

## Sierra Leone MDTF

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<b>Project Number:</b> Joint Vision Programme Sixteen	<b>Programme Duration:</b> Ten months <b>Estimated Start-Up Date:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2012
<b>Project Title:</b> Solar-Powered Local Enterprise Development (LED) Platforms	<b>Programme Location:</b> Freetown Rural, Moyamba, and Bombali (to be confirmed)
<b>Project Description:</b> Support the establishment of solar-powered Local Enterprise Development (LED) platforms in at least three localities (councils and/or community institutions) as a contribution to local economic development and decentralization	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> [SL- MDTF]: <b>USD 272,520</b> <b>Government Input: 0</b> <b>Other: 0</b> <b>GRAND TOTAL: \$</b>
<b>Development Goal and Key Outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote SME development by supporting the establishment of SME information/communication/advisory centres at decentralized local government/community levels</li> <li>• Contribute to local economic development by providing access to global information on job opportunities, commodity prices, adaptable technologies and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills</li> <li>• Strengthen capacity of local councils to deliver on their mandate of service delivery</li> <li>• Enhance stakeholder participation through provision of audio-visual and ITC facilities that will facilitate community-level training; enable (electronic) storage and retrieval of policies, plans and other strategic documents</li> </ul>	
<b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LED platforms established and integrated into at least three local governance/community units (not currently receiving similar support from other development partners)</li> <li>• Renewable energy supply systems (e.g. solar) installed for each LED platform as reliable autonomous green energy units.</li> <li>• Local technicians trained to operate and maintain all installed equipment to ensure sustainability</li> </ul>	

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

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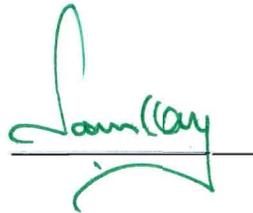
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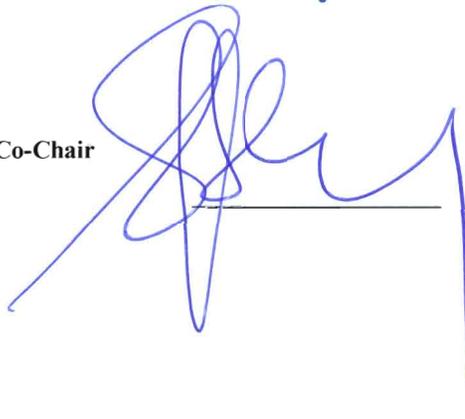
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## **Project Document**

### **Executive Summary:**

Participation of rural men and women in community-based development programmes that affect their livelihoods, such as access to adult education, market opportunities, communication networks and financial services through community-level and district-level support centres and farmer schools is limited in scope and depth. The objective is to provide scalable models for local enterprises/rural communities to enter into the local and national dialogue while building on the initiatives already underway as described in the joint vision supported by both the Government and development partners. The problem of lack of electronic records/data systems as well as limited documentation of interaction between local government bodies and local enterprises will be addressed.

In particular, the project will contribute to local economic development and decentralization by strengthening the capacity of local institutions to deliver on their mandate, especially coordination and delivery of services to MSMEs. The platforms will help facilitate access to global information on job opportunities, commodity prices, adaptable technologies and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills. It will also promote non-formal education and acquisition of life skills by youth community leaders, and entrepreneurs through multimedia campaigns/programmes on gender, HIV/AIDS, conflict management, as well as strengthen social cohesion and participation through positive entertainment activities, face-to-face and/virtual engagement and communication among various stakeholders.

### **Situation analysis:**

Within the framework of UNIDO's support to the establishment of Rural Industrial Growth Centres and SMEs in general, special focus will be placed on promoting linkages with local governance structures in order to promote participation in economic development and social dialogue.. UNIDO supported growth centres in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone are being increasingly recognised as scalable models that can foster local economic development, community engagement and participation.

Local District Councils have a perennial problem of power outages as they cannot afford the cost of fossil fuels to run generators.

In the search for viable alternatives, particularly renewables, Solar PV seems a technically and economically attractive option as articulated in the recently developed National Energy Policy and Strategy.

Many rural communities, especially women and youth, feel marginalized and de-linked from the rest of (urban) society and its decision-making processes. The Local Economic Development (LED) platforms will be a step towards improving access to information, facilitating business operations and promoting dialogue among various stakeholders.

### **Strategies including lessons learned and the proposed project**

UNIDO, UNDP and other agencies have agreed to collaborate and help build the capacity of local government institutions to function more effectively and efficiently as well as provide support services to local businesses. LED platforms will be established building on the approach used to establish BIC platforms in UNIDO-supported growth centres. Each local government/community entity will be provided with ICT and audiovisual equipment as well as a renewable energy source to power them.

## **Results framework**

### **Joint Vision framework and benchmark (Outcome)**

As part of the Joint Vision programme 18, which has now been merged with programme 16 focusing on local governance, this project will contribute to the UN Joint Visions's broader effort to equip rural areas with access to basic documentation and communication services including internet where possible that would:

- Give farmers basic information about markets, prices, weather conditions, etc.
- Give youth farmers access to a variety of programs including TV and educational programs plus entertainment channels for youth recreations.
- Assist local government institutions coordinate and deliver relevant services to MSME

In this way, the project would have contributed to local economic development by providing access to local/global information; built capacity for documentation and economic information management; promoted non-formal education and acquisition of life skills by youth and community leaders and strengthened social cohesion and participation through positive entertainment activities, face-to-face and/virtual engagement and communication among various stakeholders.

### **Deliverables (outputs)**

18.5.1 LED platforms established and integrated into local governance systems (district, ward or chiefdom). Target is to establish three (3) and make them fully functional

18.5.2 Each platforms provides access to audiovisual equipment/facilities, market and other technical information; business transaction/support services; non-formal education and positive entertainment services. Target is to service a total clientele of at least 7,000 per year for the three centres

18.5.4 Renewable energy supply systems (e.g. solar) installed for each LED platform as autonomous green energy units/business models.

### **Core activities:**

Facilitate and support the acquisition and operation ICT, audio-visual equipment and install Solar PV system to provide reliable power supply, train locals in assembly and maintenance of solar equipment/devices; assist local government specialists and advisors collect and manage business data/information with a view to improving their overall capacity for local socio-economic governance , .

### **Geographical coverage:**

The Local Enterprise Development (LED) platforms will be located in the premises of at least three localities (councils/institutions) to be selected on the basis of need and complementarities with support provided by Government and/or other development partners

### **Beneficiaries:**

The principal beneficiaries of the LED platforms are communities, including local councils, enterprises, vocational training centres and other institutions, located within commuting distance (approximately 5km radius) to each facility. Each platform can potentially be of service to at least 200 persons per month. This easily translates to over 7,000 clients per year for the three localities

## **Management and coordination arrangements**

UNIDO will be responsible for the procurement and transporting of commodities to the designated councils or institutions. The relevant local executive will work with UNIDO for a timely implementation of all required activities to ensure successful project completion. The Renewable Energy unit of UNIDO headquarters will provide technical advice on the procurement and installation of the solar PV system, and UNIDO's local service provider will assist with ICT related technical services

The Ministry of Trade and Industry, selected private enterprises and the District Councils will be the main counterparts and UNIDO will be responsible for the coordination of all activities of the programme.

## **Fund management arrangements**

UNIDO has signed the necessary MoU with the AA at the MDTFO to be a recipient of funds channelled through the SL-MDTF. Procurement/payment actions will be authorized by the project manager and approved by UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna. UNDP Country Office administers financial transactions for the local UNIDO office.

## **Monitoring, evaluation and reporting**

Project implementation, monitoring and reporting will be done by UNIDO on a continuous basis. The impact of this project will be assessed as part of the Joint Vision programmes 16 (+ 18) at least one calendar year after the end of the project if so determined by the UN Country Team

## **Legal Context or Basis of Relationship**

Signatory to the Joint Vision as the UN's contribution to the GoSL Agenda for Change.

## **Workplan and budget**

### ***Workplan***

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Month of operation</b>									
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Consultations with stakeholders/interested parties										
Recruitment of support staff										
Assessment & Procurement of equipment and furniture										
Installation and training										
Trial run of installed/assembled systems										
Monitoring visits										
Joint review meetings and documentation										
Certification and Commissioning										
End of Project Reporting										

***UNDG standard Budget***

Line #	Line Description	Amount
1	Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	150,000
2	Personnel (staff, consultants, travel and training)	60,000
3	Training of Counterparts	20,000
4	Contracts	0
5	Other Direct Costs (monitoring, documentation, events,etc.)	24,692
	Subtotal	254,692
6	Indirect Costs (project support costs)	17,828
7	<i>Total Received Funds (this project)</i>	<b>272,520</b>