



## PRESS STATEMENT

## COMMENCEMENT OF FIRST PHASE OF NATIONWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN SIERRA LEONE

## Freetown, Sierra Leone, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

The Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, under Section 33 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, (Act No.6 of 1991) and Section 24 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No.4 of 2012) has commenced the registration of voters in **1,815** Registration Centers across the Country from 3<sup>rd</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

There are reported issues with the opening process in some Voter Registration Centers. However, the Commission is working towards addressing the issues.

The Commission encourages all to exercise patience and restraint as it strives to make the Voter Registration exercise credible, accurate and transparent. Furthermore, citizens are encouraged to present themselves for registration at Registration Centers where they intend to vote in the 2023 elections.

The Commission will continue to update the public as events unfold in the Voter Registration process.

The ECSL should be contacted on toll-free line **838** from the following mobile networks Africell and Q-Cell.

Registrants are reminded that centers currently closed that are near their places of residence will be opened from 20<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Therefore, registrants should not bother to go to centers that are not close to their places of residence.