

Letter to the President of Sierra Leone

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To His Excellency Julius Maada Bio

President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

State House, Freetown

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you in June 2026 as a citizen of a nation that is steadily climbing out of the long shadows of its past toward a future of renewed possibility. Sierra Leone is a vibrant, resilient land of approximately 9 million people, a nation blessed with rich mineral deposits and a coastline of breathtaking beauty. We are a country that has known the depth of sorrow and is now testing the strength of its democracy, standing as a testament to the fact that peace, once fragile, can be cultivated into something enduring.

Daily life here is a dance of necessity and hope. Most of our people are the quiet heroes of our economy—smallholder farmers working the lush interior, artisanal miners, and traders navigating the bustling markets of Freetown. For our youth, the

challenge is immense; they enter the workforce early, often before they are ready, driven by the sheer effort of securing a future in a competitive landscape. Education is a mandatory national mission under your "Free Quality School Education" agenda, yet our classrooms remain overcrowded, and the dream of higher education often feels like a distant shore. We lack a formal, state-wide nursery system; in our culture, the "nursery" is the family home, where the community and the elderly provide the stability that our formal institutions have not yet been able to build.

When a citizen falls ill, the reliance on family remains our primary safety net. While we have improved our primary healthcare centers, advanced medical infrastructure remains concentrated in Freetown, leaving the rural population to rely on traditional wisdom and local clinics. For our elderly, the struggle is poignant; national pension schemes cover only a fraction of the workforce, leaving most to rely on the dignity of their children's support, as no state-mandated cushion exists for the majority of our aging population.

Our entertainment is the pulse of our streets. We are a people of rhythm and story—the high-energy Gumbe music, the communal joy of local football matches, and the vibrant social networks that define our neighborhoods. We are not a people of silence; we are a people of loud, persistent hope.

Mr. President, we have traveled a long way from the darkness of our civil war. But to truly thrive, we must move beyond survival. We need an economy that transforms our diamonds and our land into classrooms and clinics for every district, not just the capital. We need a future where our children's education is not just a government program, but a tangible pathway to prosperity. Build for us a country that honors the resilience of the common Sierra Leonean.

With the hope of a patriot,

A Concerned Citizen of Sierra Leone

Sovereign Performance Audit: Sierra Leone (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

3.5

Generally stable; successful electoral processes despite regional tensions.

Economic Development

2.5

Dependent on mining and exports; struggling with high inflation and debt.

Social Infrastructure

2.0

Aggressive investment in education, but healthcare remains fundamentally under-resourced.

Public Trust

3.0

Mixed; high optimism for educational reform, tempered by economic hardship.

Final Verdict: 2.75 / The Long Road to Recovery.

Sierra Leone is making significant strides in institutional rebuilding, particularly in education. The primary hurdle for 2026 is economic stabilization. Without a strategy to curb inflation and create jobs for the massive youth population, the gains in education may fail to produce the expected social dividends.

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