Sierra Leone Public Opinion Survey

December 16 - December 30, 2018
Detailed Methodology

- This survey was conducted by Pan African Field Services on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research.

- Data was collected throughout Sierra Leone between December 16 and 30, 2018 through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

- The sample consisted of n=1,519 adults in Sierra Leone, aged 18 and older.

- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the 191 PSUs, and respondents were selected by Kish grid. The sampling frame was based on the 2015 Population and Housing Census of the Statistical Office of Sierra Leone.

- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age groups, and formal versus no formal education.

- The response rate was 78 percent.

- The margin of error for the full sample does not exceed ± 1.95 percent.

- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

- The survey was funded by the United States Agency for International Development.
Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

- Male, n=794
- Female, n=725
- Freetown (Western Urban), n=224
- Urban, n=637
- Rural, n=882
- 18-35, n=1,030
- 36+, n=489
Generally speaking, would you say that Sierra Leone is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

![Bar chart showing the percentage of responses for different categories and time periods.]

- **Right direction**: 57% in Feb. 2018, 54% in Dec. 2018, 53% for Male, 54% for Female, 54% for Total, 54% for Freetown, 51% for Urban, 55% for Rural, 56% for 36+, and 50% for 18-35.
- **Wrong direction**: 43% in Feb. 2018, 46% in Dec. 2018, 47% for Male, 46% for Female, 46% for Total, 46% for Freetown, 49% for Urban, 45% for Rural, 44% for 36+, and 50% for 18-35.
- **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 0% in Feb. 2018, 0% in Dec. 2018, 0% for Male, 0% for Female, 0% for Total, 0% for Freetown, 0% for Urban, 0% for Rural, 0% for 36+, and 0% for 18-35.

Feb. 2018 vs Dec. 2018: Overall, there was a slight increase in the percentage of people thinking Sierra Leone is heading in the right direction.
Speaking personally, since the election in March 2018, has your overall quality of life...

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What would you say is the biggest problem facing Sierra Leone today, that is, the one that you yourself are most concerned about? (Spontaneous response, up to two answers)

*Economy includes mention of various economic issues, e.g. unemployment, high prices/cost of living, small business opportunities/access to loans

Only problems named by at least 5% of respondents are displayed.
What has the national government said to be its biggest priority? (Spontaneous response, up to two answers)

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How would you rate the performance of the current government?

![Bar Chart]

- Very good
- Somewhat good
- Somewhat bad
- Very bad
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Feb. 2018 Total:
- 17% Very good
- 37% Somewhat good
- 16% Somewhat bad
- 28% Very bad
- 2% Don't know/Refused to answer

Dec. 2018 Total:
- 17% Very good
- 45% Somewhat good
- 18% Somewhat bad
- 18% Very bad
- 2% Don't know/Refused to answer

Male:
- 15% Very good
- 46% Somewhat good
- 18% Somewhat bad
- 21% Very bad
- 1% Don't know/Refused to answer

Female:
- 19% Very good
- 45% Somewhat good
- 17% Somewhat bad
- 16% Very bad
- 3% Don't know/Refused to answer

Freetown:
- 6% Very good
- 42% Somewhat good
- 38% Somewhat bad
- 11% Very bad
- 3% Don't know/Refused to answer

Urban:
- 17% Very good
- 42% Somewhat good
- 22% Somewhat bad
- 16% Very bad
- 2% Don't know/Refused to answer

Rural:
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- 47% Somewhat good
- 15% Somewhat bad
- 20% Very bad
- 1% Don't know/Refused to answer

18-35:
- 17% Very good
- 46% Somewhat good
- 19% Somewhat bad
- 17% Very bad
- 2% Don't know/Refused to answer

36+:
- 17% Very good
- 45% Somewhat good
- 16% Somewhat bad
- 20% Very bad
- 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
How would you describe the current economic situation in Sierra Leone?

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- Somewhat good
- Somewhat bad
- Very bad
- Don’t know/Refused to answer
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

- **Providing education**: 49% Very good, 37% Somewhat good, 8% Somewhat bad, 6% Very bad, 6% Don't know/Refused
- **Maintaining security**: 25% Very good, 43% Somewhat good, 14% Somewhat bad, 14% Very bad, 5% Don't know/Refused
- **Fighting corruption**: 25% Very good, 43% Somewhat good, 15% Somewhat bad, 12% Very bad, 6% Don't know/Refused
- **Maintaining infrastructure**: 15% Very good, 40% Somewhat good, 25% Somewhat bad, 16% Very bad, 4% Don't know/Refused
- **Providing healthcare**: 17% Very good, 42% Somewhat good, 21% Somewhat bad, 16% Very bad, 3% Don't know/Refused
- **Communicating with the people**: 19% Very good, 36% Somewhat good, 22% Somewhat bad, 16% Very bad, 6% Don't know/Refused
- **Responding to natural disasters**: 14% Very good, 33% Somewhat good, 16% Somewhat bad, 12% Very bad, 25% Don't know/Refused
- **Responding to the needs of the people**: 12% Very good, 37% Somewhat good, 27% Somewhat bad, 19% Very bad, 5% Don't know/Refused
- **Creating jobs**: 10% Very good, 28% Somewhat good, 31% Somewhat bad, 25% Very bad, 5% Don't know/Refused
Which of the following issues should be the government’s first priority to address? (Multiple responses accepted)
How would you rate the free quality education for pre-primary, primary, junior and senior school for government and government assisted schools launched in August 2018?

![Bar chart showing the ratings](chart.png)
Post-Election Outlook
How satisfied were you with the 2018 elections process?

- **Total**: 63% Very satisfied, 18% Somewhat satisfied, 9% Somewhat dissatisfied, 9% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Male**: 62% Very satisfied, 17% Somewhat satisfied, 8% Somewhat dissatisfied, 11% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Female**: 64% Very satisfied, 19% Somewhat satisfied, 9% Somewhat dissatisfied, 7% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Freetown**: 33% Very satisfied, 33% Somewhat satisfied, 24% Somewhat dissatisfied, 8% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Urban**: 54% Very satisfied, 20% Somewhat satisfied, 14% Somewhat dissatisfied, 10% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Rural**: 68% Very satisfied, 17% Somewhat satisfied, 5% Somewhat dissatisfied, 8% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **18-35**: 63% Very satisfied, 18% Somewhat satisfied, 8% Somewhat dissatisfied, 10% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **36+**: 63% Very satisfied, 19% Somewhat satisfied, 9% Somewhat dissatisfied, 7% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
Did you vote in the March 7 presidential elections?

- Yes: 95%
- No: 5%
- <1%
For which party did you vote on March 7 in the presidential election? (Party Voters in Presidential Election)
Did you vote in the March 31, second round of the presidential election?

- Yes: 92%
- No: 7%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
For whom did you vote in the March 31 second round elections? (Candidate Voters in Second Round of Presidential Election)
Which of the following factors mattered to you when you decided whom to vote for in the March 2018 elections? (Candidate Voters in Second Round of Presidential Election, n=1,393) (Multiple responses accepted)

- Issues that candidate promised to address: 75%
- Party affiliation: 45%
- Performance in TV or radio debate: 33%
- Advertisements: 30%
- Recommendations of friends, family & leaders: 21%
- Ethnic group or religion: 20%
- Others: 12%
Leading up to the elections in February and in early March 2018, many presidential candidates participated in debates that were on TV, radio, and online. Did you watch or listen to such a debate? (‘‘Yes’’ responses displayed)
To what extent do you agree with the following statement: “The presidential debates helped me to understand the candidates’ positions”?

(Debate viewers/listeners)

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Leading up to the elections in February and in early March 2018, many district level candidates participated in debates that were featured on the radio. Did you listen to such debate? ("Yes" responses displayed)
Leading up to the elections, do you remember hearing messages on the radio encouraging you to vote? (“Yes” responses displayed)
Who sponsored the messages you heard?
(Among those who heard a message, n=1,037)
(Multiple responses accepted)
Did the messages you heard on the radio help you better understand the electoral process? (Among those who heard a message, n=1,037)

- Yes: 91%
- No: 8%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
Trust in Institutions
Please indicate your level of trust in the following institutions:

- **Military**: 77% Trust a great deal, 17% Somewhat trust, 3% Somewhat distrust, 2% Distrust a great deal
- **Media**: 51% Trust a great deal, 35% Somewhat trust, 7% Somewhat distrust, 4% Distrust a great deal
- **Human Rights Commission**: 46% Trust a great deal, 37% Somewhat trust, 7% Somewhat distrust, 5% Distrust a great deal
- **National Electoral Commission**: 45% Trust a great deal, 32% Somewhat trust, 10% Somewhat distrust, 11% Distrust a great deal
- **Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC)**: 37% Trust a great deal, 36% Somewhat trust, 11% Somewhat distrust, 11% Distrust a great deal
- **International Community**: 38% Trust a great deal, 39% Somewhat trust, 9% Somewhat distrust, 8% Distrust a great deal
- **Civil Society Organizations**: 38% Trust a great deal, 39% Somewhat trust, 10% Somewhat distrust, 6% Distrust a great deal
- **Parliament**: 38% Trust a great deal, 38% Somewhat trust, 11% Somewhat distrust, 10% Distrust a great deal
- **Judicial system**: 28% Trust a great deal, 42% Somewhat trust, 14% Somewhat distrust, 12% Distrust a great deal
- **Political parties**: 29% Trust a great deal, 42% Somewhat trust, 13% Somewhat distrust, 13% Distrust a great deal
- **Police**: 29% Trust a great deal, 32% Somewhat trust, 15% Somewhat distrust, 23% Distrust a great deal
Please indicate your level of trust in the following institutions:

Judicial System

Ages 36+
- Trust a great deal: 25%
- Somewhat trust: 44%
- Somewhat distrust: 15%
- Distrust a great deal: 11%
- Don’t Know/Refused to answer: 6%

Ages 18 - 35
- Trust a great deal: 30%
- Somewhat trust: 41%
- Somewhat distrust: 13%
- Distrust a great deal: 13%
- Don’t Know/Refused to answer: 3%

Rural
- Trust a great deal: 32%
- Somewhat trust: 40%
- Somewhat distrust: 13%
- Distrust a great deal: 11%
- Don’t Know/Refused to answer: 3%

Urban
- Trust a great deal: 22%
- Somewhat trust: 45%
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Freetown
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- Trust a great deal: 28%
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Male
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Dec. 2018 Total
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Legend:
- **Trust a great deal**
- **Somewhat trust**
- **Somewhat distrust**
- **Distrust a great deal**
- **Don’t Know/Refused to answer**
Please indicate your level of trust in the following institutions:

Military

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Legend:
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I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for the office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more or likely less to vote for the candidate.

- **Candidate is willing to engage with members of other parties**: 27% More, 14% Less, 54% Not Matter, 5% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate is 35 years old or younger**: 26% More, 11% Less, 55% Not Matter, 8% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate is from an opposition party**: 16% More, 23% Less, 54% Not Matter, 7% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate is from the party in power**: 21% More, 17% Less, 55% Not Matter, 7% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate has a different ethnic background from me**: 19% More, 11% Less, 66% Not Matter, 4% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate has a different religion from me**: 19% More, 11% Less, 64% Not Matter, 6% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate is female**: 27% More, 14% Less, 53% Not Matter, 6% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
- **Candidate has never held office before**: 19% More, 27% Less, 48% Not Matter, 7% Don’t Know/Refused to answer
I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it or both genders are equally likely to have it.

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Note: The percentages represent the distribution of responses.
Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities? (“Yes” answers displayed)

- Attend a political meeting
- Join a political party
- Support an informal or formal org. with political agenda
- Contact an elected official
- Post on social media about political issues
- Participate in a protest
- Run for political office
- Sign a petition
- Participate in a boycott

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Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years? ("Yes" answers displayed)
If there is a well-qualified woman running for office and she represents your preferred party, would you be willing to vote her?

[Bar chart showing the percentage of respondents willing to vote a woman candidate, broken down by gender, location, and age group.]
All qualifications equal, would you be willing to vote for a woman candidate against her male counterpart?

- **Yes, without reservations**
  - February 2018: 44%
  - December 2018: 47%
  - Male: 36%
  - Female: 57%
  - Freetown: 55%
  - Urban: 50%
  - Rural: 46%
  - Age 18-35: 50%
  - Age 36+: 44%

- **Yes with reservations**
  - February 2018: 22%
  - December 2018: 26%
  - Male: 29%
  - Female: 22%
  - Freetown: 29%
  - Urban: 23%
  - Rural: 27%
  - Age 18-35: 25%
  - Age 36+: 26%

- **No**
  - February 2018: 3%
  - December 2018: 2%
  - Male: 1%
  - Female: 18%
  - Freetown: 15%
  - Urban: 1%
  - Rural: 2%
  - Age 18-35: 15%
  - Age 36+: 2%

- **Don't know/Refused to answer**
  - February 2018: 2%
  - December 2018: 2%
  - Male: 2%
  - Female: 2%
  - Freetown: 2%
  - Urban: 2%
  - Rural: 2%
  - Age 18-35: 2%
  - Age 36+: 2%
Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country? (Multiple responses accepted)

- Women are afraid of violence if they run
- Women are discouraged from running by cultural norms
- Women lack support from the political parties they belong to
- Even when women run for office, they do not get elected
- Women lack the resources to mount a campaign
- Women lack the support network
- Women are preoccupied with child-rearing duties
- Women lack the confidence to run
- Women lack familial support
- Women lack political experience
- Any other attributes apart from the ones mentioned above?
In the past 7 days, have you used social media, for example WhatsApp or Facebook? (“Yes” answers displayed)
Do you own a smartphone, which is a mobile phone that allows you to access the internet and use social media such as WhatsApp and Facebook? ("Yes" answers displayed)
Demographics

Gender

- Male: 52%
- Female: 48%

Age

- Ages 18-35 years: 58%
- Ages 36+: 42%

Language Spoken at Home

- Krio: 32%
- Mende: 28%
- Temne: 23%
- Kono: 15%
- Other: 4%

Religion

- Muslim: 74%
- Christian: 26%
Demographics

Education

- No formal education: 55%
- Some education: 22%
- Completed secondary school: 15%
- Diploma/Training Institute/First Degree/Bachelor's Degree/Master’s Degree/PhD: 7%

Type of Settlement

- Urban: 61%
- Rural: 39%

Economic Situation

- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival: 31%
- I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things: 61%
- I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating at restaurants but not often: 2%
- I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating out and also support other members of my family who are not able to do these things: 3%