



**STATISTICS SIERRA LEONE**  
(Stats SL)

*Credible Data for National Development*

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE MID-TERM POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS**

On 21st July 2020, HE the President Rtd. Brigadier Dr Julius Maada Bio proclaimed the Mid-Term Population and Housing Census to be conducted by Statistics Sierra Leone (Stats SL) with the enumeration to commence on December 4, 2020.

Stats SL has been making progress on many fronts in the preparations against the proclaimed date.

However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the planned support from external institutions, the following areas of our preparations have been affected:

- Movement of high level technical personnel (international consultants); and
- Procurement of digital materials required for the census.

The public is hereby informed that due to the above unavoidable circumstances, Stats SL is constrained to make adjustments to the timelines for critical activities, including the date of actual enumeration.

The new date is now **April 19, 2021**.

HE the President has consented to launch the Mid-Term Population and Housing Census **formally on December 4, 2020**.

Stats SL remains committed to making the Mid-Term Population and Housing Census a very inclusive and transparent process so that it can produce credible data for our national development.

Stats SL will be updating the public on all developments as we continue to serve the interest of the people of Sierra Leone.

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