



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

PRESS RELEASE

LEONE STARS AFCON21 PREPARATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

The Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the General Public that following Sierra Leone's qualification for the African Cup of Nations (AFCON21) in Cameroon, Government has approved a financing package covering the following:

- i. Monthly Training Allowances
- ii. Six (6) International Friendly Matches
- iii. Overseas Camping; and
- iv. AFCON 2021 Competition in Cameroon

The initial estimates presented to Cabinet by the Minister of Sports for the above mentioned activities stands at **Le48,945,595,861**. Of this amount, **Le1,044,000,000** is allocated for the payment of monthly training allowances to Players and members of the Technical Team and **Le17,229,429,038** towards the cost of six (6) international friendly matches.

The sum of **Le30,672,166,823** is also allocated to the main AFCON 21 event in Cameroon. This amount makes provision for Overseas Camping, Group Stage Matches, Round of 16, Quarter Final, Semi-final and Grand Final.

The Ministry of Finance further wishes to inform the General Public that as at Tuesday, 9th November 2021, Government has disbursed **Le12,028,509,101** to the National Sports Authority for two (2) sets of five (5) international friendly matches. Three (3) took place in Morocco costing **Le6,543,623,654** in October 2021 and two (2) matches are scheduled to take place between 12th -17th November 2021 in Turkey costing **Le5,484,885,447**.

The Ministry of Finance wishes to take the opportunity to wish the National Team, Leone Stars the best of luck and to assure the nation of Government's fullest commitment to supporting the development of sports in the country.

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