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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2004
(Act No. 1 of 2004)

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ASSUMPTION OF FUNCTIONS)
REGULATIONS, 2004**

Short title.

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 126 of the Local Government Act, 2004, the Minister of Local Government and Community Development hereby makes the following Regulations.

1. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 28th day of August, 2004. Commence-
ment.

2. (1) The functions of the Ministries, Government Departments and Agencies set out in the first column of the Schedule and comprising the activities set out in the second column which have been devolved to local councils shall be assumed by such councils in the corresponding year set out in the third column of the Schedule. Assumption
of Functions.

(2) Where for any reasonable cause a local council is unable to assume any function within the period set out in the Schedule, it shall inform the Minister who shall, after consulting the Ministry, Government Department or Agency and the local council may determine.

<i>Main functions</i>	<i>Activities to devolve</i>	<i>Year of assumption of functions by Local Councils</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Receiving and disbursing family support to women/ children d. Providing skills training for women/children e. Create awareness among women on how to manage homes and understand different behavioural problems f. Get parents to maintain and properly care for their children and family 	
<p>1. Probation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identification of abnormal abandoned and neglected children b. Monitoring of police station and cells to identify the children. c. Advocacy, counselling and teaching. d. Advocacy through radio programmes, distribution of publicity materials and sensitization of community leaders and child welfare agencies 	

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		e. Collection of data on children in conflict with the law.	2006
3.	Disability issues	a. To build up the capacity of persons with disability. b. To enhance the home production and use of adaptable appliances/gadgets geared towards minimization of costs for the procurement of imported gadgets for the disabled c. To enhance the needs, analysis, and meaningful programming for all disabled persons	2006
4.	Child welfare	a. Counselling and reintegration of separated children b. Prevention of child trafficking c. Empowerment of families and less privileged groups to become self reliant and productive to be able to take care of their children d. Prevention of child rights abuses perpetrated by Prison, Police and Military Forces e. Creating awareness on child care and protection	2007

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5	Community based organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Registration of community based organisations b. Coordination of community based organisations c. Provision of technical advice to community-based organisations d. Monitoring of community based organisations activities to ensure that they are in line with Government policies e. Provision of subventions to credible community based organisations f. Conduct of training sessions towards capacity building of community based organisations 	2005
6	Gender issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Child advocacy b. Sensitization on gender and development issues c. Gender integration into education d. Identification of gender disparities 	2006

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		<p>e. Child neglect and exploitation</p> <p>f. Mobilize adequate technical, financial and organizational resources from line Ministries for supporting the public role of women.</p> <p>g. Establish a resource base for the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on women and children</p> <p>h. Collaborating with line Ministries to effectively main-stream children, women and gender issues in policies, programmes and activities at national level</p> <p>i. Mobilizing communities to spread knowledge and information and encouraging them to support practical changes that are needed for improving the lives of women and children and protecting their rights.</p>	2006

SIERRA LEONE ROADS AUTHORITY

<i>Main functions</i>	<i>Activities to devolve</i>	<i>Year of assumption of functions by Local Councils</i>
1. Maintenance of primary feeder roads	a. Brushing b. Grubbing c. Ditch clearing d. Reshaping of carriageways e. Pothole patching f. Cleaning of culverts g. Day works	2005
2. Maintenance of chiefdom roads/tracks	a. Brushing b. Grubbing c. Ditch clearing d. Reshaping of carriageways e. Pothole patching f. Cleaning of culverts	2005

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

<i>No.</i>	<i>Main functions</i>	<i>Activities to devolve</i>	<i>Year of assumption of functions by Local Councils</i>
1.	Information Services	a. Hiring of public address and education systems b. Repair all public address and education equipments c. Setup of radio Boards and oversee radio operations d. Coordinate radio programmes within the local community	2005
2.	Sale of Gazettes and Receipts	a. Order receipts from Government Printer. b. Sale and deposit of proceeds into Consolidated Fund.	2005

MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES

<i>No.</i>	<i>Main functions</i>	<i>Activities to devolve</i>	<i>Year of assumption of functions by Local Councils</i>
1.	Establishment and management of Community Development Fund	a. Determination of allocations to chiefdoms of percentage from fund	2005
2.	Coordination of mining licences	a. Provide oversight/verification of allocation of mining plots in chiefdoms for the Ministry's attention.	2006

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3.	Rehabilitation of mined-out areas	a. Mines monitoring b. Verification of compliance by industrial companies of rehabilitation of mined out areas c. Support the rehabilitation of mined-out areas by artisans after minimum period.	2007

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES

No.	Main functions	Activities to devolve	Year of assumption of functions by Local Councils
1.	Licensing of small canoes and attendant fishing gear	a. Licensing of canoes b. Net destruction	2005
2.	Establishment and management of fish ponds and inland lakes	a. Identification of sites b. Construction of fish ponds c. Management of fish ponds	2008

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2	Peri-Urban Water Supply	a. Construction/rehabilitation of water wells, spring boxes, drill wells and rain water harvesting b. Construction of gravity schemes. c. Rehabilitation of Degremont treatment water supply schemes.	2008
3	Rural Water Supply	a. Construction of water wells, spring boxes, drilled wells, rain water harvesting.	2006

MINISTRY OF LABOUR, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

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1.	Man power planning	a. Collate data and manage man-power planning at low and middle levels. b. Establish employment information exchange medium at the localities.	2005
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		b. Establish and manage micro-credit facilities. c. Establish and manage small scale enterprises in <i>garra</i> tying and dying, <i>garra</i> processing, oil palm processing and weaving.	
3.	Trust Fund Based and Safety Net Schemes.	a. Identify potential beneficiaries b. Establish database of potential/existing beneficiaries. c. Liaise with social safety net committees.	2006

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Soliciting external funds for the implementation of development programmes c. Participation planning and designing of community development programmes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community poverty profiles (ii) Social maps (iii) Services and opportunities map (iv) Seasonality calendar/ community activities profile (v) Creation of development plans (Ward level) 	<p>2006</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Grass root institutional building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Group formation (CBOs, local development committees) (ii) Group dynamics 	<p>2007</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Capacity building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Training (ii) Disbursement of micro-credit 	<p>2007</p>

