



# SIERRA LEONE ENERGY POLICY

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Ministry of ENERGY

Sierra Leone is situated in Western Africa with a total land area of approximately 72,325 sq. km. According to Statistics Sierra L (2015), the population is esti at 7,092,113 million in 2015 **Population and Housing Censu** with a growth rate of 3.3%. The capital city of Freetown is locat in the western area of the count and is home to approximately 1 million people (~21% of the total population).



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Sierra Leone has a tropical climate wit hot and humid weather in the rainy season, which usually spans from to November and a dry season, w typically spans from December to The country has an ambient temperature range of 27°C - 35°C a relative humidity varying from an average of 80% in the rainy season to about 50% in the dry season. The country has substantial deposits of mineral resources such as diamonds, rutile, titanium, bauxite, iron ore, gold, and chromium.



# ENERGY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019** 

# PRESENTATION

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- Short and Medium Term Plan





## Status of Demand and Supply Short and Medium Term Plan

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## **Sector Statement**

Reliable, affordable and accessible power is the cornerstone to the development of our economy.

We aim to create an enabling environment for the provision of modern energy services for increased productivity, wealth creation and improved quality of life of all Sierra Leoneans

Our goal to diversify the economy with an expansion in Manufacturing, Agriculture and corollary investment in value-added production, requires the need for electricity in all areas of the country.



## **Energy Sector Diagram**



The National Electricity Act 2011 unbundled the vertically integrated utility and created :

The Electricity Generation and Transmission Company, (EGTC) and the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority, (EDSA).

The sector is monitored by the Ministry of Energy (MoE) and the Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission (EWRC) acts as a regulator.

EGTC is responsible for the generation of electricity and transmission at 66kV and higher, whereas EDSA is responsible for the sub-transmission and the distribution network.





## **GoSL Energy Goal paths**



### REFORM Generation targets through private sector involvement



### ACCESS

Electrification achieved via integrated on-grid/offgrid approach



### <u>RENEWABLES</u> Additional renewable sources to optimise the energy mix



ACCESS Distribution network upgraded, strengthened and expanded



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY Pathway toward financial sustainability established



ACCESS Integration within West Africa Power Pool imminent

# BACKGROUND





## **Generation Capacity**

Locations	Installed	Available
• Freetown (EGTC)	26.5 MW	0 MW
• Lungi	6 MW	2 MW
• Kono	6 MW	6 MW
Port Loko	0.4 MW	0.4 MW
• Bo	6 MW	2 MW
• Makeni	3.6 MW	2 MW
Magburaka	0.8 MW	0.8 MW
• Lunsar	1 MW	1 MW
• Bumbuna (Hydro)	50 MW	40 MW
• Kenema (Goma Dam)	6 MW	1.5 MW
• Karpower	30 MW	30 MW
Sunbird (Biomass)	25 MW	0 MW
• Mini Grids	6 MW	6 MW
TOTAL	160 MW	85 MW



**0 MW** 

2 MW

6 MW

0.4 MW

2 MW

2 MW

**30 MW** 

**0 MW** 

6 MW

**85 MW** 





## **EDSA Consumers**

Region	No. of Customers.
• Freetown	143,721
• Lungi	5,730
• Kono	3,475
• Bo	12,714
• Bumbuna	1,005
• Kenema	8,961
• Makeni	14,154
• Lunsar	1,641
Magburaka	739
• GosL	363
Diplomatic	59
• Port Loko	152
Total	193,579



## **Baseline Parameters**





## **Proposed Transmission Network**

10°00'

9°30'

9.00

Bambaya

Yombiro

Bendou Bodou O

Koundou

Koindu

8°00

7°30

7°00'

Bong

6° 30'

10°30'

Buedu

Banian



# CHALLENGES

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- Low access rate at 15% nationwide
- Load Shedding and unreliability of the Transmission & Distribution networks. Primary Distribution capacity in Freetown is 73MW.

**Sector Challenges** 

- High operating costs and Government subsidies. Govt. Subsidies for FY 2019 of Le. 100B, exhausted by Q2.
- High commercial (including illegal connections) and technical losses at 40%.
- Low Revenue Collection Rate
- Bumbuna capacity seasonal . Revenues from low tariff used to pay for costly HFO/Diesel Generation in the Dry Season.



- Dependency on diesel and HFO plants. There is a need to transition away from Heavy fuel Oil : Alternatives such as Renewables, Natural Gas or imports are likely to be cheaper.
- Demand will outstrip supply in the next 2-3 years and result in power outages and deficits unless new sources of power can be secured.





### High Technical and Commercial Losses in Distribution

Month (2019)	Electricity Purchased by EDSA (MWH)	Electricity Billed (MWH)	Technical and Commercial Losses (%)
January	42,895	27,461	35.98
February	39,970	24,837	37.86
March	44,083	27,816	36.90
April	45,814	28,205	38.44
Мау	45,337	27,238	39.92
June	40,580	23,971	40.93
Weighted Average			38.3



## Low Collection Rate and High Collection Losses

Month (2019)	Billing for postpaid customers	Collection for postpaid customers	Collection rate (%)
January	16,510	9,429	57.11
February	13,864	7,946	57.31
March	16,015	6,085	38.00
April	17,105	6,956	40.67
Мау	15,411	7,423	48.17
June	13,329	9,715	72.89
Weighted Average			51.6

# **REFORM PATH**





## **Energy Sector Roadmap to guide Reform and Planning**

The Electricity Sector Reform Roadmap defines the pathway to reach the policy objectives set-out by the government, with the required legal and institutional reforms.



# SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM PLAN





## **Solutions**

A realistic view has been taken on Generation, Transmission and Distribution options and the time horizon for their delivery:

Options		Timing		1	A. Short to Medium Term	
		Immediate (2020- 22)	Short	Medium	Long	<ul> <li>Transitioning the thermal supply to Gas.</li> <li>Reduce Commercial and Technical losses</li> </ul>
	1. Karpower - HFO					<ul> <li>Increase stability of the network</li> </ul>
	2. Imports/CLSG					indicase stability of the network
	3. LNG					
ATION	4. Electrification of District HQ Towns					
NER/	5. Rental power - Gas					
GEN	6. Additional Solar					
	7. Permanent Gas plant					
	8. Large Hydro					
	9. Other long term options					B. Long Term
	Reduce Comm. and Tech. Loss					There is a need to undertake a deeper analysis on
L&D	Stability of the system					investment options, may of which require huge
	T&D for District HQ Towns					capital investment,
		<b>\</b>				



### Immediate

2020 – 2022 Deliver Newton 6 MW and use rental to match demand and supply

- Minor capacity additions may be required to keep up with demand.
- Delivery of the 6 MW Solar Farm at Newton

#### 2019 – 2021: 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Grid Loss Verification Program

• An Independent grid loss verification program to enforce action against illegal abstraction.

## 2019 – 2021: Network Stabilization and Expansion

New Meters installations and regularization of illegal connections.

**2019** Transform all postpaid to prepaid meters

## Short to Medium Term Plan

• The Government would like to advance these projects on a competitive basis to minimize costs, and maintain pressure on delivery times by:

### Short

#### 2021 - Incorporate Imports into Generation Mix

• Begin importing around 30 MW of power from Cote D'Ivoire

#### 2022 - Transition rental power to

#### Gas to reduce costs

2021

- Delivery Freetown LNG import facility
- Transition rental thermal to Gas

#### **Deliver Solar Plant to reduce costs:**

 Additional solar plants can to reduce overall system costs as identified through IFC assessment

- 1. A fast track review and validation of this short / medium term plan.
- 2. Financing the technical, legal and commercial support needed for Government to bring advance these projects in a competitive manner

### Medium

#### 2024 – deliver Permanent onshore Gas Plant

• Deliver a permanent on shore Gas plant (approx. 60 – 100 MW)

2023

## **Short Term Activities and Support**



# OFF GRID ENERGY





### **Rural Area Villages**

- → Mini-grid and off Grid solutions
- ➔ Solar and Hybrid Generation
- Pico Hydro

#### The Rural Renewable Energy Project:

With grant funding from DFID and implementation through UNOPS, government has rolled out one of the most ambitious mini-grid projects in the region.

- Phase 1 and 2 will see the connection of 94 minigrid communities. These are being operated by private concession with incentive for investment and sustainability.
- Feasibility studies are proposed for further expansion of the project to a total of 154 sites by 2021.
- USTDA funding feasibility for expansion to 45
   Sites.

## **Off-Grid Energy Solutions**



## **Off-Grid Plan and Priorities**

USITI FREEDOM TOTAL		2019	2020	2021	Outputs
	Analytical inputs	OFF-GRID MARKET ASSESSMENT (POWER AFRICA)	er Engagement & Implementation: lidation workshop on recommendations to addre plementation of Recommendations and donor en alysis, as required.	ss key market barriers gagement for further 'deep dive'	GOSL ENDORSED MARKET
arid ning		MTF ENERGY CENSUS (ESMAP)	Full-spectrum (all technologies, lidation energy-access data included in a	nation-wide, supply and demand) all future planning/reporting	BASELINE ENERGY ACCESS SURVEY
Off-C Plan	Mini-grid Design	MINI-GRID FEASIBILITY STUDIES	DA/WindGen Feasibility Study nched) DPS/RREP next phase Study (planned)		TECHNICAL, PROJECT DESIGN FOR NEW GRIDS
	Strategy Developmo	ent	INTEGRATED ELECTRIFICATION STRATEGY*	ementation of Strategy opriate Institutional Set Up as needed: Electrification Fund, Rural Energy Agency ).	CLEAR, PUBLIC, LONG- TERM STRATEGY

Study	Potential Funder
Integrated Electrification Strategy	ТВС

Government led Activity

Currently unfunded

Donor Activity (Funded) Market Ass

\*Integrated Electrification Strategy: clear plan for deployment of grid, mini-grid, off-grid solutions. Based on Least Cost Planning, MTF Survey Results, Market Assessment, Energy Sector Roadmap

\*\* Presidential Initiative: based on experience of other countries – Togo, Rwanda, DRC. Focus on key market barriers and Last Mile Coverage.



## **Off-Grid Plan and Priorities**

		2019	2020	2021	Outputs	•
	MINI-GRID EXPANSION	MoE Coordination of Efforts	<ol> <li>Rural Renewable Energy Project: Implementation of expansion (ONGOING)</li> <li>USTDA/WindGen: Procurement, Financing and Dev (FROM 2021)</li> <li>World Bank: Potential Mini-Grid project (TBD)</li> </ol>	of 5 Work Packages, potential elopment of USTDA Study Mini-Grids	94 MGs (RREP) 45 MGs (USTDA) OTHER (TBD)	
Priority Projects	PRESIDENTIAL OFF-GRID INITATIVE	Consultation, Design with partners**	Implementation of Solar Home System Initia Donor and TA support as directed	tive, led by 2-3 private sector partners	HIGH-LEVEL SOLAR HOME SYSTEM INITIATIVE	
	ROGEP (WB), ACE	ACE Energy Africa Cor	npact Refresh Implementation		OFF-GRID POLICY PROGRAM;	
	(DFID) PROGRAMS	ROGEP program (enablin	ng environment, entrepreneurship support, access to financ	ce - SHS market focus)	REGIONAL INTEGRATION	

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