Presidential DEPAC
Post-Ebola Recovery Phase II:
10-24 Month Plans

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Delivery of our Post Ebola Recovery Plan is...

...Grounded in clear principles

1. **Committed top leadership**: His Excellency the President is driving delivery

2. **Ambitious, concrete targets**: targets are aspirational but concrete and measurable

3. **Dedicated budgets**: budget priorities for all will align with delivery priorities

4. **Robust performance management**: through an institutional delivery monitoring system

5. **Complimentarity and mutual reinforcement**: initiatives will have multiplier effects across all sectors

6. **Decentralisation**: implementation and accountability at district and local levels

7. **Continued external pressure**: targets and progress heavily publicised and community engagement emphasised

...Executed in 5 process steps

1. **Focus on a very limited number of core priorities**, with assigned budgets and targets; in numbers, not words

2. **Use catalysing force** such as intensive working sessions to focus minds, deepen plans, align budgets and address obstacles

3. **Establish a delivery system**, adjust existing system to reflect breadth of plans and requirement to build lasting capacity in MDAs

4. **Conduct robust performance management using delivery system**, monitor progress against KPIs via weekly meetings and dashboards, and problem-solve issues as they arise

5. **Create irreversible pressure to perform**, by strengthening community engagement and deploying effective communication strategies
Each sector has ...

- **Specific, measurable targets** which are to be met by June 2017
- A defined set of **initiatives and sub-initiatives** to achieve the target
- The estimated **budget** needed to deliver initiatives
- **Defined timing and sequencing** of critical activities
We have identified 13 priority key result areas for the next 10-24 months

**Health**
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**Education**
- Improve learning outcomes by ensuring that 70% of schools have the appropriate ratio of capable teachers to pupils
- Nationwide school feeding for 1.2 million children in all GoSL/GoSL assisted primary schools

**Social protection**
- Provide income support to an additional 57,000 vulnerable households
- Ensure continuous care for 40,051 EVD-affected persons and survivors

**Private sector development**
- Locally source crops for all institutional feeding programs thereby creating jobs
- Triple exports of processed form of key crops by facilitating SME growth and aligning policies

**Water**
- Provide sustainable short- and long-term solutions to Freetown Water, improving access for 600,000 people
- Extend sustained access to water to 270,000 more people in the provinces

**Energy**
- Triple the total operational power generation capacity from 75MW to 225MW
- Double access to electricity from 125,000 to 250,000 households

**Governance**
- Specifics of KRA currently being developed

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Why we must act now

Sierra Leone has had great success with Ebola, but **ongoing work is required to ensure no further outbreaks**

Sierra Leone has among the **world’s highest rates of maternal and child mortality**, costing the country ~30,000 lives annually

Outcomes

1. Prevent, detect, respond to epidemics and ensure **zero cases of EVD**
2. **Save the lives of 600 women and 5000 children**

What has to be done

- **Increase and upskill staff** to ensure improved service and engage communities
- **Ensure availability** of life saving medicines and equipment at the facility level
- **Focus on the key causes** of child and maternal mortality
Outcomes

Enhancing learning for all children in a safe and nurturing environment

Why we must act now

Insufficient capable teachers to ensure learning for all students
- ~50% of primary, ~30% of secondary teachers lack necessary qualifications
- Uneven national distribution of qualified teachers
- Overcrowded classrooms with 60% primary and 45% secondary schools exceeding 1:49 ratio
- 27% of all operational schools not currently approved by MEST
- Low transparency on real time performance at the school level

The Ebola set-back has made it increasingly difficult for vulnerable families to support schooling of their children, more children are likely to attend school hungry unable to learn, with increased risk of lower enrolment, attendance and retention rates

What has to be done

Invest in critical school infrastructure

Improve sustainability of sector by strengthening governance

Continuous improvement of the quality of education and student learning outcomes

Nationwide school feeding for 1.2 million children in all GoSL/GoSL assisted primary schools

Improve learning outcomes by ensuring that 70% of schools have the right ratio of capable teachers to pupils (<1:49)
Offering support and care to the most vulnerable households

Why we must act now

A significant portion of the population lives on less than $1 a day

This population suffers from poor living conditions and livelihoods resulting in decreased access to health care, education and other basic needs

EVD survivors continue to face health challenges with the potential risk of EVD resurgence from unsafe sexual activities

Individuals directly affected by EVD face challenges accessing services and re-integrating fully into their families and communities

What has to be done

Invest in comprehensive care for EVD affected and critical support to enhance the social outcomes of most vulnerable Sierra Leoneans

Ensure sustainability of sector by building capacity of human capital and delivery systems

Outcomes

Provide income support to an additional 57,000 vulnerable households

Ensure continuous care for 40,051 EVD-affected persons and survivors
Catalyzing economic growth through sector focused integrated approach

Why we must act now

Agricultural sector employees nearly 2/3 of Sierra Leone’s workforce and provides the best fit for an immediate boost in employment.

Institutional requirements for rice and cassava can be sourced from small farmers, resulting in job creation and import substitution.

SME growth is critical to a robust economy, and a substantial number of local SMEs are in agriculture and agro-processing.

Approximately 75% of the country’s 5.4 million hectares of arable land is available for cultivation of crops, including crops such as coffee, palm oil, cassava.

Outcomes

1. Locally source crops for all institutional feeding programs thereby creating jobs.

2. Triple exports of processed form of selected crops by facilitating SME growth.

What has to be done

Focus private sector development efforts on job creation and SME growth.

Ensure enhancement of enablers against one target sector.

Support integrated value chain approach to substitute imports and boost exports in processed crops.

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Bringing safe water to 870,000 new people

Why we must act now

50-year-old water infrastructure in Freetown is strained beyond capacity, requiring **water rationing of 3 to 12 hours per day** depending on season.

Only 43% of Freetown’s population has reasonable access to safe water supply, leaving more than **1.1 million people without safe access to water**.

Less than half of the rural population have access to a sustainable water supply, and even where water points have been installed, only 31% are operational.

The practice of offering water at no cost in many small towns has left SALWACO and communities **unable to meet basic operations and maintenance** of provincial water systems to sustain delivery.

Outcome

1. Provide sustainable short- and long-term solutions to Freetown Water, improving access for **600,000 people**.

2. Extend sustained access to water for **270,000 more people** in the provinces.

What has to be done

Invest in **critical capital projects** both new build and rehab.

Improve sustainability of sector by **strengthening governance, building capacity** and improving cost recovery.

Secure the future of the sector through **long-term planning** and protection of natural resources.
Electrifying Sierra Leone’s businesses, institutions and homes

Why we must act now

- Power grids currently offer only 75MW operational capacity, and because 50% is hydro, power levels drop further during the dry season.
- Sierra Leone currently lacks standardized processes for independent power producers, limiting the appeal to outside investors.
- Electrification rates are very low throughout the country, at 15% in the Western Area and only 2% in the rural areas.
- High commercial and technical losses limit the ability of the utility companies to recover costs in order to maintain and expand the system.

Outcome

1. Triple the total operational power generation capacity from 75MW to 225MW.
2. Double access to electricity from 125,000 to 250,000 households.

What has to be done

- Invest in critical new build and rehab projects for generation and distribution.
- Improve financial sustainability and attractiveness of energy sector.
- Secure the future of the sector through systematic sector planning and an enhanced skill base.
- Increase the availability of affordable grid-connected power.
There are real challenges and constraints to pursuing transformative action

**Impact of frequent and significant re-emergence of Ebola**
- Continued flare-ups or outbreaks will cost lives and negatively impact business outlook and investor confidence
- Resilient Zero initiatives, including ongoing community engagement must be prioritised and assiduously implemented

**Funding availability and sequencing of interdependent activities**
- Critical sequencing of activities may not match established funding processes
- Careful planning is needed to determine areas of misalignment in order to address or alter approach

**Need for enabling policy and legislative reforms**
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- Review and harmonisation of policies and legislation to be accelerated

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Government of Sierra Leone is committed to working through these challenges because the benefits are so great

Return to prosperity for Sierra Leone, rebounding from a steeply falling GDP during Ebola to **7% GDP growth (2014)**

**Increased equity** in healthcare, education, and the provision of basic utilities, building a foundation for economic growth

Catalyze our growth towards **middle income** in line with the pillars of the Agenda for Prosperity
We will need to work together over the next 10-24 months

Government commits to...

- Real and concerted political will
- Deep partnership with our donors through the planning process
- Conducting business un-usual and breaking through past barriers
- High transparency and accountability
- Investment of our minds, sweat, and hearts in advancing transformation

...we need our partners to

- Align with and invest in these top priority issues
- Increase flexibility and speed in bringing resources to bare
- Enhance donor to donor and donor to GoSL coordination
- Demand increased mutual accountability from all, including implementing partners

Timelines are tight, much is required, but through success in delivery of transformative change we can make history
# Estimated budgets for the priority key result areas for the next 10-24 months

| Health | Prevent, detect, respond to epidemics and ensure **zero cases of EVD** | 69.0 |
|        | Save the lives of **600 women and 5000 children** | 158.0 |
| Education | Improve learning outcomes by ensuring that **70% of schools** have the appropriate ratio of capable teachers to pupils | 51.2 |
|         | Nationwide **school feeding for 1.2 million children** in all GoSL/GoSL assisted primary schools | 30.4 |
| Social protection | Provide income support to an additional **57,000 vulnerable households** | 49.6 |
|         | Ensure continuous care for **40,051 EVD-affected persons and survivors** | 18.1 |
| Private sector development | Locally source crops for all institutional feeding programs thereby **creating jobs** | 73.8 |
|         | Triple exports of processed form of key crops by facilitating **SME growth** and **aligning policies**¹ | |
| Water | Provide sustainable short- and long-term solutions to Freetown Water, improving access for **600,000 people** | 83.3 |
|         | Extend sustained access to water to **270,000 more people** in the provinces | 33.3 |
| Energy | **Triple the total operational power** generation capacity from 75MW to 225MW | 129.9 |
|         | Double access to electricity from 125,000 to **250,000 households** | 128.4 |
| Governance | Specifics of this KRA are being developed | tbd |

**Total estimated budget total excluding Governance** 825.0

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