

## SIERRA LEONE PASSES MCC SCORECARD FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A ROW



The U.S Ambassador, Maria Brewer presenting the FY2021 Scorecard to President Bio

Sierra Leone continues its impressive performance on the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Scorecard after it sustains consecutive passes between 2019 and 2020. This is the first time in the history of Sierra Leone's engagement with the MCC process that it has had back to back passing scorecards. In 2019, Sierra Leone passed the FY2020 Scorecard with 11 indicators. In this year's FY2021 Scorecard, Sierra Leone secured an additional two indicators: immunization rates and inflation. 13 passed indicators is the highest Sierra Leone has ever scored on the MCC Scorecard.

This remarkable achievement puts Sierra Leone as the best performer amongst the Mano River Union Countries.

In the case of Control of Corruption (COC), Sierra Leone has not only passed this indicator for the past three years; it has also improved each year. Sierra Leone has moved from not passing the COC indicator in 2017 with a score of 49%, to improving to 71% in 2018 and now 81% on this year's scorecard. Sierra Leone is amongst the top 10 performers on COC in its income category.

In the area of education, Sierra Leone has made great progress on primary education expenditure from spending less than 1% in 2017 to increasing expenditure to 2.99% of GDP on this year's scorecard, this is more than a 200% increase. These funds have been used to implement Government's Free and Quality Education Initiative that is supporting over 2.5 million children to have a brighter future.

Sierra Leone has also moved from scoring around 80-84% on immunization rates over the last five years to 94% immunization rates this year for measles and DPT 3 (Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus).

Reacting to this great news, the Vice President of Sierra Leone who is also Chairman of the MCCU Board, Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh described the country's achievement on this year's MCC Scorecard as a testament to the commitment of the Government of H.E the President, Dr. Julius Maada Bio to not only strengthening the partnership with the MCC and the US Government more broadly, but to demonstrating the tangible progress that this Government has made to improve good governance and the investment climate.