



Poverty Probability Index for Sierra Leone

Indicator		Value	Points	Score
1. How many members does the		A. Ten or more	0	
household have?		B. Seven, eight, or nine	9	
		C. Six	13	
		D. Five	16	
		E. Four	21	
		F. One, two, or three	28	
2. Are all household members a	ges 6 to 13	A. No	0	
in school now?		B. Yes, or no one aged 6 to 13	5	
3. What was the activity of the f	emale	A. No female head/spouse	0	
head/spouse in her main occupation in the past 12 months?		B. Agriculture, forestry, mining, or quarrying	3	
F		C. Other, or does not work	9	
4. How many rooms does the ho	usehold	A. One	0	
occupy (exclude bathroon		B. Two	4	
kitchen, pantry, hall, and		C. Three or more	7	
5. What is the main flooring ma		A. Earth/mud, stone/brick, or other	0	
		B. Wood, or cement/concrete	3	
6. What is the main	A. Stone/burnt bricks, or other		0	
construction material of		nud bricks, or wood	11	
the outside walls?		nt/sandcrete, or corrugated iron	14	
7. What type of toilet is used			0	
by the household?		t, common pit, or VIP	1	
•		e pit, common flush, or flush toilet	7	
8. What is the main source of lighting for the dwelling?		•	0	
6		B. Electricity (mains)	6	
9. What is the main fuel used by the		A. Wood, or other	0	
household for cooking?		B. Charcoal	4	
		C. Gas, kerosene, or electricity	6	
10. How many radios, radio cassettes,		A. None	0	
record players, or 3-in-1 radio		B. One	4	
cassettes do members of the household own?		C. Two or more	14	

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Total score





Category Likelihoods according to Sierra Leone PPI Score

	National Poverty Line		
PPI Score	Total Below the National Poverty Line	Total Above the National Poverty Line	
0-4	100.0%	0.0%	
5-9	100.0%	0.0%	
10-14	100.0%	0.0%	
15-19	97.3%	2.7%	
20-24	97.6%	2.4%	
25-29	98.6%	1.4%	
30-34	90.5%	9.5%	
35-39	85.2%	14.8%	
40-44	81.3%	18.7%	
45-49	74.1%	25.9%	
50-54	57.3%	42.7%	
55-59	45.0%	55.0%	
60-64	28.2%	71.8%	
65-69	21.3%	78.7%	
70-74	15.4%	84.6%	
75-79	10.5%	89.5%	
80-84	4.1%	95.9%	
85-89	0.0%	100.0%	
90-94	0.0%	100.0%	
95-100	0.0%	100.0%	

National Food Poverty Line		
Total Below the National Food Poverty Line	Total Above the National Food Poverty Line	
100.0%	0.0%	
100.0%	0.0%	
100.0%	0.0%	
47.3%	52.7%	
45.2%	54.8%	
48.0%	52.0%	
33.1%	66.9%	
35.1%	64.9%	
25.3%	74.7%	
16.9%	83.1%	
12.8%	87.2%	
5.8%	94.2%	
1.4%	98.6%	
1.5%	98.5%	
0.8%	99.2%	
0.0%	100.0%	
0.0%	100.0%	
0.0%	100.0%	
0.0%	100.0%	
0.0%	100.0%	

75% of the Nation	nal Poverty Line
Total Below the 75%	Total Above the
of the National Poverty Line	75% of the National Poverty Line
100.0%	0.0%
100.0%	0.0%
100.0%	0.0%
88.5%	11.5%
82.9%	17.1%
90.3%	9.7%
69.2%	30.8%
70.3%	29.7%
58.2%	41.8%
47.6%	52.4%
36.5%	63.5%
28.2%	71.8%
13.8%	86.2%
9.9%	90.1%
3.1%	96.9%
8.9%	91.1%
1.9%	98.1%
0.0%	100.0%
0.0%	100.0%
0.0%	100.0%

Source: Based on the 2003/4 HIS





Category Likelihoods according to Sierra Leone PPI Score

	150% of the National Poverty Line		
PPI Score	Total Below the 150% of the National Poverty Line	Total Above the 150% of the National Poverty Line	
0-4	100.0%	0.0%	
5-9	100.0%	0.0%	
10-14	100.0%	0.0%	
15-19	97.3%	2.7%	
20-24	99.4%	0.6%	
25-29	99.3%	0.7%	
30-34	98.9%	1.1%	
35-39	93.8%	6.2%	
40-44	96.0%	4.0%	
45-49	96.4%	3.6%	
50-54	89.0%	11.0%	
55-59	71.5%	28.5%	
60-64	70.7%	29.3%	
65-69	51.5%	48.5%	
70-74	50.6%	49.4%	
75-79	30.5%	69.5%	
80-84	36.1%	63.9%	
85-89	10.4%	89.6%	
90-94	18.3%	81.7%	
95-100	0.0%	100.0%	

USAID "Extreme" Poverty Line		
Total Below the USAID "Extreme" Poverty Line	Total Above the USAID "Extreme" Poverty Line	
100.0%	0.0%	
100.0%	0.0%	
100.0%	0.0%	
80.5%	19.5%	
61.6%	38.4%	
62.3%	37.7%	
45.1%	54.9%	
48.4%	51.6%	
36.8%	63.2%	
27.2%	72.8%	
17.7%	82.3%	
14.9%	85.1%	
7.5%	92.5%	
5.6%	94.4%	
2.6%	97.4%	
8.9%	91.1%	
1.9%	98.1%	
0.0%	100.0%	
0.0%	100.0%	
0.0%	100.0%	

Source: Based on the 2003/4 HIS





Category Likelihoods according to Sierra Leone PPI Score

	\$1.25/day 2005 PPP Line		
PPI Score	Total Below the \$1.25/day PPP Line	Total Above the \$1.25/day PPP Line	
0-4	100.0%	0.0%	
5-9	100.0%	0.0%	
10-14	100.0%	0.0%	
15-19	88.5%	11.5%	
20-24	85.8%	14.2%	
25-29	91.2%	8.8%	
30-34	74.4%	25.6%	
35-39	69.0%	31.0%	
40-44	62.4%	37.6%	
45-49	51.5%	48.5%	
50-54	36.9%	63.1%	
55-59	27.5%	72.5%	
60-64	13.8%	86.2%	
65-69	9.6%	90.4%	
70-74	3.1%	96.9%	
75-79	8.9%	91.1%	
80-84	1.9%	98.1%	
85-89	0.0%	100.0%	
90-94	0.0%	100.0%	
95-100	0.0%	100.0%	

\$2.50/Day/2005 PPP Poverty Line		
Total Below the	Total Above the	
\$2.50/Day/2005 PPP	\$2.50/Day/2005 PPP	
Line	Line	
100.0%	0.0%	
100.0%	0.0%	
100.0%	0.0%	
97.3%	2.7%	
99.4%	0.6%	
99.3%	0.7%	
98.9%	1.1%	
94.3%	5.7%	
96.2%	3.8%	
96.9%	3.1%	
88.2%	11.8%	
77.7%	22.3%	
80.8%	19.2%	
57.6%	42.4%	
43.4%	56.6%	
29.2%	70.8%	
19.7%	80.3%	
10.4%	89.6%	
16.1%	83.9%	
0.0%	100.0%	

Source: Based on the 2003/4 IHS