

Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund

FINAL REPORT

SIERRA LEONE

(Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms (SleNCSA))

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1. Project activities and outcomes

a Describe the project outcomes.

The project has the undermentioned outcomes:

Increased knowledge and strengthen awareness of 150 security personnel for effective implementation of the provisions of the ATT in their areas of deployment across the country.

Reading materials on the ATT distributed to trained security personnel are utilized as important reference materials.

b Describe how the project has assisted your implementation of the ATT.

The project has in diverse ways contributed tremendously to AAT implementation. The implementation and advancement of the ATT had supported state operations as prescribed in Article 3 on Ammunition/ Munitions which makes it mandatory for Sierra Leone as a State Party to reiterate the significance of maintaining a national control system that regulates the import of ammunition/munitions, or conventional arms covered under Article 2 (1).

Popularizing the Commission's mandate and the ATT standards at the higher level had increased the knowledge base of the people to have confidence in the Commission and be able to partner, collaborate and participate with the Commission in enhancing peace and security through compliance with standard procedures on arms possession and use.

Increased knowledge on the ATT has heightened communication flow among the Commission, other security agencies and the wider community. The illegal proliferation of conventional weapons, in this case, Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), is being reported, which is proving good for state and community security.

The implementation of this project came at the right time. Already, the amendment of the relevant Acts of the Commission, which incorporates key components of the ATT, is at its concluding stages.

More importantly, the implementation of the ATT had improved Sierra Leone's international and local cooperation with security agents consistent with their respective interests and respect for national laws. This also includes exchanging information on matters of mutual interest regarding the implementation and application of this Treaty pursuant to national respective security interests, maintain mutual assistance in investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings in relation to

violations of national measures established pursuant to Article 15 and prevent and eradicate diversion of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1).v

c List all States that benefitted from the project.

Sierra Leone

d Were all the project activities as specified in the Project Schedule (see Annex G) completed?

Yes No

If no, explain why and describe any problems, constraints and difficulties experienced in implementing the project.

Project progress must be indicated against the Project Schedule (see Attachment 1). Please indicate the Status of all activities highlighted in YELLOW in the Project Schedule. Please also include comments where you think appropriate (e.g. to explain why certain activities have not been completed on time).

What recommendations would you make in this regard?

None

e How would you rate the *relevance* of the project (was the project suited to existing priorities and policies of the benefitting State(s))?

Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Moderately relevant	Relevant	Very relevant
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain your answer:

The project has generally enhanced Sierra Leone's implementation of the ATT. The knowledge gained by the participants of the training does not only build their capacities to effectively implement the ATT in their areas of deployment, but is also being cascaded to their colleagues who did not attend the training, as we are getting reports with evidences on tracing, reporting and monitoring of conventional weapons at the main border crossing points. The country is working in accordance with Article 5 of the ATT which deals with 'General Implementation'.

f How would you rate the *effectiveness* of the project (to what extent has the project attained its stated objectives)?

Not effective at all	Not very effective	Moderately effective	Effective	Very effective
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain your answer:

To a great extent, the effectiveness of the project is gradually and systematically being realized. This is justifiable by the increased level of collaboration and coordination that security personnel and the community enjoy as they carry out their respective responsibilities in their various duty stations. This is evident on the ground as more arms and ammunition are being impounded and

reported. More importantly, knowledge on Article 2(1) that deals with the categories of conventional arms, including locally manufactured arms, is being applied.

g How would you rate the *efficiency* of the project (to what extent were the project results attained on time and within budget)?

Not efficient at all	Not very efficient	Moderately efficient	Efficient	Very efficient
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Explain your answer:

The efficiency of the project, especially in the area of time frame, delivery and adherence was highly challenged mainly by the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with other internal mitigating issues. That notwithstanding, we are getting positive feedbacks from the various border areas regarding the effective work being carried out. There has been increased level of transparency and evidence of nationalism which can be seen from report updates during security meetings held at regional and district levels and from media reports.

h Please describe the impact of the project (i.e. the positive or negative changes or effects that the project results have on the surrounding circumstances).

Realistically, it is too early to report on the impact of the project as it has just been completed. The Commission has conducted an evaluation meeting where 30 participants who earlier benefited from the training across the 5 regions were assembled, that is, 5 participants represented each of the institutions. They are the Police, Military, Customs, Office of National Security (ONS), Immigration and the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Reports coming from the various regions and from the just concluded evaluation reveal that within this short period, we can identify or mention some positive changes. As mentioned earlier, there has been improvement in synergy of institutions and reporting. Knowledge about various types of conventional arms has improved even though Sierra Leone is neither an exporter, nor a regular importer of arms.

One concern to be expressed is on the aspect of disbursing the final tranche of project funds after the project has been fully implemented and the final report submitted to the ATT Secretariat. It is challenging to secure funds to implement the other aspects of the project? This means the grantee has to prefinance those activities in order to complete the implementation of the project. In cases where the grantee does not have funds to prefinance implementation, the project would not be completed, or there would be delays in project implementation.

i How would you rate the *sustainability* of the project (to what extent can the project benefits continue after the project has finished)?

Not sustainable at all	Not very sustainable	Moderately sustainable	Sustainable	Very sustainable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain your answer:

The project would be sustainable in the sense that the trained personnel would continue to apply the knowledge gained during the training in their various areas of deployment. Moreover, they would continue to share both the knowledge gained and the training materials received with their colleagues for effective performance.

Already, there are in existence border security committees functioning at the main official and recognized border crossing points. The Commission is working out modalities to provide logistical support to these committees with funds from one of our projects, the Organized Crime: West African Response to Trafficking (OCWAR-T) Project, co-funded by the EU and GFFO, coordinated by GIZ and implemented by UNDP in collaboration with the Commission. This synergy would enhance sustainability of project activities and effective performance as some of the members of the border security committees attended the ATT capacity building training.

j How will the Project outcomes be further used or applied in the future? Are there plans for the activities to be continued or for the experience gained to be shared?

As already mentioned above, the project outcomes would continue to impact the work of the trained personnel as they would continue to apply the knowledge gained during the training in their various areas of deployment. Moreover, they would continue to share both the knowledge gained and the training materials received with their colleagues for effective performance.

The Commission's work is also positively enhanced as there is improved collaboration with our partners within the national security architecture.

2. Final expenditure report

[Please complete the Worksheet titled 'input' in the VTF Expenditure Template – Final Report \(Sierra Leone\) in Attachment 2.](#)

3. Certification

Please complete a separate certification for each consultant engaged to undertake the project activities that have been implemented.

For the purposes of this certification:

Grantee means Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms (SLeNCSA)

Consultant means [Insert name of Consultant]

I [Insert name of authorised person making the declaration] being a person duly authorised by the Grantee hereby certify that:

1. The Consultant was engaged by the Grantee on or after the date the Grant Agreement was executed to deliver services to the Project.
2. The service provided by the Consultant to the Grantee has been completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
3. The amount paid by the Grantee to the Consultant for the provision of services to help implement the Grant project to date is [Insert total \$ funding amount in United States dollars]
4. I have attached the tax invoice provided to the Grantee by the Consultant for the provision of services for the Grant project to date.
5. I have attached a receipt from the Consultant confirming that the amount referred to in 3 above has been paid in full by the Grantee.
6. All the information I have provided to the ATT Secretariat (including the contents of this declaration) is complete, true and correct.
7. I am aware of the Grantee's obligations under their Grant Agreement, including the need to keep the ATT Secretariat informed of any circumstances that may impact on the objectives, completion and/or outcomes of the agreed project.
8. I am aware that the Grant Agreement empowers the ATT Secretariat to terminate the Grant Agreement and to request repayment of funds paid to the Grantee where the Grantee is in breach of the Grant Agreement.

SignedDate

[Position/ title]

Please submit this report and signed declaration to ATT Secretariat along with;

- A copy of the tax invoice issued to you by the Consultant for the provision of services
- Proof the Consultant was paid. This could be a receipt issued to you by the Consultant or a bank statement.

RECONCILIATION
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2020

Description	Total budget USD	Actual spend (Final Report) USD	Actual spend (Total) USD	Balance of budget available USD	Balance of funds received USD	% of over- or under- spend
Vehicle hire within Freetown (1 vehicle 1 workshop x 2 days)	200	197	197	3	53270	98.5%
Vehicle hire for the regions (1 vehicle x 4 workshops x 3 days)	1800	1787	1787	13	51483	99.3%
DSA to SLeNCSA and ONS Staff for trips to the regions (5 persons x 4 trips x 3 nights)	10200	10201	10201	-1	41282	100.0%
DSA to participants in the regions (30 participants x 4 workshops x 3 days)	18000	18002	18002	-2	23280	100.0%
Transport allowance to participants in the regions (30 persons x 4 workshops)	1800	1798	1798	2	21482	99.9%
Fuel for vehicle for 2-way movement to and from the regions (200 litres x 4 trips)	800	788	788	12	20694	98.5%
Fuel for vehicle for town runs in the regions (15 litres x 4 days)	60	59	59	1	20635	98.5%
Fuel for vehicle for Freetown runs (20 litres x 2 days)	40	39	39	1	20596	98.5%
Facilitation fee for ONS in the regions	400	400	400	0	20196	100.0%
Equipment costs						
Public Address System and projector	1500	0	0	1500	20196	0.0%
Operating costs						
Venue and catering (5 workshops x 2 days)	15900	16121	16121	-221	4075	101.4%
Printing of Sierra Leone ATT Assessment Report (30 copies x 5 workshops)	900	1035	1035	-135	3040	115.0%
Printing of SLeNCSA Act (30 copies x 5 workshops)	150	173	173	-23	2868	115.0%
Printing of Arms and Ammunition Act (30 copies x 5 workshops)	150	173	173	-23	2695	115.0%
Folder files for participants	150	150	150	0	2545	100.0%
Note pads for participants	150	150	150	0	2395	100.0%
Ball point pens for participants (box of 50)	15	15	15	0	2380	100.0%
Evaluation costs						
Vehicle hire for the region (1 vehicle x 1 meeting x 3 days)	450	443	443	7	1937	98.5%
DSA to SLeNCSA and ONS staff for trip to Bo (5 persons x 1 trip x 2 nights)	1700	1700	1700	0	236	100.0%
DSA to participants from the regions (30 participants x 1 meeting x 1 day)	1500	1500	1500	0	-1264	100.0%
Transport to participants from the regions (30 participants x 1 meeting x 1 day)	450	449	449	1	-1713	99.8%
Fuel for vehicle for 2-way movement to and from the regions (200 litres x 1 trip)	200	197	197	3	-1910	98.5%
Vehicle hire (1 vehicle x 1 meeting x 3 days)	450	0	0	450	-1910	0.0%
Venue and catering (1 workshop x 1 day)	1590	1577	1577	14	-3487	99.2%
Public Address System	150	0	0	150	-3487	0.0%
Folder files for participants	40	40	40	0	-3527	100.0%
Note pads for participants	40	40	40	0	-3567	100.0%
Ball point pens for participants (box of 50)	2	2	2	0	-3569	100.0%
Total Direct Costs	58787	57036	57036			97.0%
Total Indirect Support Costs - 7%	4115	3992	3992			97.0%
Total	62902	61028	61028			97.0%

Amount of 1st installment	53467
Amount of 2nd installment	0
Amount of 3rd installment	7561
Balance owing to VTF	

Bimreh Koudeh Conteh
Commissioner



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