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Sierra Leone's challenging socio-economic context includes high poverty rates, particularly among children, unemployment, a serious lack of healthcare and limited access to electricity.

The Medium-Term National Development Plan 2019-2023 differs from the Recovery Agenda on the other hand by seeking to expand electricity generation, transmission, and distribution, engage the private sector, and ensure responsible leadership.

With the approval of the Electricity & Water Regulatory Commission's mini-grid regulations in 2019 by the GoSL, clarity and incentives for the off-grid sector have finally been provided. This is an indicator of the long-term commitment of the government to the sector.

The RREP, spanning from October 2016 to May 2022, was divided in several phases consisting of a total of 94 solar-powered mini-grids and 3 stand-alone systems installed at the Communities Health Centers (CHCs) across the country.

During the second phase, known as Work Package 2, 44 additional mini-grids were set up and managed through co-investment with private sector operators.

Work Package 3, concentrating on providing technical guidance and institutional reinforcement (capacity building) to both the government and the private sector. This aims to establish a conducive atmosphere for the development of mini-grids and their sustained operations over the long term.

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