



**AUDIT SERVICE SIERRA LEONE**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF  
PASSPORT AND OTHER TRAVELLING DOCUMENTS Tabled IN  
PARLIAMENT**

**Freetown, Sierra Leone – 2nd July, 2020:** The Auditor-General of Sierra Leone wishes to inform the public that the **Performance Audit Report on the Management of Passport and other Travelling Documents by the Sierra Leone Immigration Department** has been tabled in Parliament on Thursday 2nd July, 2020.

The Sierra Leone Immigration Department (SLID) is responsible for the printing and issuance of National Passports, Emergency Travel Certificates (ETCs), Non- Citizens Registration, and Seaman’s Service Books (Seaman’s Passport). It works in close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC) regarding the issuance of service and diplomatic passports.

Mismanagement of Sierra Leonean passports and other travelling documents have been issues of concern to many Sierra Leoneans since independence in April, 1961. Sierra Leoneans have accused their governments of poor immigration policies whereby Sierra Leonean passports have found their way into the hands of foreigners, especially people of non-African descent, in contravention of the Passport Act of 1965.

It is against this background that the Audit Service Sierra Leone (ASSL), based on its legal mandate as detailed in section 119 (2) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, undertook a performance audit on the Management of Passports and Other Travelling Documents by SLID.

The audit covered the period between January 2014 and May 2018 with the main objective of assessing whether passports and other travelling documents were effectively managed by SLID.

The full reports can be accessed at [www.auditservice.gov.sl](http://www.auditservice.gov.sl)

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