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# Invest in Agriculture

## Sierra Leone at a glance



**GDP**

USD 4.1 billion

**Growth**

4.7% (proj. 2020)

**Currency**

Leone



**Time zone**

GMT

**Climate**

Tropical

**Land area**

7.2 million ha



**Population**

7.1 million (2015)

**Capital**

Freetown

**Official language**

English

## Why invest in Sierra Leone?

1

Strategic access to markets, boasting a natural deep water harbour. By plane: 3h from Lagos, 4h from Brazil, 6h from Europe, 8h from North America, 11h from China.

2

Social and political stability. An investor-minded government. Heavy investment in infrastructure to facilitate trade.

3

Duty free access to global markets (EU, USA, ECOWAS, Mano River Union).

4

First mover advantage: total arable land of 5.4 million ha.

5

Attractive fiscal and non-fiscal investment incentives.

6

Population young and eager to work.

# Investment opportunities in agriculture

## Rice



Staple food: consumption of 133kg per year.  
Import substitution and export to ECOWAS (\$3 billion demand).  
Ideal rice ecologies for production and high irrigation potential.

## Agro-inputs



Rising sector with high demand for improved inputs.  
PPP in seed multiplication.  
Partnership on smart subsidies system to boost productivity

## Cocoa, coffee and oil palm



Cocoa is the largest agricultural export after fish.  
Competitive on the world market for tree crops.

## Fruits and vegetables



High yield production of pineapples, mangoes,  
bananas, plantains, avocados, tomatoes.

## Livestock



Untapped potential for poultry production.  
Import substitution and export to ECOWAS  
Markets and beyond.

## Agriculture in Sierra Leone (2018)



50% of  
GDP

Agric. growth: 5%  
avg. last 5 years



Arable  
land: 5.4  
million ha

Avg annual  
rainfall  
3,000 mm



65% of the  
workforce

Food exports  
\$120 million





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