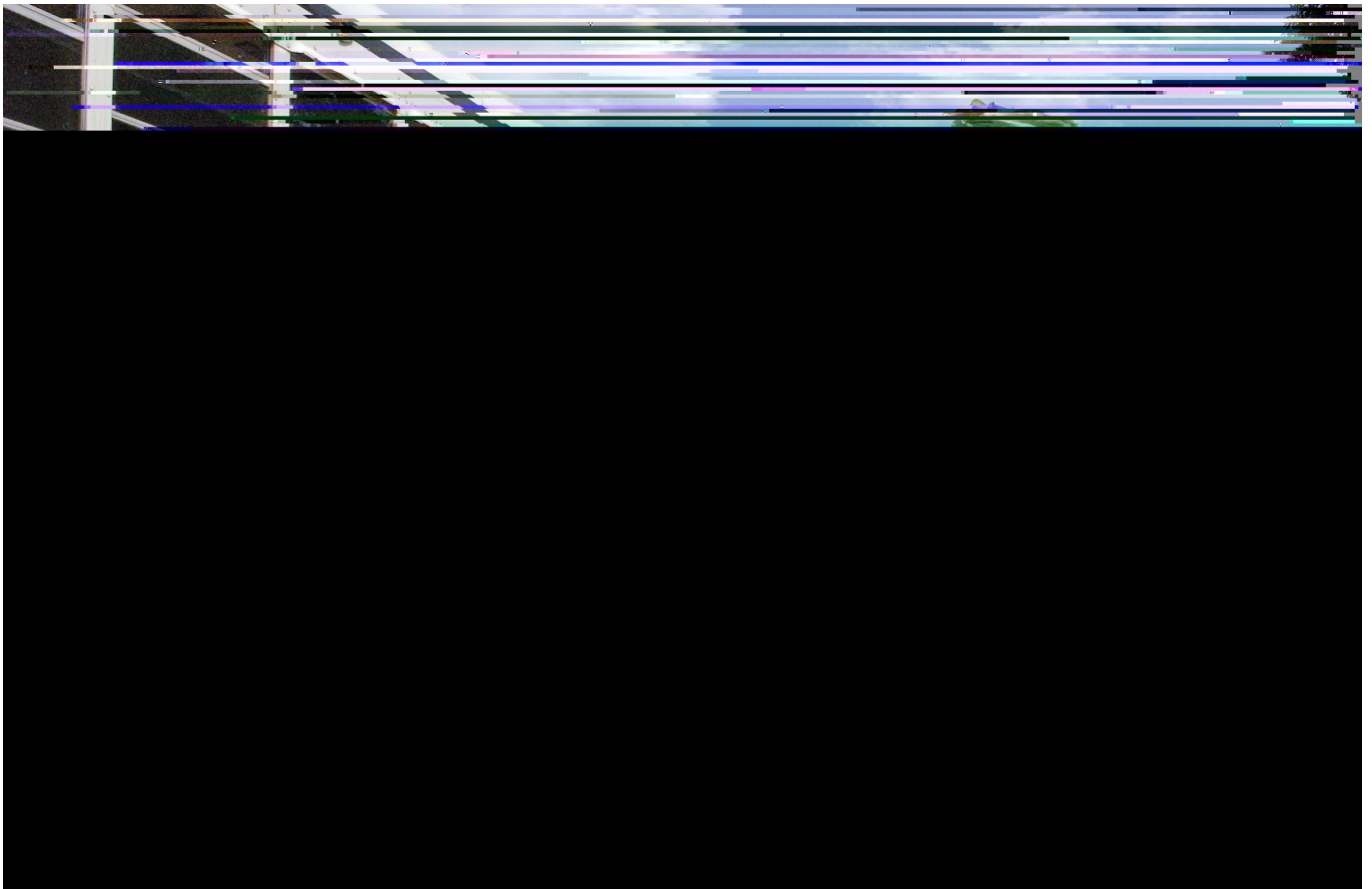


THE PBF IN SIERRA LEONE



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Peacebuilding Challenges

The April 2018 election in Sierra Leone resulted in a peaceful transfer of power from former President Ernest Bai Koroma to opposition leader, Julius Maada Bio, former military Head of State. The elections are an important sign of progress since the end of the civil war in January 2002, which devastated most of the country's infrastructure, killed more than 50,000 Sierra Leoneans, and drove over two million refugees into neighboring countries.

The new government, which committed to promote national unity, cohesion and disciplined leadership, faces the challenging task of rebuilding the impoverished West African nation's economy which has been dragged down by the world's deadliest Ebola epidemic and a global slump in commodity prices. Other challenges remain, including tackling corruption, proper natural resource management, access to basic social services, youth unemployment, implementing decentralized governance with a focus on border regions.

PBF INVESTMENTS IN SIERRA LEONE:

TOTAL ALLOCATION:

\$ **57.3** MILLION
invested since 2007

CURRENT PORTFOLIO:

\$ **5.8** MILLION

FOCUSING ON:

Peaceful dialogue

PARTNERS:

UNDPA, OHCHR, UNDP, UNESCO, UNWOMEN, UNDP, IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS

PBF Interventions

Since 2007, the PBF has invested over USD \$57 million in Sierra Leone. Through a series of Security Council-mandated missions and working closely with the UN Country Team (UNCT), the PBF supported a wide range of peacebuilding projects.

Between 2013 and 2015, PBF and its partners designed a series of projects to ensure a smooth transition from the UN

to the UN Country Team, which took place in March 2014. The PBF also supported the launch of the Government's Agenda for Prosperity (AfP) for social and economic development for 2013-18. At the peak of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) epidemic, PBSO reprogrammed its PBF projects to help respond to the peacebuilding dimensions of the epidemic.