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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Public would recall that on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the Hon Minister of Finance in his presentation of the Budget and Statement of Economic and Financial Policies for the Financial Year 2020, announced Government commitment to improve on the welfare of teachers. The Minister stated that **"Following the improvement in the conditions of service of health care workers in 2019, teachers' salaries are increased by 30 percent, to support human capital development effective April 2020"**.

In fulfilment of this commitment, the Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the general public that the Government of Sierra Leone has on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 started making full payment of the 30 percent salary increase for 34,350 teachers. The increase which is about Le13.44 billion, will result to the monthly teacher payroll increase from Le42.95 billion in March 2020 to Le56.40 billion in April 2020. Therefore, the annual teacher wage bill for teachers, will now increase from Le474.16 billion in 2019 to Le636.62 billion 2020, including additional costs of new teachers brought on the payroll.

Despite the difficult economic environment as a result of the global pandemic outbreak of the CoVID19 pandemic, Government re-iterates its commitments to delivering quality services within available scarce resources.



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