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SIERRA LEONE RECORDS FURTHER INCREASE IN THE 2020 TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL'S CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX COUNTRY RANKINGS

Sierra Leone has again progressed **TWO (2) places upwards** in Transparency International's Global Corruption Ranking, moving from **119 in 2019 to 117 out of 180 countries** surveyed in the **2020 Transparency International Corruption Perception Index (TI-CPI)**. The country also maintains its score of **thirty-three (33)**, which is above the sub-Saharan average of **32**, and the **highest the country has ever recorded since the CPI rankings began**. In two years, Sierra Leone has moved twelve (12) places upwards on the CPI, from **129 in 2018 to 117 in 2020**. In 2017, Sierra Leone was ranked at **130**.

The 2020 CPI, released on Thursday, 28th January 2021, reveals that Sierra Leone continues to make remarkable progress in the World's most respected corruption watchdog's assessment and rankings and now **leads sixty-three (63) countries** in the global campaign against corruption, including **30 African countries**, among which are; Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Malawi, Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger and Kenya and at par with Egypt.

This year's Report reveals that "nearly half of countries have been stagnant on the Index for almost a decade, indicating stalled Government efforts to tackle the root causes of corruption". Nonetheless, Sierra Leone performed better than the Average Score in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The CPI is an annual survey used by TI, the leading global civil society watchdog on the global fight against corruption, to assess comparative perceived levels of public sector corruption in countries across the World.

In three years, Sierra Leone has consistently increased its score in the 'Control of Corruption' Indicator in the Millennium Challenge Corporation Scorecard, moving from **Forty-Nine percent (49%) in 2017**, to **Eighty-One percent (81%) in 2020**, making a **Thirty-Two percentage (32%) upwards** thereby, contributing to Sierra Leone's eligibility to the Multi-Million Dollars MCC Compact Grant. Similar exponential jumps have been recorded in other respected global corruption measurement institutions like Afrobarometer which confirmed that corruption prevalence has massively reduced from 70 in 2015 to a new low of 40% in 2020.

In light of the aforementioned, the Commission wishes to reassure all Sierra Leoneans of its relentless determination to ensure the country continues to perform favorably in National, Sub-regional, Regional, and Global anti-corruption governance indices. For further enquiries on this and other ACC matters, please contact **MORIS IBRAHIM KANTEH, Assistant Public Relations Officer** on +232-78-832131 or info@anticorruption.gov.sl.


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