

Peace and National Cohesion Trend Analysis

Strategic objective: promote a peaceful, united, and cohesive Sierra Leone where diversity, inclusion, transparency, accountability, and human rights are respected.

IGR SCORECARD DEVELOPMENT

Peace and National Cohesion

Indicator tracked

National Cohesion: political parties progress towards democratic practices, peace, tolerance, sustainable development, and national cohesion.

Measurement proxy

Fund for Peace Fragile States Index C2: Factionalized Elites, scored from 0 to 10. Lower is better. Higher suggests stronger elite fragmentation and political polarisation.

2017 to 2023

The score moved from 8.0 to 7.8, showing a modest reduction in elite fragmentation after the 2018 election cycle.

2023 to 2025*

The score rose to 8.2 using the latest available 2024 FSI figure, signalling renewed political and institutional fragmentation.

Overall signal

The net movement is worse than 2017 by +0.2. The direction of travel is negative and requires targeted national cohesion interventions.

2017

8.0

High risk

2023

7.8

Slight improvement

2025*

8.2

Deteriorated

STATUS

OFF TRACK

high fragmentation

Trend in factionalized elites score



Risk scale



*2025 is the scorecard assessment year. The FSI score used is the latest available 2024 value stated in the source material provided.

Trend conclusion
Sierra Leone remains in a high-risk band for elite fragmentation. The movement from 7.8 in 2023 to 8.2 in the latest available reading indicates that political reconciliation, cross-party dialogue, institutional trust, and inclusive governance need stronger delivery mechanisms. For the IGR scorecard, this target should be marked **Off Track / High Risk**, not because there has been no progress, but because the current direction is worsening against the cohesion objective.

Year	Score	Trend reading	IGR scorecard interpretation
2017	8.0 / 10	High fragmentation during a politically tense election period.	Baseline shows elevated national cohesion risk.
2023	7.8 / 10	Small improvement of 0.2 points from 2017.	Some easing, but still in high-risk territory.
2025*	8.2 / 10	Deterioration of 0.4 points from 2023.	Off track. Elite gridlock and institutional fragmentation remain significant.

1. Structured cross-party dialogue

Create a standing national cohesion forum with published communiques and implementation tracking.

2. Early warning dashboard

Track political hate speech, local tension signals, electoral complaints, and mediation response times.

3. Inclusion and transparency

Publish disaggregated public appointment and service delivery data to reduce perceptions of regional or political exclusion.

4. Human rights safeguards

Link cohesion work to rights-based monitoring, civic education, and timely accountability for abuses.

Recommended IGR scorecard tag: OFF TRACK / HIGH RISK. Monitor quarterly with responsible institutions, measurable cohesion indicators, and a corrective action plan.