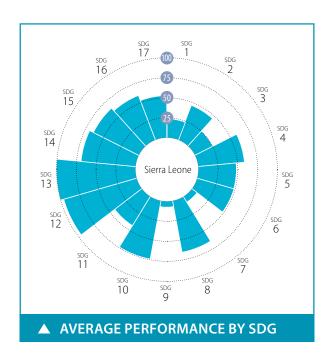# SIERRA LEONE

Sub-Saharan Africa

▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Index score

51.9

Regional average score

53.1

SDG Global rank 153 (OF 166)

▼ SPILLOVER INDEX

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

▲ AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG

Sierra Leone

▼ CURRENT ASSESSMENT – SDG DASHBOARD

1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
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15 LIFE ON LAND	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

■ Major challenges ■ Significant challenges ■ Challenges remain ■ SDG achieved ■ Information unavailable

▼ SDG TRENDS

SDG	Trend
1 NO POVERTY	→
2 ZERO HUNGER	↗
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	→
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	↗
5 GENDER EQUALITY	→
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	↗
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	→
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	↗
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	→
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	●
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	↓
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	●
13 CLIMATE ACTION	↑
14 LIFE BELOW WATER	→
15 LIFE ON LAND	↑
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	→
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	↑

↓ Decreasing → Stagnating ↗ Moderately improving ↑ On track or maintaining SDG achievement ● Information unavailable

Notes: The full title of Goal 2 "Zero Hunger" is "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture".
The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals

SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at $1.90/day (%)	37.9	2020	●	↗
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.20/day (%)	70.3	2020	●	→

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	25.6	2017	●	↓
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	37.9	2013	●	→
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	9.4	2013	●	↗
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	8.7	2016	●	↑
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.2	2017	●	↑
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	2.0	2017	●	↑
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (best 0–1.41 worst)	0.8	2015	●	→

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	1120	2017	●	→
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	32.8	2018	●	↗
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	105.1	2018	●	↗
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	298.0	2018	●	→
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	0.6	2018	●	↑
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	30.5	2016	●	→
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	324	2016	●	●
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	27.3	2013	●	●
Life expectancy at birth (years)	53.1	2016	●	→
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	112.8	2017	●	→
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	59.7	2013	●	●
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	80	2018	●	↗
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	39.0	2017	●	↗
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	3.4	2019	●	↓

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	98.1	2016	●	↑
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	51.0	2018	●	↗
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	66.6	2018	●	●

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	44.7	2017	●	→
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	63.6	2018	●	→
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	98.7	2019	●	↑
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	12.3	2020	●	↓

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	60.8	2017	●	→
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	15.7	2017	●	→
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	0.5	2005	●	●
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	0.0	2018	●	●
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	0.5	2013	●	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population with access to electricity (%)	23.4	2017	●	→
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	1.0	2016	●	→
CO$_2$ emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output (MtCO$_2$/TWh)	NA	NA	●	●

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-4.7	2018	●	●
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	5.0	2018	●	●
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	19.8	2017	●	→
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force)	4.4	2019	●	↑
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	0.0	2010	●	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using the internet (%)	9.0	2017	●	→
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	25.8	2017	●	↑
Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	1.8	2018	●	●
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best) *	0.0	2020	●	●
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.0	2018	●	→
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP) *	0.0	2017	●	●

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	36.9	2011	●	●

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (μg/m³)	21.6	2017	●	↓
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	37.8	2017	●	↓
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	28.4	2019	●	→

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	0.5	2004	●	●
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	0.5	2016	●	●
Production-based SO$_2$ emissions (kg/capita)	20.8	2012	●	●
SO$_2$ emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.5	2012	●	●
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	12.0	2010	●	●
Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.2	2010	●	●

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Energy-related CO$_2$ emissions (tCO$_2$/capita)	0.1	2017	●	↑
CO$_2$ emissions embodied in imports (tCO$_2$/capita)	0.0	2015	●	↑
CO$_2$ emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	0.0	2017	●	●

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	57.6	2018	●	↑
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	43.2	2019	●	→
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	2.5	2014	●	↑
Fish caught by trawling (%)	29.6	2014	●	↓
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	●	●

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	68.8	2018	●	↑
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	72.5	2018	●	↑
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.9	2019	●	↑
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	2.0	2018	●	●
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	●	●

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	1.7	2015	●	●
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	30.1	2018	●	↑
Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	49.3	2019	●	↓
Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	NA	NA	●	●
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	81.1	2018	●	●
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	33	2019	●	→
Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	37.4	2016	●	●
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population) *	0.0	2019	●	●
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	30.4	2019	●	↓

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	4.9	2016	●	↑
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA	●	●
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP) *	17.1	2018	●	↑
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst) *	0.0	2019	●	●

* Imputed data point