

Land and Housing Trend Analysis - Sierra Leone

Tracking progress toward a National Cadastral Records Management System and Strategy by 2030

Strategic objective

Ensure effective, environmentally sound and sustainable land management and administration for equitable access and control over land, while expanding affordable housing for low- and middle-income groups to reduce poverty and support economic growth.

2017

2023

2025

Baseline gap

No National Cadastral Records Management System and no legal instrument existed.

Policy direction

MTNDP 2024-2030 sets a clear 2030 target for a national cadastral system and strategy.

Implementation progress

Legal instrument obtained. National Land Commission established and preparatory work underway.

Progress status by 2025



Sierra Leone has moved from a 2017 baseline gap to a 2025 legal and institutional foundation. The full system is not yet achieved, but the direction of travel is positive.

Scorecard movement

Legal framework

Absent

Obtained

Institutional setup

Absent

Active

Technical readiness

Not started

Underway

IGR classification

Status: In progress and on course.

Next milestones: final system design, digitisation of land records, data standards, district rollout, public access rules, and operational reporting.

Narrative Trend Analysis: Lands and Housing

Trend summary

Between 2017 and 2025, Sierra Leone made a clear shift from a baseline where no National Cadastral Records Management System or enabling legal instrument existed, to a position where the legal foundation has been obtained and preparatory institutional work is underway. The National Land Commission has begun groundwork including acquisition of technical equipment and training of staff. This indicates measurable progress, although the full cadastral system and strategy have not yet been completed.

2017 Baseline

No system, no legal instrument, and no operational structure for a national cadastral records platform. This represents a major governance and land administration gap.

Readiness level



2023 Policy Direction

The 2024-2030 MTNDP sets the target to develop a National Cadastral Records Management System and Strategy by 2030. This gives the sector a measurable policy anchor.

Readiness level



2025 Implementation Progress

The Land Registration Act, 2025 provides the legal instrument. The National Land Commission has started preparatory work, technical equipment acquisition, and staff training.

Readiness level



Recommended IGR scorecard classification

Status: In progress and on course. **Rationale:** The 2025 legal and institutional steps are important enabling milestones, but the system should only be marked fully achieved when the cadastral records management system and strategy are operational, populated with land records, governed by standards, and accessible through defined administrative processes.