

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TREND ANALYSIS

2030 TARGET
Complete de-amalgamation

Sierra Leone IGR Development Scorecard | 2017, 2023 baseline and 2025/2026 delivery status

 **41**

Rebirth chiefdoms re-created
around 2017

 **190**

Total chiefdoms after reform
expansion

 **27**

Chiefdoms still amalgamated at
2023 baseline

 **2030**

Target year for completing
de-amalgamation

Strategic objective

Strengthen local governance architecture, address staff retention deficiencies in local councils, enhance local-level food security, and promote local economic development.

Overall trend

The reform trend is positive. The strongest shift came in 2017, when 41 rebirth chiefdoms were re-created and the national total increased from 149 to 190 chiefdoms.

Scorecard interpretation

Recommended classification: **Positive Progress / On Track with Verification Required**. The 2023 baseline confirms that 27 chiefdoms remained amalgamated. The 2025/2026 update shows renewed implementation, but the exact number remaining after that phase is not specified.

ON TRACK, DATA GAP REMAINS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DELIVERY TIMELINE

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Major reform delivered

Re-created 41 rebirth chiefdoms. The national total increased from 149 to 190 chiefdoms. This phase also created the North-Western Province and the new districts of Falaba and Karene.

2017

2023

Renewed de-amalgamation

Government continued active de-amalgamation of colonial-era mergers to restore smaller historically linked chiefdoms. Exact remaining number after this phase needs verification.

2025/2026

Baseline gap confirmed

27 chiefdoms remained amalgamated. This became the baseline gap for measuring progress toward the 2030 target.

IGR SCORECARD OUTPUT

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Indicator 52: Local Government de-amalgamation target

Chieftdom architecture: reform scale



Next evidence required

For a final IGR score, verify how many of the 27 chieftdoms recorded as amalgamated in the 2023 baseline have been fully de-amalgamated by 2025/2026.

Year	Status	Evidence / trend	Scorecard reading	Data note
2017	Major reform delivered	41 rebirth chieftdoms re-created; total chieftdoms increased from 149 to 190.	Strong structural progress and expansion of local governance architecture.	Use as reform impact benchmark.
2023	Baseline gap confirmed	27 chieftdoms still remained amalgamated.	Reform not yet complete; targeted delivery still required.	Use as baseline for 2025-2030 acceleration.
2025/2026	Delivery accelerated	Government actively de-amalgamating remaining colonial-era chieftdom mergers.	Positive trajectory toward 2030 target with renewed momentum.	Verify exact number still amalgamated before final score.