



JOINT EDUCATION COVID-19 RESPONSE
Closure of Basic, Tertiary, and Higher Education Institutions Nationwide

As the world battles with the corona virus disease, Sierra Leone, to date, is yet to confirm any case. In line with this, the Government of Sierra Leone has decided to take the following decisions relating to the Ministries of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, and Technical and Higher Education:

Education Calendar

The current corona virus pandemic has necessitated a review of the Education Calendar as follows:

All educational institutions will close on Tuesday, 31st March, 2020. Heads of institutions will be duly informed about the date for the resumption of the school system

Examinations:

- All ongoing examinations in technical, and higher institutions will continue as scheduled but must be completed by 31st March, 2020
- Basic Education institutions that are yet to complete the scheduled continuous assessments are advised to use this period to complete their scheduled activities by the 31st March, 2020.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Government, through its Ministries, Departments and Agencies will implement several planned activities prior to the closure of educational institutions

- Every pre-primary, primary and secondary school student should submit a valid contact number for their parents/guardians
- All Heads of educational institutions should provide at least two valid contact numbers for their schools to their respective ministries

Furthermore, any decisions on scheduled public exams including WASSCE, BECE and NPSE will be announced separately. Registered candidates should continue with their preparations in readiness for the exams, regardless of the uncertainty at the moment.

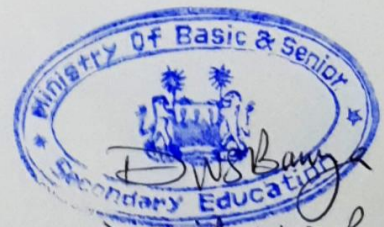
Government and Partners will continue with preparations to ensure that school feeding will resume when schools reopen.

Finally, parents and staff are strongly advised to use and rely on only verified and confirmed sources of information.

Thank you.



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