IGR Development Scorecard | Energy Trend Analysis

Strategic objective: adequate, affordable and sustainable power supply nationwide to stimulate economic development.

Target: 14 reliable HQ towns by 2028

Headline finding

Sierra Leone moved from limited grid coverage in 2017 to broader district headquarter access by 2025/2026. The main gap has shifted from access to reliability, affordability and sustainability.

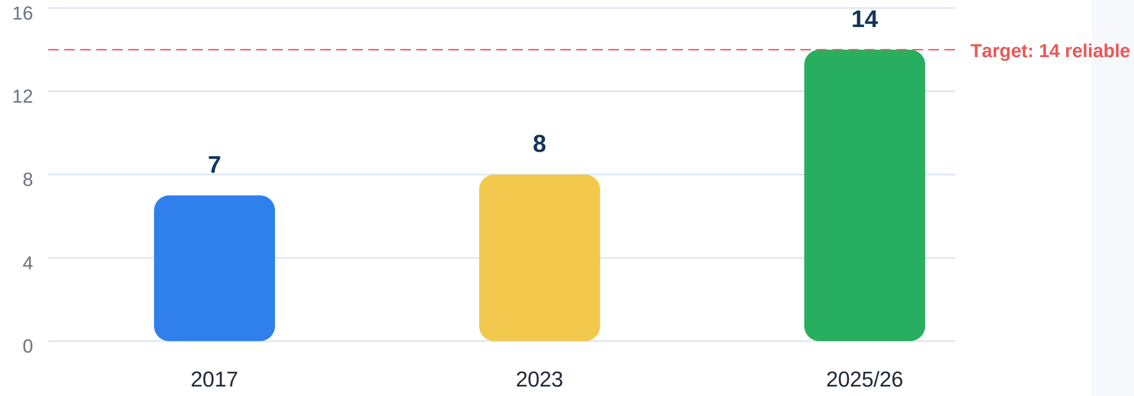
2017
7 districts had access to national grid

2023
8 districts/towns connected to electricity

2025/26
14 district HQ towns with electricity access

Trend: District electricity access, 2017 to 2025/2026

Measured as districts or district HQ towns with electricity access. Latest reliability is shown separately.



Latest status split

14 district HQ towns had electricity access, but only half had constant power.

- Constant power: Kenema, Bo, Magburaka, Makeni, Port Loko, Moyamba and Koidu
- Rationed access: Freetown, Waterloo, Kailahun, Bonthe, Pujehun, Kambia and Kamakwe
- Rural decentralisation: 70 of 190 chiefdom HQ towns on solar mini grids

Progress

Access more than doubled from 7 districts in 2017 to 14 district HQ towns by the latest monitoring period.

Delivery risk

The target is framed as reliable electricity. Current access is strong, but reliability is uneven because 7 towns still receive rationed supply.

Policy implication

Next phase should prioritise generation capacity, grid maintenance, fuel-cost reduction, mini-grid sustainability and tariff affordability.

Sources: MTNDP 2024-2030, p.116; Sierra Leone Electricity Sector Reform Roadmap 2017-2030; NAMED monitoring report 2026. Note: latest status uses monitoring data reported as of April 2026; presented as the 2025/26 scorecard position.