

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

CATHEDRAL HOUSE
3 GLOUCESTER STREET
FREETOWN
SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA

Ref: ACC/PR/21/034

14th December, 2021

PRESS RELEASE ACC WELCOMES THE RELEASE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF SIERRA LEONE'S REPORT, 2020

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) wishes to inform the general public that the tabling in Parliament and publication of the Auditor General's Report for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 2020 by the Audit Service Sierra Leone has been brought to its attention and that, as with the last two similar reports, it has commenced immediate examination of the same.

The ACC attaches utmost importance to the Auditor General's Reports. As such, in recent times, the Commission had provided, and will continue to provide, updates to the public through Serialized Media Releases on the many interventions and outcomes in regard the Audit Reports 2015-2019 which resulted in investigations, prosecutions, convictions, recovery of huge sums, prevention measures, and, in appropriate situations, exoneration and clearing of persons and institutions. More importantly, the Commission is also cognizant of the Constitutional role of Parliament regarding this issue and it shall be collaborating with them.

The ACC will work with Parliament and Audit Service Sierra Leone to ensure that each party performs its role to ensure that the various issues of concern are speedily and accordingly addressed without favour for anyone. The ACC is now examining the reports with a view to ascertaining violations of the Anti-Corruption Act 2008 as Amended in 2019, or needs for intervention by the ACC; and/or identify system weaknesses within the audited institutions for appropriate prevention measures or recommendation to address them.

The public is therefore advised to continue to exercise patience while the Commission does a summary and careful review of the Report and commence taking steps within the shortest possible time as may be expedient. The Commission shall continue updating the public on progress.

For further enquiries on this and other ACC matters, please contact the Public Relations Office, on +232-78-832131 or via email info@anticorruption.gov.sl.

MARGARET MINESA HEAD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OF PU