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CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX (CPI) 2016

SIERRA LEONE RANKS 119 OUT OF 177 COUNTRIES AND SCORES 31 OUT OF 100

Today 25th January, 2017 Transparency International Sierra Leone joins her counterparts in the Transparency International Global Anti-Corruption Movement to launch the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2016.

In this year's CPI, Sierra Leone ranks **119** out of **177** countries and scores 30.

The CPI 2016 was compiled using 14 Sources of Data from the following institutions:

- 1. African Development Bank Governance Ratings 2015**
- 2. Bertelsmann Foundation Sustainable Governance Indicators 2016**
- 3. Bertelsmann Foundation Transformation Index 2016**
- 4. Economist Intelligence Unit Country Risk Ratings 2016**
- 5. Freedom House Nations in Transit 2016**
- 6. Global Insight Country Risk Ratings 2015**
- 7. IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2016**
- 8. Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Asian Intelligence 2016**
- 9. Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide 2016**
- 10. World Bank - Country Policy and Institutional Assessment 2015**
- 11. World Economic Forum Executive Opinion Survey (EOS) 2016**
- 12. World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2016**
- 13. Varieties of Democracy (VDEM) Project 2016**
- 14. Transparency International Bribe Payers Survey 2015**

The sources of data used for the rank and score for Sierra Leone were mainly derived from Nine (9) sources as follows:

- 1. African Development Bank Governance Ratings 2015**
- 2. Bertelsmann Foundation Transformation Index 2016**
- 3. Economist Intelligence Unit Country Risk Ratings 2016**
- 4. Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide 2016**
- 5. World Bank - Country Policy and Institutional Assessment 2015**
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The CPI 2016 Result as highlighted above shows that Sierra Leone made a slight progress in its scores of 30 as compared to its score of 29 in 2015 CPI.

However, it seems the country has been almost stagnant over the past four years in both its rank and score, which is not a good sign in the fight against corruption. It is expected that a country should be making significant progress towards the 100% margin which indicates lesser corruption. Being in a stagnant position indicates that corruption is still prevalent in the country, unfortunately, corruption and fraudulent acts are being viewed as the easy means to get money, position or services in the Sierra Leone Society. The values of integrity, ethics, morals', transparency and accountability have largely been overlooked.

In view of the major economic challenge that the country is now facing, of which the embezzlement and mismanagement of state resources over the years have largely contributed to, it is but expedient that significant efforts be made by all citizens to curb this menace in our Society, which has largely contributed to the present economic hardship and the embarrassing performance of the country in related tools and indexes.

We therefore continue to urge all citizens to be more proactive and supportive in the fight against corruption.

Sierra Leone's Rank and Score Since 2009

YEAR	RANK	SCORE
2009	146	2.2
2010	134	2.4
2011	134	2.5
2012	123	3.1
2013	119	30
2014	119	31
2015	119	29
2016	119	30

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