



AUDIT SERVICE SIERRA LEONE

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Freetown, Sierra Leone - 14th December, 2021 - The Acting Auditor-General of Sierra Leone wishes to inform the general public that the Auditor-General’s Report on the Audit of Sierra Leone Embassies and High Commissions in Africa for the period between January 2011 and December, 2020 has been tabled in Parliament on Tuesday 14th December, 2021.

Section 119(2) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone mandates the Auditor-General to audit the Public Accounts of Sierra Leone and all public offices including; the courts, the accounts of the central and local government administrations, the universities and public institutions of like nature, any statutory corporation, company or other body or organisation established by an Act of Parliament or statutory instrument or otherwise set up partly or wholly out of Public Funds.

Section 16(1) (d) of the Public Financial Management Act of 2016 states that the Auditor-General, in accordance with the Constitution of Sierra Leone and the Audit Service Act of 2014 may at any time review or examine any aspect of the operations of the entities referred to in paragraph (a) of the Public Financial Management Act of 2016.

Considering the above, and in compliance with the Auditor-General’s mandate, as detailed in Section 119 (2) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, the Audit Service Sierra Leone (ASSL) conducted the Audit of Sierra Leone Embassies and High Commissions in Africa for the period between January 2011 and December, 2020.

This Report contains findings and recommendations on the audit of nine of Sierra Leone’s diplomatic missions in Africa. These include Egypt, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal.

The embassy in Morocco, which was established in August, 2021 was not part of these audits. This was because funding is yet to be allocated to that mission.

The full report can be accessed at: www.auditservice.gov.sl

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