
COVID-19 response	COVID-19 Response	31/12/2021
Sustainable Rice Production Project (SRPP)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	19/06/2022
Project for Strengthening Supportive supervision System	Health	21/11/2022
IFAD		
Project	Sector	End Date
Agricultural Value Chain Development Project	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2026
Rural Finance and Community Improvement Programme - Phase II	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2022
Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/09/2025
Rural Finance and Community Improvement Project (RFCIP2)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/06/2022
Rural Finance & Community Improvement II	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2022
Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2024
Promoting Climate Resilience in the Cocoa and Rice Sectors as an Adaptation Strategy in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/03/2026
Rural Finance & Community Improvement II	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2022
Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2024
Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/09/2025
Rural Finance and Community Improvement Project (RFCIP2)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/06/2022
IRISH AID		
Project	Sector	End Date
Improving access to education for children especially girls in support of the Free Quality School Education (FQSE) Initiative for the period	Education	31/12/2023
Gender Needs Integrated into COVID 19 Response in Sierra Leone Gender Equality Program	Gender	01/05/2021
Adolescent Girls Empowerment and Protection Project (AGEPP) Gender Equality Program	Gender	31/03/2021

As illustrated in Table 1 below, Sierra Leone's external support by development partners in 2020 is at approximately **\$878 million**. This represents a **59 percent** increase from the 2019 support which was (**\$516.22 million**). This increase is largely attributed to the support for the fight against COVID-19. The World Bank, the European Union, African Development Bank and United Kingdom continue to be our biggest partners accounting for over half of all development assistance to the country in 2020. The United Nations family is the most important implementing partner of externally funded projects in the country by implementing through its various agencies, an estimated **\$142 million** in 2020 from both core and track resources.

Table 1: Development Assistance to Sierra Leone by Partner in 2020

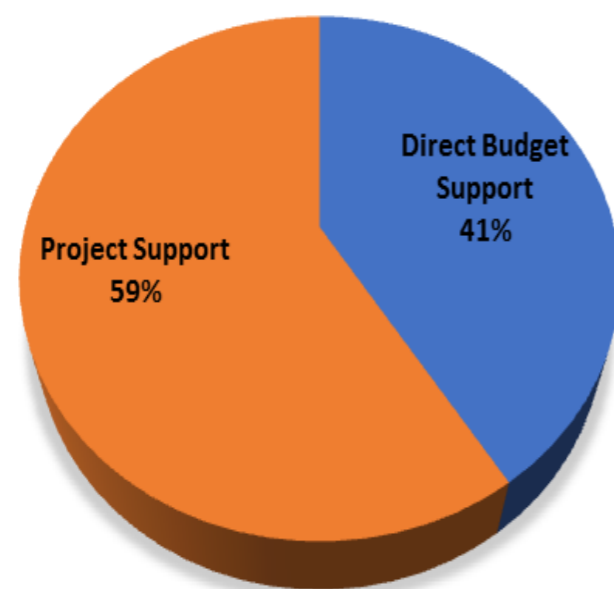
Donor Agency	Disbursed (in millions US\$)
World Bank	224.04
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	164.34
UN Family	141.57
European Union (EU)	104.22
FCDO	88.72
African Development Bank (AfDB)	34.57
China EXIM Bank	30
USAID	25.43
IRISH AID	20.64
Islamic Development Bank (IDB)	12.44
Government of Japan	11.29
Government of Germany	7.08
OPEC Fund	3.68
Korea EXIM Bank	2.25
Government of Russia	2
Abu Dhabi	1.85
Kuwait Fund	1.77
Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)	1.24
Government of Netherlands	0.4
Total	877.53

3.0 CHANNEL OF SUPPORT

Figure 1 below shows the channel of support as either project support or direct budget support. Direct budget support accounted for **41 percent (\$357.49 million)** while project support accounted for **59 percent (520.04 million)** of total official development assistance in 2020.

Figure 1: Development Assistance by channel of support in 2020

Channel of support in 2020



Of the estimated **\$357.49 million** direct budget support for 2020, the World Bank provided **\$101.56 million**, European Union **\$28.56 million**, the African Development Bank, **\$21.95 million** and FCDO **\$34.73 million**. The IMF provided an additional **\$164.34 million** as budget support for the COVID-19 response.

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Support to Anti-Corruption Commission	Public Financial Management	31/12/2020
Increasing access to electricity in Sierra Leone	Energy and Power	30/06/2023
Leh Wi Learn- Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme	Education	30/09/2022
Sierra Leone: Strengthening Community-Led Accountability to Improve Service Delivery	Transparency and democracy; 013 - Capacity Building of government agencies	31/03/2021
Saving Lives in Sierra Leone 2016	Health	30/09/2021
Water, Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene Programme	Water and Sanitation	31/12/2021
Rural Electrification in Sierra Leone	Energy and Power	31/05/2022
Support to Adolescent Girls Empowerment in Sierra Leone	Social Welfare; 087 - Gender	26/08/2020
Special Programme on Tobacco Control	Health	31/03/2021
Africa Division Funding to the African Agriculture Development Company (AgDevCo)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security; 051 - Private Sector Development	31/03/2021
Invest Salone: Private Sector Development, Trade and Job Creation in SL	Private Sector Development	30/03/2023
GERMANY		
Project	Sector	End Date
Promotion of Agricultural technical Vocational Education & Training within the framework of Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2020
Pro-Poor Growth for Peace Consolidation III	Education	31/12/2021
Sierra Leone: epidemic control and health system strengthening (Phase II)	Health	31/12/2020
Pro-Poor Growth for Peace Consolidation (GPC)	Social Welfare	20/07/2021
HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme (HAPP) III	HIV/AIDS	29/08/2021
Pro-Poor Growth for Peace Consolidation II	Social Welfare	18/10/2021
HIV/AIDS-Prevention and Strengthening of Women's rights IV (FGM-prevention)	HIV/AIDS; Gender	18/08/2021
Competitive African Cashew Value Chains for Pro-Poor Growth	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2020
Enhancing responsible investment in agriculture and food systems Project symbol - GCP/INT/920/GER - Global project	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/11/2021
Global Environment Facility (GEF)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Integrated Natural Resources Management of the Fouta Project symbol - EP/INT/503/GEF - Regional West Africa	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2021
Coastal Risks Management	Environment	31/12/2022

4.0 DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BY MTNDP CLUSTERS

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Beyond Politics of Men: Empowering Women to be Effective Political Actors in Sierra Leone	Transparency and democracy	28/08/2022
Enhancing CSOs' capacities for more inclusive governance and development processes in Kenema District	Transparency and democracy	31/08/2021
Technical assistance in Sierra Leone in the areas of Civil Service Reform, Parliament and the electoral cycle	Capacity Building of government agencies	03/11/2021
Technical assistance in support of the governance sector in Sierra Leone in the area of civil registration	Public Financial Management	07/08/2021
Critical Infrastructure & Technology Improvement in Parliament	Infrastructure	30/06/2022
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration	Health	01/10/2021
Jobs and Growth Programme	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	17/04/2025
Support to the Governance Sector in Sierra Leone	Capacity Building of government agencies	19/10/2023
Support to Education Sector in Sierra Leone	Education	13/12/2022
Bandajuma - Liberian border road and bridges	Road Network	19/06/2022
FAO		
Project	Sector	End Date
Malnutrition, Prevention and amp; nutrition messaging	Education	31/12/2024
res. Building to S/holder farmer	Education	31/12/2024
Provide capacity support to Government	Education	31/12/2024
Non Activities Specific	Education	31/12/2024
Increasing Sierra Leone competitiveness through enhanced productivity and trade compliance in selected value chains	Energy and Power	30/05/2022
Green Jobs for Rural Youth Employment	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/06/2024
Development of the Sierra Leone National Irrigation Master Plan	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/08/2022
Leveraging global instruments and knowledge products	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2021
Green Jobs for Rural Youth Employment	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/06/2024

Table 2 below gives the breakdown of support to Sierra Leone per sector within each MTNDP cluster.

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	416.18
COVID-19 Response	201.36
Health	122.22
Education	49.92
Water and Sanitation	23.86
Social Welfare	15.13
Ebola Response	3.69
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	90.25
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	84.91
Mineral Resources and Mining	5.34
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	153.7
Private Sector Development	2.35
Infrastructure	23.95
Energy and Power	100.03
Road Network	20.15
Transport	6.52
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	0.7
4. Governance and Accountability for Results	190.16
Public Financial Management	3.41
Transparency and democracy	15.94
Capacity Building of government agencies	28.67
Security Sector	1.08
Decentralisation	10.3
Macroeconomic Management	130.44
Justice Sector Development	0.3
5. Empowering Women, Children, Adolescents and Persons with Disability (PWDs)	7.76
Gender	7.76
6. Youth Employment Sports and Migration	7.43
Youth Development	7.43
7. Addressing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience	9.82
Disaster Relief	0.39
Environment	9.43
8. Means of Implementation	2.23
Population policy and administrative management	2.23
Grand Total	877.53

The Sierra Leone Medium Term National Development Plan (MTNDP 2019-2023), is divided into eight clusters as follows:

1. Cluster I: Human Capital Development
2. Cluster II: Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth
3. Cluster III: Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness
4. Cluster IV: Governance and Accountability for Results
5. Cluster V: Empowering Women, Children, Adolescents and Persons with Disability
6. Cluster VI: Youth Employment, Sports and Migration
7. Cluster VII: Addressing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience and
8. Cluster VIII: Means of Implementation

4.1 CLUSTER I

Cluster 1 (Human Capital Development) account for an estimated **47 percent (\$416 million)** of total support from development partners in 2020 compared to **\$176.93 million** in 2019. This is an increase in development assistance to this Cluster by **135 percent**; this increase could be attributed to COVID-19 support. According to the data in Table 2, COVID-19 Response and the Health sector account for **48 percent (\$201 million)** and **29 percent (\$122 million)** of total support to Cluster 1 respectively. Table 2 further shows that Education, Water & Sanitation, Social Welfare and Ebola response account for an estimated **12 percent (\$49 million)**, **6 percent (\$24 million)**, **4 percent (15 million)** and **1 percent (4 million)** respectively. A summary of key support to Cluster I is as follows:

- **The IMF** provided a total of **\$164.34 million** through the extended credit facility (**\$21.13 million**) and rapid credit facility (**\$143 million**) to help the country's fight against COVID-19 on the health front as well as to cushion the negative economic impact of the measures instituted to curb its spread.

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Establishing Sustainable and Competitive Cassava and Plantain Value Chains Across Four (4) Districts in Sierra Leone - Strengthening Smallholder Farmer Linkages to Domestic and International Markets	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	20/12/2021
Programme Estimate on Civil Registration	Capacity Building of government agencies	29/11/2021
Empowered Kambia Civil Society, Women, and Youth Influence Agricultural Production and Sustainable Income Development	Transparency and democracy	31/08/2022
Action for Inclusive Social and Economic Service Delivery in Kambia District	Transparency and democracy	31/10/2022
Strengthening the Capacity of Local Authorities for Advancing Integrated Local Development Initiative with focus on WASH and Agriculture in Kenema District	Transparency and democracy	13/09/2022
Programme Estimate - Civil service Reform with HRMO/PSC	Capacity Building of government agencies	18/10/2023
Supporting Participation, Accountability and Civil Society Empowerment in Pujehun District	Decentralisation	01/11/2022
Improved Access to Sustainably Managed Micro-Finance and WaSH Systems; WASH Self-Supply Project	Transparency and democracy	18/09/2022
Empowering Local Communities in Sierra Leone	Decentralisation	08/11/2022
Diversifying and Boosting Livestock Production in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/07/2023
Strengthening GBV prevention and inclusive response services in Sierra Leone	Capacity Building of government agencies	01/03/2022
Budget Support disbursements	Macroeconomic Management	22/11/2021
Increasing Sierra Leone's Competitiveness through Enhanced Productivity and Trade Compliance in Selected Value Chains	Private Sector Development	13/12/2022
Enhancing Cocoa, Coffee, Cashew, Horticultural Crops and Livestock Diversification, and Income Generation for Smallholder Farmers and Exports in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	15/08/2023
Study to design actions to support governance in Sierra Leone's transport sector	Transport	08/07/2021
Civil society strengthened to support rural women's agency, empowerment and influence in local governance and agricultural development processes in northern Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/10/2021

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Agribusiness development throughout-grower scheme engagement	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	20/12/2022
IMAGES: Improving Management of CSOs in Education Sector	Education	30/06/2021
Youth Economic Empowerment through Strengthened Vegetable Value Chains in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	16/12/2022
Building an active civil society for improved gender responsive public service delivery especially for women & girls to attain sustainable development in Sierra Leone	Social Welfare	07/05/2021
Meeting Critical Infrastructure and Technology Needs in the Parliament of Sierra Leone	Macroeconomic Management	17/07/2022
TA Support to Civil Society and Local Authorities for local development in Sierra Leone	Transparency and democracy	25/06/2025
Civic engagement Inclusive of the Voice of girls and women in Community ownership of health and education (CIVIC)	Unallocated; 081 - Health	30/06/2021
Sustainable Cassava Commercialization through Entrepreneurs Strengthening Support (SuCCESS)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	13/12/2021
State Building Contract Phase III - Complementary support	Capacity Building of government agencies	03/05/2023
Partnership for Unlocking the Potential of Groundnut Value Chain in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	13/12/2021
Governance Accountability Under Gender Empowered Development by Civil Society (GAUGED Civil)	Decentralisation	06/03/2023
Strengthening and Consolidating Education Service delivery and Local Governance Processes in Bo District	Education	29/06/2021
Establishing Modern Livestock Production and Value Addition Systems in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	13/12/2022
Community Empowerment for Prevention of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) for Women and Girls	Transparency and democracy	21/08/2021
Enhancing access to justice for SGBV survivors and promoting the rights of women and girls in Freetown, Bombali and Kenema	Gender	31/12/2021
Develop a Vibrant, Competitive and Profitable Sierra Leonean Cocoa, Coffee and Cashew Economy, Driven by Private Supply Chain Actors Within a Regulatory Framework	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	19/07/2023
Improving Food Security and Increasing Income for Smallholder Farmers Through Sustainable Livestock Production in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	21/07/2022
Diversifying and Boosting Crop Production in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	23/07/2023
Agribusiness Development from Organic Resources (ADORE)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	13/12/2023

- **The FCDO** provided an estimated **\$72 million** to support among others; the Saving Lives programme, 'Leh we Learn' educational programme, the rehabilitation of Freetown water supply system and to support Environmental and Hygiene activities. The UK support to Cluster 1 account for **17 percent** of total support to the Cluster and **81 percent** of all UK aid to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **The World Bank** provided an estimated **\$45 million** to Cluster 1 to support programmes in the fight against COVID-19, improved health service delivery, promote disease surveillance and response, support social safety nets programmes as well as activities relating to skills development. The world Bank support to Cluster 1 account for **11 percent** of total support to the cluster.
- **The AfDB** provided an estimated **\$25 million** to Cluster 1 to support the fight against COVID-19 and Ebola as well as programmes in the water and sanitation sector.
- **USAID** provided an estimated **\$21 million** to Cluster 1 in support of Health and Education and COVID-19 related activities. The USA support to cluster 1 account for about **83 percent** of all US aid to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **The Irish Government** provided an estimated **\$11 million** to Cluster 1 to support activities related to the Free Education Project, COVID-19 response, and other health sector interventions. Support to this cluster account for about **53 percent** of total Irish Aid assistance to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **The EU** provided a total of **\$8.64 million** to Cluster 1 to support programmes in the Education sector. Support to this cluster account for about **8.29 percent** of all EU support to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **The Islamic Development Bank** provided **\$6.0 million** to support the strengthening health systems project and Ebola control Fael Khair programme.

- **The Government of Germany** provided an estimated **\$2.8 million** to Cluster 1 to support programmes in education and Health systems strengthening. The Germany support to Cluster 1 account for **39 percent** of total German support to Sierra Leone in 2020
- **The Government of Russia** provided about **\$2 million** in the health sector to fund the Lean Season Support Project.
- **The Government of Japan** provided about **\$1.5 million** to support the fight against COVID-19, the school feeding programme and other interventions in the health and Education sectors.
- **The Kuwait Fund** provided **\$0.06 million** to support the rehabilitation of tertiary hospitals.
- **OPEC Fund** provided **\$0.31 million** to support the Three Towns Water Supply & Sanitation Project.
- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$56 million** in Cluster 1, to support projects in Health, Water and Sanitation, Education and Social Protection sectors. This accounted for about **13 percent** of all projects within Cluster I and **40 percent** of all projects and programmes implemented by the United Nations in Sierra Leone.

4.2 CLUSTER II

Cluster 2 of the MTNDP which promotes economic diversification and growth accounted for about **10.3 percent (\$90.25 million)** of total support to Sierra Leone in 2020 compared **\$34.26 million** in 2019. This is an increase in development assistance to this Cluster by **163.4 percent**. Support to this cluster was mainly for activities relating to Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security but also includes funding for the improvement of mineral resources and the Mining sector. A summary of key support to Cluster II is as follows:

Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Primary Health Care Support	Health	31/12/2021
Rehabilitation of Fourah Bay College	Education	31/03/2020
Support Education Sector	Education	30/06/2025
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Strengthening Regional Disease Surveillance in West Africa	Health	31/03/2020
Support to the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) - Agribusiness Africa Window 2 (AAW2)	Private Sector Development ; 053 - Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	30/09/2020
Innovation Platform for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Health	31/03/2025
Support to UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage	Gender	31/03/2023
No Woman Or Girl Left Behind	Health; 101 - Population policy and administrative management	30/11/2023
Her WASH: Menstrual Health for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	Capacity Building of government agencies	31/10/2022
China EXIM Bank		
Project	Sector	End Date
Sierra Leone Cable Limited (SALCAB)	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	30/06/2022
Fibre Backbone Network Phase II	Energy and Power	31/12/2020
EUROPEAN UNION (EU)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Multiannual Programme Estimate of the Boosting Agriculture and Food Security (BAFS) project	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	19/06/2024
Programme Estimate of the project 'Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF) V (Imprest component)	Capacity Building of government agencies	15/09/2021
Smallholders Agricultural Diversification and Economic Empowerment (SADEE)	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	13/12/2021
Establishing a Sustainable Vibrant Competitive and Profitable Onion Value-chain Economy Primarily Driven by Producers and Marketers in Sierra Leone	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	13/12/2022

ANNEX 2: ON-GOING DONOR SUPPORTED PROJECTS



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African Development Bank (AfDB)		
Project	Sector	End Date
Post Ebola Recovery Social Investment Fund Project (PERSIF)	Social Welfare	31/12/2022
MRU Bo Bandajuma Road Project	Infrastructure	31/03/2021
Enhancing Policy Development: Research and Capacity Building	Capacity Building of government agencies	30/10/2021
Enhancing Tax Compliance in Sierra Leone	Capacity Building of government agencies	30/04/2021
Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project	Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	31/12/2024
Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Project	Youth Development	30/06/2021
Freetown Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan and Investment Studies project	Water and Sanitation	30/11/2021
Freetown WASH and Aquatic Environment Revamping project	Water and Sanitation	30/06/2024
Bo and Kenema Distribution System Rehabilitation & Expansion Project	Energy and Power	31/12/2021
CLSG Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Guinea. Rural Electrification	Energy and Power	31/12/2021

- **The EU** provided an estimated **\$25 million** on this cluster supporting the Boosting Agriculture for Food Security project as well as the Jobs and growth project.
- **The World Bank** provided an estimated **\$13.65 million** to support various activities in the agricultural and mineral resources sectors including the Smallholder Commercialization and Agribusiness Development Project and the Extractive Industries Technical Assistance Project (EITAP 2).
- **The Government of Japan** provided an estimated **\$7.2 million** in the agricultural sector mainly to support the Sustainable Rice Production Project (SRPP).
- **The Irish Government** provided an estimated **\$3.55 million** to support various food security initiatives.
- **USAID** provided an estimated **\$3.5 million** to support activities relating to food security for crisis affected people.
- **The Government of Germany** provided an estimated **\$1.38 million** to support agricultural value chain as well as natural resource governance.
- **The Islamic Development Bank** provided an estimated **\$1.0 million** to support the Oil Palm Production and Processing project as well as the Linking Farmers to Market Project.
- **The FCDO** provided an estimated **\$0.14 million** in this cluster to support investment reforms to attract Foreign Direct Investment into Sierra Leone's Agricultural sector through funding AGDEVCO.
- **Abu Dhabi** provided an estimated **\$1.03 million** to support the 6 MW Solar Park Freetown Project at Newton.

- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$34.2 million** in Cluster 2 mainly in the Agricultural sector. These projects include among others, the Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (AVDP), Rural Finance and Community Improvement (both implemented by IFAD) as well as the Strengthening Natural Resource project by UNDP.

4.3 CLUSTER III

Cluster 3, which is Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness accounted for an estimated **\$153.7 million**, which is about **18 percent** of total support to Sierra Leone in 2020 compared to **\$125.54 million** in 2019. This is an increase in development assistance to this Cluster by **18.2 percent**. Within Cluster III, Energy related support account for an estimated **65 percent (\$100.03 million)** of total support to the Cluster. External support relating to improving the road network, developing the water infrastructure and private sector development account for **13 percent (\$20.15 million)**, **16 percent (\$24 million)**, and **2 percent (\$2.35 million)** of total support to Cluster III respectively. A summary of key support to Cluster III by development partners is as follows:

- **The World Bank** provided an estimated **\$52 million** in Cluster 3 to support programmes in energy, roads and transport infrastructure. These projects include the West Africa Power Pool Project (Phase 4), Extractive Industries initiatives project and the Integrated and Resilient Urban Mobility Project. The World Bank support to Cluster 3 account for an estimated **33 percent** of all external inflows provided to the Cluster in 2020.
- **The EU** provided an estimated **\$30.42 million** to this Cluster to support projects in mainly road construction including the Rehabilitation of the Moyamba-Moyamba Junction Road and the Construction of the Gbangbama and Moyamba Bridges project, the Bandajuma-Liberian Border Roads and Bridges projects, Moyamba-Moyamba Junction Road and Bridges project. In addition, the EU funded initiatives to boost Sierra Leone's economic competitiveness through the West Africa Competitiveness Programme. Support to this cluster accounted for nearly a third of all EU's development assistance to the country in 2020.
- **China Exim Bank** provided an estimated **\$30 million** in Cluster 3 to improve the nation's ICT infrastructure through the Fibre Backbone Phase II project.

ANNEX 1: EXTERNAL AID FLOWS: 2011 - 2020

Donor	Disbursed (In Million US\$)									
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
World Bank	5.92	53.59	60.21	80.48	131.38	41.18	96.92	42.00	135.10	224.04
IMF		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.52	21.59	164.34
UN Family	33.93	39.25	41.75	71.09	64.75	45.46	79.30	85.86	60.39	141.51
EU	48.39	78.06	89.25	84.31	295.56	95.86	52.30	73.30	72.00	104.62
FCDO	70.85	115.83	132.25	365.04	388.86	124.88	97.36	107.90	99.00	88.72
AfDB	5.35	8.07	40.94	81.92	20.25	19.91	21.78	10.20	28.50	34.57
Government of China			2.97	10.28	4.05					30.00
USAID	31.72	27.91	10.15	125.84	69.94	9.91	0.00	22.06	18.66	25.43
Irish Aid	1.55	9.88	5.14	15.93	8.64	5.46	5.89	6.60	7.60	20.64
ISDB	4.57	7.12	12.49	15.56	20.26	23.07	15.57	10.20	10.72	12.44
JICA	9.65	10.85	8.30	10.12	13.71	7.45	7.13	1.60	0.10	11.29
Germany	10.40	3.04	14.24	11.11	8.79	21.07	47.61	23.56	19.21	7.09
OPEC Fund	2.1	4.5	8.5	5.4		7.3	13.4		14	3.68
Korean EXIM Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.94	17.18	2.25
Abu Dhabi				1.47	3.48	0.17				1.85
Kuwait Fund	7.30	3.27	0.37	2.40	0.00	15.95	14.49	0.00	5.99	1.77
BADEA	5.38	5.43	6.92	2.40	0.15	0.08	0.23	0.00	0.00	1.24
Government of The Netherlands		0.50	6.52	2.92	10.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.40
CIDA		0.35	0.00	3.56	6.48	2.98	1.24	1.50	3.00	0.00
EBID	0.37	28.09	6.52	8.56	1.37	4.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Saudi Arabia	1.80	1.67	1.74	2.36	0.15	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.65	0.00
Others*	0.00	0.09	0.16	16.17	6.00	0.25	0.35	0.72	14.53	2.00
YEARLY TOTALS	239.33	397.54	448.45	916.91	1054.3	425.27	453.56	422.96	516.22	877.53

*This includes Government of Gambia, Government of Australia, Government of Austria, Government of Denmark, Government of Finland, Government of Italy, Government of Nigeria, Government of Norway, Government of Russia, Government of Spain and Korean EXIM Bank

7.1 CONCLUSIONS

The Ministry of Planning and Economic Development continue to place premium on the production of this report as it gives a synopsis of which partners are providing support and to which sector and how this relates to achieving the priorities outlined in the MTNDP.

The analysis of the data available revealed that development partners' support is guided by the priorities of the Government as contained in the MTNDP clusters. The higher percentage of support allocated to the health sector within cluster I can be attributed to the fact that there are on-going programmes to build and strengthening the health systems which were severely exposed by the Ebola outbreak and which are being exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The repurposing of existing resources by development partners to combat COVID-19 also contributed to the higher spending in the health sector.

The report shows that support to the implementation of the MTNDP increased by **41 percent** from **\$516.22 million** in 2019 to **\$878 million** in 2020 reflecting a good relationship between the Government and its development partners.

It is hoped that this report will provide valuable information for the preparation of the National budget and will help in guiding budgetary allocation for the sectors. As always DACO continue to count on the support of our focal persons in the partner agencies for the development of the Annual Development Assistance Reports.

7.2 WAY FORWARD

As in previous Development Assistance Reports, the 2021 DAR preparation is often impacted by delays in the validation of data by partners. The restrictions posed by COVID-19 Pandemic also presented another challenge. DACO had envisaged that this report would reflect District-Level support by Development partners in order to guide partner support at the district level. However, disaggregated partner support by district is hard to obtain. We will work on this as we work towards upgrading the DAD Sierra Leone to IDM8.

Production of subsequent reports is dependent on the upgrade of the DAD Sierra Leone; which is the main source of data for the DAR. Synergy International Systems (our service provider); has informed DACO that the current system in use has become obsolete and will be discontinued by end December 2021. DACO is soliciting support for the upgrade of the current system to IDM8.

- **The FCDO** provided an estimated **\$9.1 million** as support to Cluster 3 by funding Energy projects such as the Rural Electrification project as well as initiatives to develop the private sector including the Invest Salone project. The UK support to this Cluster account for about **10.2 percent** of all UK assistance to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **The AfDB** provided an estimated **\$8.85 million** to support Sierra Leone's Electrification and Road infrastructure by funding the CLSG Rural Electrification project, the MRU border-Bo-Bandajuma Road project etc. The AfDB support to Cluster 3 account for about a quarter of all AfDB aid to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **Korean Exim Bank** provided an estimated **\$2.25 million** to Cluster 3 to support the construction of the Freetown City Council Administrative Complex.
- **Kuwait Fund** provided an estimated **\$1.7 million** to support the construction of the Lumley-Tokeh Road and Hill-side Bye-pass Road.
- **The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)** provided an estimated **\$1.17 million** to facilitate the construction of the Pendembu-Kailahun Road.
- **The Government of Japan** provided an estimated **\$0.84 million** to support the improvement of the power distribution system in Freetown by funding the Drainage Rehabilitation in Freetown project.
- **USAID** provided an estimated **\$0.26 million** to support the Energy and ICT sectors by funding the Power Africa Transactions & Reforms program and the Internet Measurement Programme respectively.
- **Abu Dhabi** provided an estimated **\$0.82 million** to support the Tokeh-Lumley Road project.
- **OPEC Fund** provided an estimated **\$3.37 million** to support the Bo-Bandajuma Road
- **The UN Family** provided an estimated **\$11.67 million** to Cluster 3 in 2020 to support mainly programmes related to affordable energy and rural electrification; notably the Rural Renewable Energy Project (RREP) implemented by UNOPS. Project.

4.4 CLUSTER IV

Cluster 4 which focuses on Governance and Accountability for Results including decentralisation account for an estimated **22 percent (\$190.16 million)** of total support to Sierra Leone for 2020 compared to **\$149.45 million in 2019**. This is an increase in development assistance to this Cluster by **27.2 percent**. Within Cluster 4, Macroeconomic Management related activities account for an estimated **69 percent (\$130.44 million)** of total support provided to the cluster. Capacity building of government agencies account for **14 percent (\$ 26.67 million)** while Transparency and Democracy and public financial management account for **8 percent (\$15.94 million)** and **1.8 percent (\$3.41 million)** respectively. Summary of support from development partners to Cluster 4 is as follows:

The World Bank provided an estimated **\$105.20 million** to Cluster 4 to support public financial management and macroeconomic management in Sierra Leone. These include support to the Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project, the Sierra Leone Financial Inclusion Project, Third Productivity and Transparency Support Grant and the Sierra Leone Economic Diversification Project. The World Bank's support makes up about **55 percent** of support to this cluster.

The EU provided an estimated **\$40.15 million** to Cluster 4 to support the continued improvement in capacity building of government agencies and transparency and democracy through the Support to the Governance Sector project, Support to the National Authorising Office (N.A.O) and State Building Contract. The EU support to Cluster 4 account for an estimated **21 percent** of all aid inflows provided to this Cluster in 2020 by development partners.

The FCDO provided an estimated **\$5.22 million** to Cluster 4 to support Governance, transparency and democracy initiatives in Sierra Leone through the Strengthening Public Financial Management, Anti-Corruption and Accountability Institutions, the Strengthening Community-Led Accountability to Improve Service Delivery project and support to Justice Sector Development Project. The UK's support to this Cluster account for about **5 percent** of total UK aid to Sierra Leone in 2020. Support to Transparency and Democracy and Capacity building of Government Agencies accounted for an estimated **52.6 percent (\$2.75 million)** and **47.4 percent (\$2.46 million)** of total UK aid disbursed to Cluster 4 in 2020 respectively.

The Republic of Ireland allocated €6 million through the UN Agencies and NGOs to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic. At the global level, Ireland is providing an estimated **€102 million** (but this figure is not part of the total disbursement figure for Ireland) through United Nations, GAVI and International NGOs to support the fight against COVID from which Sierra Leone is benefitting.

The UN Country Team in Sierra Leone provided an estimated **\$138 million** to COVID-19 Response which includes an estimated **\$13.6 million** from reprogrammed resources. Of this, an estimated **\$34.7 million** is to support the Health Response whilst **\$94.6 million** is to support the QAERP activities.

The UK FCDO through various implementing partners supported the production of local hand sanitisers; setting up of COVID-19 Intensive Care Facility at the 34 Military Hospital; setting up of a 180 bed Community Care centre at Benguema; expansion of WASH facilities in 30 community health centres and 11 hospitals; purchase of COVID-19 drugs, Oxygen concentrators and Oxygen tanks; Solar mini grids in 70 communities and provided grant to businesses. FCDO also supported ACC and CSOs to promote transparency in the use of COVID-19 funds

6.3 NGO SUPPORT

To support Government's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, 26 International NGOs developed a response package estimated at Le232 million to support Health and personal safety, social mobilisation, protection, and livelihood.

On coordination as well, at district level NGOs have been complimenting the government's effort in the fight against the deadly corona disease. The NGO Affairs Directorate facilitated the setting up of district NGO COVID-19 response Platform last year (on 1st June to 6th June 2020) for coordination and updating weekly on COVID response activities. Each district had NGO Lead reporting to the DICOVERC as well as the Ministry for action.

More so for the two newly established districts, Kerena and Falaba that are vulnerable in terms of resources, the Ministry requested for support from NGOs for those districts.

6.0 COVID-19 SUPPORT BY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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Even before Sierra Leone recorded its index COVID-19 case in March 2020, the government took proactive measures to curb its spread. These included intensive public health awareness campaigns, screening at the airport and other points of entry; mandatory quarantine for 14 days of all passengers coming from countries with over 50 COVID-19 confirmed cases, suspending air travel to and from Sierra Leone, closing places of worship and limiting meetings and public gatherings to a maximum of 100 people. In addition, a Quick Action Economic Recovery Programme (QAERP) geared towards saving livelihoods and a National Health Response Plan which focused on saving lives were developed. These two programmes were presented to development partners for support and collaboration. Accordingly, development partners responded to the request of the Government as follows:

6.1 DIRECT BUDGET SUPPORT

The World Bank provided direct budget support estimated at **\$101 million**, a **\$61 million** increase from the original **\$40 million** allocated for 2020. The African Development Bank provided an estimated **\$24.5 million** as direct budget support. The European Union disbursed the fixed tranche of **€10 million** earlier than programmed and the variable tranche of **€15 million** was provided in December 2020. The IMF provided an estimated **\$143 million** as balance of payment support to the Bank of Sierra Leone which was on-loan to the Government as budget support.

6.2 PROGRAMME SUPPORT

In addition to the provision of direct budget support, the European Union fast tracked the operationalisation of the €60 million Jobs and Growth programme, disbursing **€5 million** to the Social Safety Net programme and a further **€2.2 million** to support the vulnerable in Western Area.

The EU also provided canopies and other Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) equipment and materials including the biometric pass system to combat the spread of COVID-19 valued at **€57,000**.

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- **Irish Aid** provided through NGOs an estimated **\$2.38 million** to this cluster aimed at promoting transparency and democracy, and capacity building of government agencies. This includes support to the operations of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics system in Sierra Leone, capacity Strengthening of the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) etc. These account for an estimated **11.5 percent** of total Irish support to Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **AfDB** provided an estimated **\$0.34 million** to Cluster 4 to improve capacity building of government agencies. Support to this cluster account for nearly one percent of all AfDB funding in Sierra Leone in 2020.
- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$31.0 million** in Cluster 4 in 2020 as support to various governance programmes including transparency and democracy, decentralisation and capacity building of Government Agencies. The UN Family support to Cluster 4 account for **22 percent** of total UN support to Sierra Leone in 2020

4.5 CLUSTER V

Cluster 5 on Empowering Women, Children, Adolescents and Persons with Disability (PWDs) account for an estimated **0.88 percent (\$7.75 million)** of the total support by partners in 2020 compared to **\$7.41 million** in 2019. This is an increase in development assistance to this Cluster by **4.7 percent**. The activities supported by development partners were mainly to promote gender parity and are summarised as follows:

- **The Irish Government** provided an estimated **\$3.8 million** to promote women's empowerment and well-being. Support to this cluster accounted for **18 percent** of total Irish assistance to the country in 2020. This includes funding for projects such as Improving the Availability of Quality and Free Health Care for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence, Adolescent Girls Empowerment and Protection Project (AGEPP) Gender Equality Program, Genda Bizness etc.
- **The FCDO** provided approximately **\$2.5 million** to assist the implementation of the Adolescent Girls Empowerment project.
- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$1.5 million** to Cluster 5 through projects such as the Support to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment project implemented by UNWOMEN, improved child protection outcomes by UNICEF and Rainbow Initiative by UNFPA among others.

4.6 CLUSTER VI

Cluster 6 which focuses on Youth empowerment and employment, sports and migration account for approximately **0.53 percent (\$4.63 million)** of the total support to Sierra Leone in 2020; compared to **\$11.10 million** in 2019. This is a decrease in development assistance to this Cluster by **58.3 percent**. The support provided by development partners to this Cluster is summarised as follows:

- **The Government of Japan** provided an estimated **\$1.4 million** to support the implementation of the reducing the risk of irregular migration through promotion of youth employment and entrepreneurship in Sierra Leone.
- **The AfDB** provided an estimated **\$0.57 million** to support the Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Project.
- **The Government of Germany** provided support to this sector through the Employment Promotion Programme Phase Four (EPPIV). An estimated **\$2.8 million** was disbursed through this project in 2020 in support of Cluster 6 of the MTNDP.
- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$2.7 million** to support reducing the risk of irregular migration through supporting promotion of youth employment and entrepreneurship, accelerating Youth Innovation and Policy Development and Capacity Building for Increased Attention to Adolescents and Young People, With Specific Focus on Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Sierra Leone.

4.7 CLUSTER VII

Cluster 7 which deals with issues relating to Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience accounted for an estimated **1.13 percent (\$9.82 million)** of total support to Sierra Leone in 2020 compared to **\$6.53 million** in 2019. This is an increase in development assistance to this Cluster by **50.4 percent**. Support to this cluster focussed mainly on addressing environmental degradation and disaster relief. Below is a summary of Development partners' support to this cluster.

Table 12: UN Family Support to Sierra Leone to MTNDP Clusters for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	56.44
COVID-19 Response	1.21
Education	11.92
Health	41.95
Social Welfare	0.96
Water and Sanitation	0.39
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	34.25
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	33.78
Mineral Resources and Mining	0.47
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	11.67
Energy and Power	9.29
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	0.69
Infrastructure	1.69
4. Governance and Accountability for Results	31.01
Capacity Building of government agencies	14.95
Decentralisation	10.30
Justice Sector Development	0.30
Public Financial Management	0.02
Security Sector	1.07
Transparency and democracy	4.38
5. Empowering Women, Children, Adolescents and Persons with Disability (PWDs)	1.47
Gender	1.47
6. Youth Employment Sports and Migration	2.66
Youth Development	2.66
7. Addressing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience	3.84
Disaster Relief	0.14
Environment	3.70
8. Means of Implementation	0.23
Population policy and administrative management	0.23
GRAND TOTAL	141.57

The UN Family support to the MTNDP Clusters for 2020 is summarised in Table 12 below. The majority of UN support targeted activities in Cluster I (Human Capital Development) accounting for an estimated **39.87 percent (\$56.44 million)**. Within Cluster I, the majority of the UN Family funds are disbursed to the health sector (**\$41.95 million**) followed by education (**\$11.92 million**).

Cluster II on Diversifying the Economy and Promoting Growth account for about **24.2 percent (\$34.25 million)**, with all of the funding going towards the agriculture and food security sector.

Cluster III, Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness, account for an estimated **8.24 percent (\$11.67 million)**, with the majority of funds going to the capacity building of the Energy and Power sector.

5.10 The United Nations Family



The United Nations system in Sierra Leone consists of Agencies, Funds and Programmes, providing support through the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2020-2023 (UNSDCF). The UN Family implemented projects with an estimated value of **\$141.57 million** in 2020. The UN Family is Sierra Leone's largest implementing partner in terms of resources implemented, and quantity and variety of initiatives supported.

Table 11: UN Agencies Support to Sierra Leone for 2020

UN Agency	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	52.39
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	30.94
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	17.17
United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	9.98
United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA)	9.20
United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	7.13
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	4.91
International Organisation for Migration (IOM)	3.46
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)	2.19
World Food Programme (WFP)	2.00
UNWOMEN	1.19
Peace building Fund	1.00
Global Environment and Technology Foundation	0.02
Total	141.57

As depicted in Table 11 above, UNICEF and IFAD accounted for the majority of UN Family's support to Sierra Leone estimated at **\$52.39 million and \$30.94 million** respectively, for 2020. The UN Family disbursed a total of **\$141.57 million** in 2020, which was an increase of **134.43 percent (\$60.39 million)** from 2019.

- **The World Bank** provided an estimated **\$5.7 million** to support the Freetown Emergency Recovery Project. This adds up to **58 percent** of the total support to this cluster in 2020.
- **Government of Japan** provided an estimated **\$0.25 million** to support the Productive Safety Net project in 2020 as part their support to cluster 7.
- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$3.8 million** to support environmental resilience projects including support to the Coastal Risks Management, Slope Stabilization, Remediation and Rehabilitation Works and the Promoting Disaster Risk Resilience.

4.8 CLUSTER VIII

Cluster 8 on Means of Implementation account for an estimated **\$2.23 million** of total support to Sierra Leone in 2020 compared to **\$5.0 million** in 2019. This is a decrease in development assistance to this Cluster by **55.4 percent**. Development Partners' support to this cluster is summarised as follows:

- **The World Bank** provided an estimated **\$2.00 million** to Cluster 8 to support the harmonising and improving statistics in West Africa accounting for an estimated **78 percent** of total support to this cluster in 2020
- **The UN Family** implemented an estimated **\$0.23 million** in Cluster 8, in 2020 through support provided to Statistics Sierra Leone.

This section summarises support from resident development partners for the year 2020. With the exception of one project supported by the China Exim Bank, the Government of China support is not fully captured in this report due to lack of data.



5.1 The FCDO

The United Kingdom is one of the major development partners of Sierra Leone. Through its Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the UK has over the years demonstrated its commitment to Sierra Leone's Development strides by providing much needed development assistance in various sectors of the economy particularly, in education and health. Over the last decade, the UK's support to Sierra Leone is estimated at **\$1.6 billion**.

Table 3: The United Kingdom Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	71.76
Health	34.73
Education	15.47
Water and Sanitation	21.56
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	0.14
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	0.14
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	9.10
Private Sector Development	2.35
Energy and Power	6.76
4. Governance and Accountability for Results	5.22
Transparency and democracy	2.75
Capacity Building of Government Agencies	2.46
Security Sector	0.02
5. Empowering Women, Children, Adolescents and Persons with Disability (PWDs)	2.50
Gender	2.50
Grand Total	88.72

Table 3 above shows that the UK's support to Sierra Leone in 2020 was approximately **\$89 million** compared to 2019 (**\$98.97 million**). This figure represents a **10 percent** decline in the UK support to Sierra Leone. This could be on account of UK scaling down its support globally.

A greater proportion of the UK's support was to Cluster I (**\$71.76 million**). This account for an estimated **81 percent** of all UK development assistance in 2020. The support was provided to the education and health sectors of the country as well as initiatives to improve water and sanitation hygiene. The UK support to Cluster III account for about **10.2 percent** while clusters II, IV, and V account for **0.16 percent**, **5.88 percent** and **2.82 percent** respectively of total UK aid in 2020.

Consistent with the Government priorities, the Irish Government provided an estimated **\$10.92 million** to support human capital development related sectors. This account 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.



5.9 Government of Japan

The Government of Japan through its International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been providing project support and non-project grants to Sierra Leone over the years. Project support covers Agriculture, Energy and Health sectors. Non- project grants are provided in the form of commodity supplies such as rice and/or fuel.

The total support from Japan to the Government of Sierra Leone in 2020 was estimated at **\$11.29 million**. The majority of the Government of Japan's support was in Cluster II, which account for approximately **65 percent (\$7.31 million)** of their total support as depicted in Table 10 below.

Table 10: Government of Japan Support to Sierra Leone by MTNDP Clusters and Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	1.50
COVID-19 Response	0.47
Health	0.60
Education	0.43
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	7.31
Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security	7.31
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	0.84
Infrastructure	0.84
6. Youth Employment Sports and Migration	1.40
Youth Development	1.40
7. Addressing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience	0.25
Disaster Relief	0.25
GRAND TOTAL	11.29

5.8 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.

Table 9: 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

According to Table 9 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.

5.2 The United States of America

Over the last decade, USAID has provided an estimated **\$362.11 million** to support Sierra Leone. It leads international development and humanitarian efforts in agriculture and food security, human rights, poverty reduction, and democratic governance. Details of its development assistance to Sierra Leone for 2020 is detailed in the table below.

Table 4: The United States Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
Cluster 1. Human Capital Development	20.59
COVID-19 Response	1.00
Health	19.24
Education	0.35
Cluster 2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	3.50
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	3.50
Cluster 3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	0.26
Energy and Power	0.25
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	0.01
Cluster 4. Governance and Accountability for Results	1.08
Transparency and Democracy	1.08
GRAND TOTAL	25.43

Table 3 above shows that the UK's support to Sierra Leone in 2020 was approximately **\$89 million** compared to 2019 (**\$98.97 million**). This figure represents a **10 percent** decline in the UK support to Sierra Leone. This could be on account of UK scaling down its support globally.

A greater proportion of the UK's support was to Cluster I (**\$71.76 million**). This account for an estimated **81 percent** of all UK development assistance in 2020. The support was provided to the education and health sectors of the country as well as initiatives to improve water and sanitation hygiene. The UK support to Cluster III account for about **10.2 percent** while clusters II, IV, and V account for **0.16 percent**, 5.88 percent and **2.82 percent** respectively of total UK aid in 2020.

5.3 Government of Germany



As one of Sierra Leone's principal bilateral partners, Germany's support is implemented by the (GIZ) GmbH, BMZ and some local and International NGOs. Key areas of support by the German Government are youth employment, agriculture, healthcare, sustainable energy and resource management.

Table 5: The German Government's Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	2.75
Health	2.75
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	1.39
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	0.09
Mineral Resources and Mining	1.30
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	0.15
Energy and Power	0.15
6. Youth Employment, Sport and Migration	2.8
Youth Development	2.8
GRAND TOTAL	7.09

Table 5 above shows that in 2020, the Government of Germany disbursed a total of **\$7.09 million**; compared to 2019 in which they disbursed **\$19.21 million**; a decrease of **63 percent**.

German's support to Cluster I account for **39 percent (\$2.75 million)** of total disbursed figure whilst Cluster II account for an estimated **20 percent (\$1.39 million)** and Cluster VI, account for an estimated **40 percent (\$2.8 million)**.

Table 8 depicts that the World Bank provided an estimated **\$224.75 million** to support the MTNDP in 2020 indicating a **65 percent** increase from 2019 (**\$135.3 million**). The most supported MTNDP Clusters by the World Bank includes Clusters I, III and IV which amounts to **\$45.05 million**, **\$52.34 million** and **\$105.28 million** respectively.

Cluster III and Cluster IV account for approximately **23.36 percent** and **47.00 percent** respectively of the total support from the World Bank for 2020. This is largely attributed to the fact that the World Bank provides significant support to the macroeconomic management and Energy sectors in Sierra Leone. The World Bank also provided support for agriculture and food security within Cluster II accounting for an estimated **6.09 percent**. In addition, support provided to address vulnerabilities as well as disaster relief activities within Cluster VII account for an estimated **2.56 percent**.



5.7 The International Monetary Fund (IMF)

The IMF, unlike other traditional partners whose support is largely project based, provides support to Sierra Leone based on the programmes of economic policies agreed with the Government of Sierra Leone.

In 2020, the IMF board approved **\$143 million** or **50 percent** of the Quota under the Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) to meet the urgent balance of payment and fiscal need stemming from the COVID 19 and an Extended Credit Facility (ECF) amounting to **\$21.13 million** which facilitated a total disbursement estimated at **\$164.34 million** as direct budget support for the COVID-19 response. In addition to this, the IMF is currently providing debt service relief amounting to **\$84 million**, which is set to end in April 2022.

5.6 The World Bank Group



The World Bank is a major development partner to Sierra Leone supporting projects in various sectors ranging from Agriculture, Education, Roads and Energy. In addition, the World Bank is one of the partners that provides direct budget support to Sierra Leone. Over the last ten years, the World Bank has provided an estimated **\$871 million** to support Sierra Leone's development efforts with a mixture of grants and concessional loans.

Table 8: World Bank Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	45.05
COVID-19 Response	5.39
Health	14.52
Education	11.04
Ebola Response	0.99
Social Welfare	13.12
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	13.65
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	10.08
Mineral Resources and Mining	3.57
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	52.34
Infrastructure	1.87
Energy and Power	43.95
Transport	6.52
4. Governance and Accountability for Results	105.28
Public Financial Management	3.39
Macroeconomic Management	101.88
7. Addressing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience	5.73
Environment	5.73
8. Means of Implementation	2.00
Population policy and administrative management	2.00
GRAND TOTAL	224.04

5.4 The African Development Bank (AfDB)



As one of Sierra Leone's leading multilateral development partners; the AfDB has been providing development assistance to the country over the decades. The AfDB provides support in the areas of Human Capital Development, Diversifying the Economy and Promoting Growth, Governance and Accountability, Youth Employment, Infrastructure and Energy. In addition to providing project support, the AfDB is also one of partners providing direct budget support to Sierra Leone.

Table 6: The AfDB Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
1. Human Capital Development	24.66
COVID-19 Response	21.95
Water and Sanitation	1.66
Social Welfare	1.05
2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	0.48
Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security	0.48
3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	8.51
Infrastructure	1.08
Energy and Power	7.43
4. Governance and Accountability for Results	0.34
Capacity Building of Government Agencies	0.34
6. Youth Employment Sports and Migration	0.57
Youth Development	0.57
Grand Total	34.57

For the period 2020, the AfDB provided an estimated **\$34.57 million** to Sierra Leone, compared to **\$28.49 million** in 2019; an increase of about **18 percent**. The AfDB provided support to projects in Clusters I, II, III, IV, and VI of the MTNDP.

The support to Cluster I, which includes, health, education, water and sanitation activities account for an estimated **71 percent (\$24.66 million)** of total AfDB's support to the MTNDP for 2020.

The AfDB's support to Cluster IV account for an estimated **1 percent (\$0.34 million)** of AfDB's total support to Sierra Leone for 2020.

The AfDB's support to Cluster III which includes activities relating to energy and infrastructure account for an estimated **24.6 percent (\$8.51 million)** of the AfDB's total support for the period.

5.5 The European Union (EU)



The EU's support to Sierra Leone is guided by the principles and objectives of the Cotonou Agreement between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States. The implementation of EU's support to Sierra Leone is coordinated by the National Authorising Office (NAO) which currently seats within the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development. The EU provides direct budget support as well as project support. The EU provides support in the main in the areas of democracy and human right, job creation, infrastructure; especially road construction and bridges, and agricultural development. Over the last decade, the EU has provided an estimated **\$1.104 billion through** direct budget support and project support in form of grants.

Table 7: The European Union Support to Sierra Leone by Sectors for 2020

MTNDP (2019-2023) Clusters	Disbursed (In Millions US\$)
Cluster 1. Human Capital Development	9.0
Health	0.4
Education	8.64
Cluster 2. Diversifying the Economy & Promoting Growth	25.00
Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security	25.00
Cluster 3. Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness	30.42
Infrastructure	16.22
Energy and Power	1.12
Road Network	13.09
Cluster 4. Governance and Accountability for Results	40.15
Transparency and Democracy	3.39
Capacity Building of Government Agencies	8.20
Macro-Economic Management	28.56
GRAND TOTAL	104.62

The EU provided an estimated **\$104.62 million** to Sierra Leone in 2020. This represents an increase of **45 percent** from 2019 (**\$72.02 million**) and account for **12 percent** of total donor support to Sierra Leone for the review period.

The most supported clusters are; Cluster III and IV, in which the EU provided **\$30.42 million** and **\$40.15 million** respectively. Cluster II account for an estimated **\$25 million** and Cluster I account for **\$9.00 million** in the year 2020.



Minister of Planning and Economic Development Dr. Francis M. Kai-Kai bidding farewell to the Former European Union Ambassador Tom Vens.