

 Early Warning System

WB-P518498

Sierra Leone Electricity Utility Recovery and Energy Access Project
Phase 1



Quick Facts

Countries	Sierra Leone
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-12-18
Borrower	The Republic of Sierra Leone
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 50.00 million
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Project Cost (USD)	\$ 53.00 million



Project Description

According to bank's website, the proposed project is the first phase of a US\$100 million Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) designed to support the transformation of Sierra Leone's energy sector. As a US\$50 million Investment Project Financing project, Phase 1 aims to improve the operational and financial performance of electricity distribution services, establish a functional regulatory framework, and expand access to energy services. The project responds to a structurally constrained electricity sector characterised by low utility capacity, weak governance systems, high distribution losses, weak cost recovery, and continued fiscal pressure. It therefore focuses on utility recovery through support to a new private sector concessionaire, targeted distribution and metering investments, early access and clean energy interventions, and technical assistance for regulatory reform and private investment preparation. The project also sets the critical foundations stage, creating the conditions for Phase 2 to scale access nationally and mobilise private clean energy investment.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental and Social Risk: S



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- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US\$ 53.00 million

Commitment Amount: US\$ 53.00 million

IBRD + IDA Commitment: US\$ 50.00 million (grant)



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Bank Documents

- [Concept Project Information Document - PID \(English\)](#)
- [Initial Environmental and Social Review Summary - ESRS \(English\)](#)