



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

PRESS RELEASE

LEONE STARS AFCON22 FINANCING PACKAGE

The Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the General Public that the Government has approved the sum of **Le48.3 billion** for the National Team, Leone Stars' preparation and participation in the African Cup of Nations (AFCON22) in Cameroon, covering mobilisation and other costs associated with the Group Stage of the tournament, to the Grand final (assuming the Team progresses to the Grand Final).

Of this amount, the Ministry of Finance has disbursed the sum of **Le27.4 billion** to the National Sports Authority (NSA) for pre-tournament Preparation and Mobilisation, Chartered flight, Allowances, Match Bonuses and facilitation for 70 supporters to Cameroon.

This amount also includes the payment of a Presidential Departure Allowance of **\$3,000** each to the 28 players, **\$3,000** for Head Coach, **\$2,500** for Assistant Coaches and **\$2,000** each to the rest of the Team Officials. Also, an amount of **\$81,000** was approved as backlog allowances and bonus to 27 players in respect of friendly matches held in Morocco. The bonus for the friendly match in Istanbul, Turkey had already been paid.

The Ministry of Finance also wishes to inform the General Public that Match appearance fees for players is **\$3,000** plus a bonus of **\$1,500** for draw and **\$4,500** for a win during the Group Stage.

The remaining amount of **Le20.8 billion** will be disbursed as the Team progresses from the Second Round to the Grand Final as follows:

- i. Round of 16 - **Le4.3 billion**
- ii. Quarter Final - **Le4.6 billion**
- iii. Semi-Final - **Le5.6 billion**
- iv. Grand Final - **Le6.2 billion**

Match appearance fees for the Round of 16, Quarter Final, Semi-Final and Grand Final is **\$4,000**, **\$5,000**, **\$8,000** and **\$10,000** respectively with a winning bonus of **\$4,500**.

The Ministry of Finance wishes to take this opportunity to wish the National Team, Leone Stars the best of luck in the African Cup of Nations AFCON2022.

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