

## Sierra Leone MDTF

### Fund Signature Page

*(Note: this page is attached to the programme<sup>1</sup> document)*

<p><b>Participating UN Organisation(s):</b></p> <p>UNICEF</p>	<p><b>Priority Area:</b></p> <p>JV: Consolidation of Peace and Stability and Integrating the Rural Areas into the National Economy  AFC: Chapter two – Preconditions for Growth: Good governance, Peace and Stability, Justice and Human rights</p>
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<p><b>Project Number:</b>  Joint Vision Programme 16</p>	<p><b>Programme Duration:</b> 1 year</p> <p><b>Estimated Start-Up Date:</b> July 2011</p>
<p><b>Project Title:</b>  Local Governance and Decentralization</p>	<p><b>Programme Location:</b>  Country-wide</p>
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>This project is within the context of the decentralization programme, and will focus on creating awareness among community leaders and the Local Councils on child rights issues, indicators, and the Child Rights Act (CRA), so that they are able to take appropriate action in promoting and protecting the rights of children. The Local Councils in particular have a role to play in implementing the Act, and their capacity will be built to disseminate and implement the CRA.</p> <p>The child welfare department will be established within the councils to monitor implementation of the CRA by government and relevant stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>Total Project Cost:</b></p> <p>[SL- MDTF]: US\$ 193,889  <b>Government Input:</b> US\$ 0  <b>Other:</b> US\$ 0</p> <p><b>GRAND TOTAL: US\$ 193,889</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

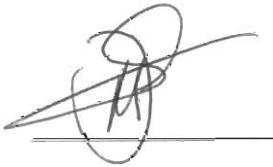



**Development Goal and Key Outcomes:**

Transparent, accountable and democratic governance advanced at national and local levels.

- Results for the survival, development and protection of children are achieved.
- Increased capacity for the promotion and protection of child rights

**Deliverables:**

- The startup of Child Welfare Departments in the Local Councils supported
- The rollout of Direct Programme Support/HACT procedures in all Local Councils supported

	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name/Title</i>
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## SECTION I - GPSF Project Concept Paper (maximum 2 pages)

### PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title	Sierra Leone Multi-Donor Trust Fund: Support to Democratic Institutions and Local Governance and Decentralization		
Date of Proposal	March 2, 2010	GPSF Number	GPSF 09-155
Proponent Information Project Time frame	Legal Name:	Bisrat Aklilu	
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Project Time Frame	01/03/2010 – 31/12/2010		
Fiscal year(s)	(A) Funding requested from GPSF in \$ CAD per fiscal year (1 April - 31 March)	(B) Other Sources of Funding (amount and source)	
2011	200,000		

### PROBLEM STATEMENT

In 2009, the UN drafted its *Joint Vision for Sierra Leone*, in line with the Government of Sierra Leone's *Agenda for Change*. The document establishes a general framework for donor cooperation in an effort to combine efforts and resources in support of the Government of Sierra Leone and its people. Canada, as chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission's (PBC) Sierra Leone Country Configuration, aligned the Commission's peacebuilding priorities with those of the Agenda for Change and the Joint Vision. As a result the PBC resolved to prioritize the following three issues: 1) Good governance and the rule of law; 2) Combating illicit drug trafficking; and 3) Addressing youth unemployment.

The UN Development Programme established a Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) for Sierra Leone in order to catalyze support toward peacebuilding priorities. The modest contribution to the MDTF proposed in this concept note touch upon the PBC priorities 1 (Good governance and the rule of law) and 3 (Addressing youth unemployment). The MDTF has 22 programme themes of which the following two were selected:

**Support to Democratic Institutions** – Sierra Leone's decade long conflict was in part due to poor governance and societal breakdown, with the main drivers of violence being exclusion and lack of access to resources and power by certain groups of people in the society. Democratic gains made in Sierra Leone through recent peaceful national and local elections will not in itself assure the entrenchment of democratic values in the country which is dominated by a strong executive. Democratic institutions such as the Independent Media Commission (IMC) will need support if it is to continue to play a leading role in arbitrating between the media and the Government and the public at large. In addition, the main national broadcasting radio station (Sierra Leone Broadcasting Service) was mostly controlled by the government in power, while access by the opposition parties was generally restricted. This radio station is now being transformed into a public broadcaster, the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC), with the sole aim of ensuring free access by all and thus avoids government control and monopoly of its use. Support will be needed to ensure its smooth transition to an effective and impartial public broadcaster that will benefit all Sierra Leoneans.

**Local Governance and Decentralization** - The newly decentralized local governance system has created considerable overlap with the new local governments and the existing traditional chiefdom government. As traditional leaders play a vital role in local justice and governance and generally hold the trust and respect of their local population, their leadership needs to be an integral part of new local governance structure. This integration of local governments and traditional chiefdom governments is an ongoing and complex process. A very important factor of the chiefdom governance is the chief's administration of the lease of land. The system requires some revision to bring it in line with modern conditions, especially with regard to increasing agricultural production and leasing land to large international investments. Thus the funds will be used to support part of the land tenure policy reform process. In addition, it is vital to include youth in the decentralization process to prevent disenfranchisement and reduce the potential for incidences of political violence such as those that occurred in Freetown in March of 2009. Support is needed to ensure integration takes place to the satisfaction of the people of Sierra Leone and that critical issues surrounding children and youth do not slip through the cracks. Professional orientation of traditional chiefdom government is needed as they are often constrained by poor organisation and lack trained personnel and technical expertise.

## ACTIVITIES

Specific projects flowing from Canada's contribution to the MDTF will be determined by the fund managers. Examples of project activities under the two programme themes selected are as follows:

### Support to Democratic Institutions:

- Support the SLBC's transition to a public broadcaster:
  - Train government functionaries and the civil society on what to expect of the new SLBC;
  - Establish a SLBC transition monitoring unit;
  - Hold national seminars for journalists on communicating development issues;
  - Train radio editorial and management personnel in Freetown, Bo and Makeni;
- Support the growth of the IMC
  - Establish a second satellite office in the northern district of Makeni.

### Local Governance and Decentralization:

- Support for local level child and youth issues:
  - Disseminate current information on child rights and highlight the situation of children to traditional leaders;
  - Sensitize communities on child rights issues;
  - Build the capacity of new local and traditional governments in collaboration with other UN Agencies and development partners in planning services for children and youth.
  - Support the start up of Child Welfare Departments in the Local Councils
  - Support the rollout of Direct Programme Support/HACT procedures in all Local Council
- Strengthen the chiefdom governance system to play a significant role in the new local governance structure:
  - Revise the chiefdom governance policy
  - Develop the Chiefdom Governance Act
  - Revise all laws associated with chiefdom governance
  - Revise the Local Government Act 2004
  - Support the roll-out of the new decentralization policy
  - Develop a database of chiefs and chiefdom governance
  - Support the development local economic development which is led by the local councils (in this case Kenema City and Kenema District councils)
  - Support to the local governments through capacity development of the Department for Local Government, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.
  - Support the inclusion of the local councils and chiefs in the formulation of the new Land Tenure Policy.

## EXPECTED IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES

### Support to Democratic Institutions:

- Increased sensitization of the role of the new Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation by Government functionaries, local councils, civil society and the Sierra Leonean population;
- Increased monitoring capacity of the IMC fostering independent and non-partisan media;
- Improved skills of journalists to cover development related news;
- Increased awareness of the media journalists, reporters and managers on ethical and legal norms;

### Local Governance and Decentralization:

- Increased capacity of the Local Councils and Traditional Chiefdom Governance to undertake their functions and manage resources
- Increased knowledge of the Child Rights Act for the Traditional Administration
- Increased knowledge leading to a revision of the current local Traditional Administrations' decentralization policies

## EXPECTED ULTIMATE OUTCOMES

### Support to Democratic Institutions:

- Increased constructive local political dialogue in the media to encourage peace and political tolerance;
- Efficient and peaceful transition to the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation;
- Effective use of the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation by all stakeholders.

**Local Governance and Decentralization:**

- Effective local governance under the leadership of the local councils and traditional chiefs
- Increased respect for children's rights in accordance with the Child Rights Act.
- Results for the survival, development and protection of children are achieved.
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**CAPACITY TO DELIVER PROJECT**

<i>Has your organization previously received funds from the Government of Canada?</i>			<b>Yes</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>No</b>	
<i>If yes, from which department?</i> CIDA	<i>When?</i> 2004	<i>If no, please briefly explain your engagement in the region or your specific expertise in the proposed activities.</i>				

**GPSF PROJECT  
SIERRA LEONE  
Year: 2011**

**Budget Amount - CIDA 200,000.00**  
**Programmable Amount after GMS ISS & Management Cost 174,000.00**

**Budget June-October 2011**

Key Activities	Planned Budget	
	Description	Total
Support the start up of Child Welfare Departments in the Local Councils	Institutional support, training, Consultant	100,000
Support the rollout of Direct Programme Support/HACT procedures in all Local Council	Training of members of 19 Local Councils each comprising 30 members	100,000
	<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Project Implementation Support</b>	4%	8,000
<b>ISS 2%</b>	2%	4,000
<b>GMS 7%</b>	7%	14,000
	<b>Total of Management Costs</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>174,000</b>