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**Sierra Leone**



**Uniform Messages for Polling and Counting**  
**2012 Elections**

**General messages**

1. Election is here! Use your Voter ID card and vote in the November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 Elections.
2. POWER! Vote where you registered.
3. It is time to vote for your President, Parliamentarian, Mayor/Chairperson and Councillor.
4. Eligible voters must appear in person to vote at the centre where they registered.
5. Go to the Centre in your Ward where you registered, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to cast your vote.
6. 2012 Election is here; check at the centre where you registered in your ward to vote for the candidates of your choice.
7. Your vote, your power! Polling day: 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012; Time: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
8. Voting will take place in the voter registration centres in every ward in the country.
9. Join the queue and vote for the candidates of your choice on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
10. Be a partner in progress for Sierra Leone, keep your voter ID card safe and vote in the 2012 multiple elections.
11. November 17! Four elections for Salone!
12. One day, four elections! Vote for President, Parliamentarian, Mayor/Chairperson and Councillor;
13. There are four elections on 17 November; if you have a voter ID card, vote in all four!

**Polling**

14. Listen to NEC polling staff and let them guide you through the process
15. You can vote until 5:00pm, but vote earlier in the day if you can

16. You will be handed two rounds of ballots to mark. Collect the first ballots for President and Parliament, but then voting is not over!
17. Listen to polling staff and collect your second ballots to vote for Chairperson/Mayor and Councillor.
18. In some wards, you will be instructed to vote for more than one Councillor. Listen to NEC staff at the polling station for further information.

### **Counting**

19. NEC will begin counting votes directly after the end of polling.
20. All results announced at the district and regional level will be provisional until the National Returning Officer announces results.
21. NEC is committed to providing results as quickly as possible, please remain patient for certified results.

### **Security**

22. The SLP will provide security at all polling centres.
23. During the election, you might see RSLAF on the road. The RSLAF are helping NEC to move election materials and support the SLP.

### **Youth**

24. If you are a registered youth go to the centre where you registered to vote in the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 elections.
25. Avoid confusion and violence in the 2012 Elections. Contribute to peace and development in Sierra Leone by voting peacefully in the 2012 elections.
26. Contribute to the electoral process and good governance in Sierra Leone; vote for the peace and progress of Sierra Leone.

### **Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)**

27. Qualified and registered Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) must exercise their franchise by voting in the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 elections.
28. Be a patriotic and good citizen; come out and vote in the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 presidential, parliamentary and local council elections.
29. If you are of sound mind, but physically challenged and have gone through the registration process, make sure you vote in the 2012 elections.

## **The Electorate**

- 30.If you are a registered Sierra Leonean, exercise your franchise by coming out in numbers and vote on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (Polling Day).
- 31.Do not be left out; choose your leader and representatives to facilitate good governance and democracy.
- 32.The decision is yours, use your voter ID card (your power); come out and choose your leaders!
- 33.Be part of the electoral process, vote for the Candidate of your choice on polling day.
- 34.Identify the face of your candidate on the ballots and vote wisely by making the correct mark/finger print.

## **Women**

- 35.Women, secure your future; vote on polling day 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- 36.Women, use your power, come out and vote on polling day, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- 37.Women, be a Patriot, take part in the electoral process.
- 38.Women, help promote good governance, by voting on polling day.
- 39.Women, show you love and loyalty to mama Salone by casting your ballot on polling day.
40. Women, prepare for your future; take part in the 2012 Elections.
- 41.If you are of sound mind, but physically challenged and have gone through the registration process, make sure you vote in the 2012 elections.

## **Others**

- 42.Avoid confusion and violence in the 2012 Elections. Contribute to peace and development in Sierra Leone by voting peacefully in the 2012 elections.
- 43.Exercise your right to vote in the 2012 elections.
- 44.Keep your voter ID card safe; use it to vote on polling day.