

Public Sector Reform Unit



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PSRU PRESENTS FY2027 BUDGET TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE



Monday, 28th September 2026 Miata Conference Hall, Brookfields, Freetown: The Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU) has presented its budget for the 2027 Financial Year during the Bilateral Budget Discussions convened by the Ministry of Finance. The meeting brought together representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency (NaMEA), the National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA), the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED), and Civil Society Organisations.

Presenting the FY2027 budget, the Chief of Programmes, PSRU, Mr Albert R. E. C. Williams, provided a breakdown of the Unit's budgetary allocations and actual expenditures for 2025 and the period from January to June 2026. He also highlighted key achievements recorded during the period, including the coordination and management of public sector reform programmes, strategic alignment of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), and rationalisation of mandates. Other achievements included the rebranding of PSRU, capacity building for 15 staff members, and the celebration of United Nations World Public Service Day.

Mr Williams pointed out the key challenges confronting the Unit including the absence of a legal instrument to formally establish its position as the lead institution for public sector reforms, inadequate budgetary allocations, and delays in receiving feedback from MDAs, which affect the finalisation of Management and Functional Review (MFR) reports.



He further identified limited logistics including vehicles for MFR field operations, inadequate capacity-building opportunities for staff, and the absence of donor funding for key reform activities as major constraints to the Unit's operations.

The presentation further outlined PSRU's strategic priorities for FY2027, as reflected in its budget. According to Mr Williams, the policy objectives include the rationalisation and harmonisation of mandates,

policy reviews, and the structural alignment of MDAs to support the delivery of the Big Five Game Changers under the Medium-Term National Development Plan (MTNDP) 2024–2030.



He added that other key policy objectives include the coordination, management, and monitoring of the Government's public sector reform programme, as well as capacity building and the dissemination of PSRU's activities across various MDAs nationwide.

These policy objectives he stated, are linked to specific activities and expected outcomes aimed at advancing the public sector reform agenda.

The meeting concluded with representatives of Civil Society Organisations calling for the adoption of the FY2027 budget for PSRU.

About the PSRU

The Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU) provides leadership, coordination, and technical backstopping in the strategic design, development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of all public sector reform initiatives. Its mission is to facilitate the creation of a lean, performance-oriented, highly motivated, modern, and efficient Public Service that delivers high-quality services to the people of Sierra Leone in a timely and cost-effective manner.



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