



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

**Press Release**

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES FOR PUPILS IN PRE-PRIMARY, PRIMARY, JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED SCHOOLS FOR THE SECOND TERM OF THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Ministry of Finance (MoF), in collaboration with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE), announces for the attention of the General Public that Government has paid **NLe60,691,310** as school fees for **2,448,003** pupils in Pre-Primary, Primary, Junior and Senior Secondary Schools in Government and Government -Assisted schools for the second term of 2022/2023 school year.

This payment also includes an outstanding amount of **NLe2,665,590** for **369** schools, with **104,898** pupils omitted in the third term of the 2021/2022 school year. These payments have been made directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary schools based on the approved school list and enrolment data submitted by the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE).

The table below provides Summary of payment made by school categories:

S/N	School Category	No. of Schools	Enrolment	Amount Paid (NLe)
1	Pre Primary	456	47,747	477,470
2	Primary	5,598	1,575,706	15,757,060
3	JSS	1,445	501,622	25,081,100
4	SSS	633	322,928	19,375,680
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,132</b>	<b>2,448,003</b>	<b>60,691,310</b>

The Government is aware of the role of tuition fees in the effective functioning of schools and its impact on the quality of education. Therefore, to facilitate timely payment of tuition fees, school authorities are advised to be submitting credible enrolment data. As demonstration of Government's commitment to the implementation of the Free Quality Education Programme, a total amount of **NLe587,165,583 (or Le587.17 billion old Leones)** has so far been disbursed to schools for just the payment of school fees from September 2018 to April 2023.

Accordingly, Commercial Banks are advised to credit the respective schools accounts without further delay.



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