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Country Fact Card – Sierra Leone

2018

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Current Government

- **President:** Julius Mada Bio
- **Recently transitioned to a stable democratic government:** For the first time in 2018, SL ran its first election fully run by the authorities since UN’s departure in 2012. After a hotly contested race, the opposition party won by 51.81%
- Next elections in 2023

Political priorities

- Until the outbreak of 2014, SL was on track towards attaining the middle income status by 2035. However, currently there are high levels of youth unemployment, corruption and weak governance
- Broadening revenue generation to a target of at least 20% of GDP
- Restore sanity to the economic and financial management

Risks

- Rampant corruption and weak governance



Macroeconomic Indicators

• Population (2017)	7.5M
• GDP per capita (current USD, 2017)	3.77B
• Government revenue as % of GDP	8.6%
• GDP annual growth rate (2017)	4.3%
• Inflation rate (2017)	14.7%
• Annual GDP growth (2018)	3.7%
• Country income classification:	LMIC

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Indicator	Most recent estimate	Least Developed Countries (LDC) Average
Life expectancy at birth	51.3 (UN 2015)	63.6
Neonatal mortality rate (probability of dying by 28 days per 1000 live births)	35 (UN 2015) 39 (DHS 2013)	27.4
Infant mortality rate (probability of dying by age 1 per 1000 live births)	87 (UN 2015) 92 (DHS 2013)	51.4
Under 5 mortality rate (probability of dying at age 5 per 1000 live births)	120 (UN 2015) 156 (DHS 2013)	73.1
Maternal mortality ratio (deaths per 100,000 live births)	1360 (UN 2015) 1165 (DHS 2013)	436

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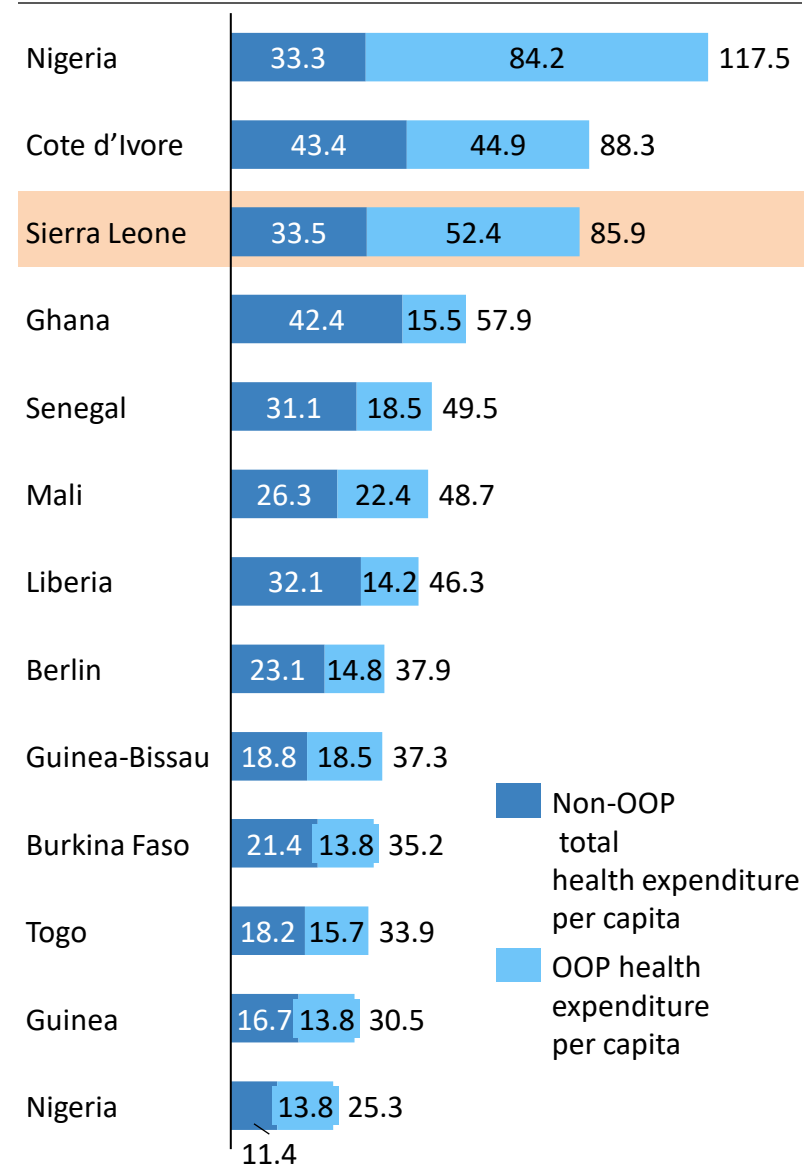
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Indicator	Recent estimates (%) by National Health Accounts (NHA, 2014)
Total health expenditure (THE) as % of GDP	21.7
Government expenditure on health as a % of THE	7.3
Out of Pocket payment as a % of THE	33
Externally sourced funding from donors for health as % of THE*	46.9%
Externally sourced funding from NGOs as % of THE **	11.8

Regional comparison in US\$ per capita, 2014



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Sierra Leone: Community health system

CHW program organogram. Adapted from the National Community Health Worker Policy 2016-2020

