PILLAR III: DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

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- *POPULATION CENSUS in 2015* Release of provisional and final census results as well as detailed report in 2016

- Conduct the post enumeration census in 2016

- Conduct the Time Use Survey in 2017 to capture the main activities on which citizens spend their time on a 24-hour scale.

Household Survey Programme and Demographic/Vital Statistics

(a) Demographic Statistics

- Compile the regular fertility, mortality, and lifetables analysis done using the 2015 population census data; also estimates of the crude mortality rate, age specific mortality rate, infant mortality rate (IMR), child mortality rate (CMR), under five mortality rate (UFMR), and adult mortality rate from 2016-2017.

- Compile data on marriage and divorce and other demographic indicators on a quarterly basis starting 2016

- Updating of Sierra Leone life tables (Life expectations and survival rates)

(b) Health

SSL, in collaboration with development partners and NSS stakeholders, will carry out the following:

- Conduct Behavioural Surveillance Survey (BSS) on HIV/AIDS in 2016 and 2019.

- Conduct Demographic and Health Survey and issue report (DHS) in 2018

- Conduct the Multi-Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS-5) in 2016 to capture the status of children and women in the country; the last MICS was conducted in 2010

- Conduct gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy surveys in 2017

- Train service providers in births and deaths registration and associated data collection.

- Produce a new joint annual publication on health statistics to be published starting 2016

(c) Education

Many concerns have been raised to improve on the availability of teaching and learning materials, teacher motivation and enrolment opportunities throughout the country. Key issues now focus mainly on the outputs of educational inputs. The main objective of this NSDS is to ensure continuity in the recent upgraded capacity of the Statistics Unit within the Ministry of Education and to collect and analysis key education indicators collected even from the function devolved to Local Councils.

The activities planned for this sector will be:

- Annual data collection and publication by the Ministry from all institutions (Pre-School, Primary, JSS, SSS, Tertiary and Tech Voc) nationwide from 2016.

- Conduct School Census in 2017

- Literacy and qualification statistics to be collected via the MICS and DHS results

- Annual completion of the UNESCO questionnaires on Educational Attainment and Literacy Statistics by sex for both urban and rural areas.

NSS will work directly with the Universities to:

- Compile data on enrolment, sex ratio and completion rate of students

- NSS will also liaise and work with Professional Educational Assessment Institutions (WAEC, NCTVA etc.) relating to examination statistics on entries and performance of candidates by age and sex and also by region, district, and chiefdom.

(d) Social Welfare, Gender and Children

- Collect and analysis data on child vulnerability, child protection and Justice starting 2016; data will be collected on: street children, children sexually abused including other forms of child exploitation, teenage pregnancy, EVD survivals and orphans; disaggregated by gender, age, district, and region. Some of this data might perhaps be collected via the household survey programme of NSS. A perception survey will be conducted in 2017 to assess the knowledge, attitude and practice (KAP) of Sierra Leoneans towards the 3 Gender Laws and the Child Right Act

(e) Criminal Justice and other Social Statistics

SSL will work with the Ministries to have a Statistician deployed at the Ministry Justice to collect data on justice related issues and cover the police, the courts, prisons, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and National Fire Force. In particular the new unit will aim to:

- Compile statistics on status of cases in courts starting 2016

- Compile and analyze crime statistics produced on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis by the Sierra Leone Police.

- Compilation statistics on police operations, complaints and 'cell' in-mates across the country

- Continue the occasional series of "service delivery perception surveys" for the image of the policy and prisons forces