

Power to Build a Nation

Energy & electrification

A small workshop owner in a provincial town has to run a diesel generator most days just to keep his welding equipment running, because the grid power he's connected to is unreliable at best. The generator eats into a margin that was thin to begin with.

WHY THIS MATTERS

A third of Sierra Leone has some access to electricity; in rural areas that collapses to about one in twenty. And despite that scarcity, Sierra Leoneans already pay among the highest electricity prices in the world relative to their income — because the true cost of an unreliable, loss-riddled system gets passed straight to the customer.

WHAT WE'RE PROMISING

Power that is reliable, reaches every region, and is affordable to the household and the small business that need it.

HOW WE'LL MAKE IT REAL

- The country has already committed to Mission 300, a compact with the World Bank and African Development Bank to raise generation capacity several times over by the end of the decade, alongside a separate compact rebuilding the transmission backbone. We'll honour and accelerate both rather than invent a rival plan — but we'll add the one thing that actually determines whether Mission 300 succeeds: fixing the utility's finances, because private investment at that scale won't flow into a utility that loses half its power and can't pay its bills. Making the grid bankable is our distinct contribution to a plan already under way.
- We'll extend the grid where that's the economic answer, and use decentralized solar mini-grids for the communities, schools and clinics the grid realistically won't reach for years — rather than making everyone wait for a connection that's decades away.
- The real driver of high tariffs isn't a shortage of generosity — it's technical losses and expensive emergency power. We'll bring the true cost of electricity down by fixing those, instead of the easier but self-defeating path of simply raising prices to cover a broken system's losses.
- A lifeline tariff will guarantee every household a basic, affordable block of electricity for essential needs, regardless of income — protection for the poorest without a blanket subsidy the country can't sustain.
- And we'll use large industrial customers, including mines, as anchor demand that helps justify and finance the generation and transmission investment the whole country needs, rather than building capacity speculatively and hoping demand catches up.

"Affordable power is not a giveaway. It is the natural result of a system that finally works."