



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PRESS RELEASE

PAYMENT OF END OF SERVICE BENEFITS, GRATUITIES AND PENSION ARREARS TO FORMER PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND POLITICAL APPOINTEES OF THE LAST ADMINISTRATION

The Ministry of Finance announces for the information of the general public that the sum of **Le33,415,057,270** has been disbursed for the payment of severance benefits, gratuities and arrears of pensions to former President, Vice President, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, and other Political Appointees of the previous Administration. The amount disbursed represents 50% of the total amount due as payment of severance benefits and gratuities while arrears due of the monthly pensions have been paid up to 31st May, 2019. Going forward, their monthly pensions from June 2019 will be paid by NASSIT.

The table below shows breakdown of payments by category and number of beneficiaries:

<u>SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF GRATUITIES AND ARREARS OF PENSIONS IFO FORMER PRESEIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, MINISTERS, DIPLOMATS AND CONTRACT GRATUITIES</u>				
NO	PAYMENT DESCRIPTION	ROLL	AMOUNT	AMOUNT (50%)
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1	Former President & Vice President	2	6,806,480,697.00	3,403,240,348.50
2	Former Ministers and Deputy Ministers	59	36,431,825,281.00	18,215,912,640.50
3	Ambassadors & Deputy Ambassadors, Information & Cultural Attaches	44	7,277,843,695.00	3,638,921,847.50
4	Heads of Agencies/Departments	38	5,721,130,549.00	2,860,565,274.50
5	Subvented Agencies End of Service Benefits	154	6,902,150,987.00	3,451,075,493.50
6	Contract Gratuities - Ex-Gratia	74	3,690,683,331.00	1,845,341,665.50
	TOTAL	371	66,830,114,540.00	33,415,057,270.00

The public would recall that in 2017, the IMF suspended its engagement with the then Administration due to low domestic revenue collection and slippages in the management of the finances of the State. Upon assumption of the leadership of the State, the new Administration prioritized and negotiated a new credible economic programme with the IMF and other development partners, which was approved in November 2018. The first review of the good economic track record and performance of Government was successfully completed on June 28, 2019, resulting to immediate disbursement of about US\$21.62 million. This immediate disbursement includes direct budget support of US\$13.9 million.

It is worthy for the general public to know that at the time the previous Administration prepared the 2018 Budget, they did not make provisions for the payments of end of service benefits to ex-President, Vice President, Ministers and Deputies, Diplomats and other political appointments. Therefore, these payments, which are part of the 2019 Budget of the new Administration, have been made possible as a result of the disbursement of the US\$13.9 million by IMF reflecting the good economic performance of the Sierra Leone Government.

The balance 50% of the amount due will be paid in due course.



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