

FAST FACTS

Support to the National Electoral Commission (SNEC)



Project Cluster
**Effective
and Inclusive
Democratic
Governance**

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**November 2016 -
December 2018**

Budget
US \$12,352,461.

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What we do

The SNEC project improves the capacity of Sierra Leone's National Electoral Commission (NEC) to administer technically sound, inclusive and sustainable electoral processes that are capable of garnering public trust and confidence.

How we do it

SNEC develops the institutional management capacity of the NEC to deliver key electoral processes, such as voter registration, information and results management. It also helps the NEC to expand electoral and democratic awareness and participation in Sierra Leone, with particular attention to the participation of women and persons living with disabilities.

Why we do it

Elections are an important demonstration of sovereignty. They enable peaceful transitions of national leadership, demonstrate capacity for good governance and strengthen public confidence.

Challenges

Conducting elections entails much more than simply holding polls. In preparation for the 2018 elections, the NEC has already concluded a full boundary delimitation exercise; implemented chiefdom de-amalgamation and administrative re-districting; and conducted a new, inclusive voter registration. The NEC is now preparing to conduct simultaneous Presidential, Parliamentary and local council elections in March 2018. Not only must these complex processes adhere to international standards, they must be conducted with limited capacity and resources. NEC Chairperson, Mohamed N'fah-Alie discusses some of these challenges in [this short video](#).

Sustainable Development Goals

UNDP policy is guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a universal call to action, addressing the root causes of poverty while affecting positive changes for both people and planet. SNEC outputs contribute directly to their achievement:

SDG 16.9: Establishment of the Register of Voters supported
SDG 16.5, 16.6: Results management process agreed and system developed

SDG 5.5, 10.2: NEC capacity to conduct inclusive elections increased

SDG 16.6: Conduct of 2018 elections supported

SDG 16.5: NEC planning and management capacity strengthened

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Achievements

New and inclusive voter register

With logistical and material support of UNDP, in March and April 2017, the NEC conducted a nationwide exercise to produce a completely new and inclusive voter register. This is an important way to ensure that all qualified voters are able to cast their ballots and to protect the integrity of the election.

Inclusive processes and institutions

The NEC has engaged persons with disabilities to consider the accessibility of the electoral process, institutions and players; and to provide suggestions for removing or mitigating barriers. This will inform plans, and enable the NEC to advocate the actions required of other national actors in a more thorough and systematic way.

Electoral results management

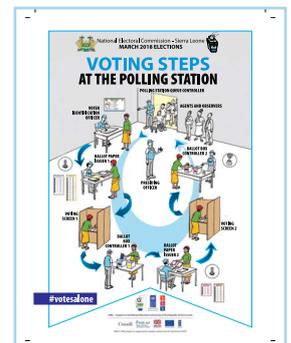
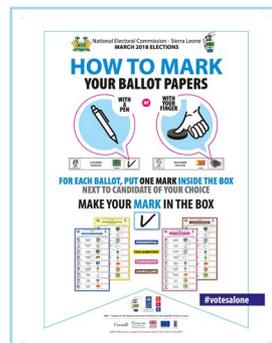
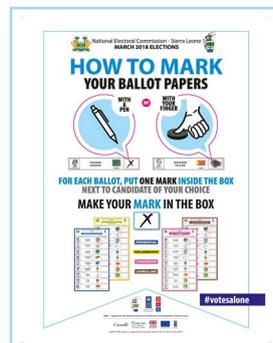
In the months leading up to the election, SNEC will be working with the NEC to design a system for managing the March 2018 electoral results process. The process of collating and certifying electoral results is both complex and critical, as it governs the translation of votes into elected offices. Ultimately, electoral results management determines whether an election is successful and its outcomes accepted.

National electoral capacity

Sierra Leone has made notable progress in consolidating peace and democracy since the end of its civil war. Since the Lomé Peace accord in 1999, Sierra Leone has been supported by the United Nations to conduct elections. In 2004, the UN supported a complete restructuring of the NEC and, in 2007 and 2012, the Commission administered two peaceful elections with consistently declining levels of international involvement. In 2018, the NEC will conduct elections with less international support than ever before.

Outreach

SNEC support enables the NEC conducts outreach to voters, encouraging participation of all eligible voters, including women, first-time voters and voters with disabilities.



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