

## Private Sector Research/Survey Update

This list details ongoing and completed COVID-19 private sector research in Sierra Leone, to support collaboration and knowledge sharing. This list is regularly updated by the Invest Salone (ISL) research team. Please contact [dbathalomew@investsalone.com](mailto:dbathalomew@investsalone.com) with questions or to suggest an update to this list.

No.	Research / Survey Title	Research Objectives	Research / Survey Outcome / Expected Outcome	Research Status	Implementing Institutions / Agency	Contact Person	Link to Published Research
1	Rapid Business Survey	1) Inform design of ISL's Compete Salone COVID-19 facility and technical assistance (TA) interventions to help support business continuity during the pandemic 2) Support quick action policy recommendations	Issues Note submitted to the Quick Action Economic Response Programme (QAERP)	Completed	Invest Salone	Hamid Marrah; <a href="mailto:hmarah@investsalone.com">hmarah@investsalone.com</a>	
2	Private Sector Survey for COVID-19 Response	Rapid survey of initial impacts on businesses and response to government actions	Just-in-time survey to inform the government's response to the COVID-19 crisis and support for the private sector	Completed	Invest Salone	Binta Akibo-Betts; <a href="mailto:bakibo-betts@investsalone.com">bakibo-betts@investsalone.com</a>	
3	Survey on importation of essential commodities and financial institutions	To assess the effectiveness of government COVID-19 response policies (the tax deferment and Bank of Sierra Leone (BSL) facilities) on importers and Commercial Banks	Inform policy makers about potential refinements and additional support to businesses. Submitted to the QAERP	Completed	Invest Salone	Binta Akibo-Betts; <a href="mailto:bakibo-betts@investsalone.com">bakibo-betts@investsalone.com</a>	

4	Action-oriented assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on trade flows at Sierra Leone's port and land borders	Assess impact of COVID-19 on trade and highlight potential measures to support traders during the pandemic	1) Map main impacts, direct and indirect, of the pandemic on trade flows 2) Propose additional mitigating measures 3) Inform design of ISL's own work to support exporters	Ongoing	Invest Salone	Jeannette Eno & John Wearing; <a href="mailto:jeno@investsalone.com">jeno@investsalone.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:jwearing@investsalone.com">jwearing@investsalone.com</a>	
5	Rapid Survey to inform COVID-19 response in Sierra Leone	To gather critical information on citizens' COVID-19 awareness and preparedness across all 16 districts	1) To inform public health messaging campaigns 2) To inform lockdown policies	Preliminary Results presented	Institute for Governance Reform (IGR), Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI), Ministry of Finance (MoF), MIT Governance Lab (MITGOV/LAB)		<a href="https://mitgovlab.org/research/data-to-inform-the-pandemic-response-covid-19/">https://mitgovlab.org/research/data-to-inform-the-pandemic-response-covid-19/</a>
6	Tracking economic consequences and response to COVID-19 in Sierra Leone	1) To get a rapid assessment of the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 crisis in Sierra Leone 2) To track the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 crisis over the next 6 months 3) To evaluate the effectiveness of different interventions on the population	1) Produce weekly bulletins to share amongst key stakeholders 2) Build an open access dashboard for the data 3) Assist MoF with policy formulation/review under the QAERP	Ongoing: Dashboard created, News brief published	International Growth Centre (IGC)	Niccolo Meriggi; <a href="mailto:niccolo.meriggi@theigc.org">niccolo.meriggi@theigc.org</a>	<a href="https://sl-dashboard.github.io/corona/">https://sl-dashboard.github.io/corona/</a>

7	COVID-19 Household Economic and Social Impacts Mobile Phone Survey (CHESIMPS)	To collect household and individual level data from a large, nationally representative sample about COVID-19 and government policies, health, employment, income losses, food security, coping strategies and safety nets	To ensure the availability of timely, representative information responses to and impacts of COVID-19 and related restrictions, to inform policy interventions	Pilot survey to start 29 May 2020. Comprehensive survey to start 15 June 2020.	World Bank, Statistics Sierra Leone, IGR, IGC, Innovation for Poverty, Christian Aid and UNICEF	Elizabeth Mary Foster; <a href="mailto:efoster1@worldbank.org">efoster1@worldbank.org</a>	
8	Measuring the Pulse of Firms - The COVID-19 Business Pulse Survey (COV-BPS)	To collect information at firm level of the effect of COVID-19 on the operations and performance of businesses. The telephone survey will cover sectors in Trade, Manufacturing, Agriculture and Tourism. This will be repeated periodically across a number of countries	1) Provide a benchmark and comparison among participating countries 2) Support MoF with policy formulation/review under the QAERP	Design phase	World Bank, MTI, SMEDA	Alari Hasanatu Ijileyoh Mahdi; <a href="mailto:amahdi@worldbankgroup.org">amahdi@worldbankgroup.org</a>	
9	The socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on business establishments in Sierra Leone	To determine the impact (direct & indirect) of COVID-19 on business establishments in Sierra Leone	To inform policy implementation under the QAERP	Concept Note being reviewed by NBI	UNDP	Milton Korseh-hindowa; <a href="mailto:milton.korseh-hindowa@undp.org">milton.korseh-hindowa@undp.org</a>	
10	Impact of COVID-19 on micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Sierra Leone	To investigate the impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs especially with respect to the two national lockdowns and identifying challenges that MSMEs face	To inform policy makers on the measures needed to support MSMEs	Completed	Sierra Leone SME Forum	<a href="mailto:info@smefor.org">info@smefor.org</a>	<a href="http://www.smefor.org">www.smefor.org</a>

11	COVID-19 Series: Rapid Country Study: Sierra Leone	How COVID-19 is affecting health and non-health aspects of life in Sierra Leone	To describe initial efforts by the Government of Sierra Leone to respond to COVID-19 with recommendations for improvements	Completed	Maintains	Kevin Grieco and Yasmina Yusuf	<a href="https://maintainsprogramme.org/rc/covid-19-series-rapid-country-study-sierra-leone/">https://maintainsprogramme.org/rc/covid-19-series-rapid-country-study-sierra-leone/</a>
12	Gap Tracker survey on impact of COVID-19 on market women in Freetown Municipality	To gain insight on how COVID-19 is affecting women in the informal sector and civic engagement in Western area	To provide a gap tracker which can be used by all stakeholders who are directly involved in the fight against COVID-19 in Sierra Leone	Completed	Bush Tinker	Leonard Francis Vibbi; <a href="mailto:gaptracker@bushtinker.org">gaptracker@bushtinker.org</a>	<a href="http://gaptracker.bushtinker.org/resultsformarketwomen/">http://gaptracker.bushtinker.org/resultsformarketwomen/</a>

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