

Motivation

In the context of conflict, the home-grown surveys sought to fill an accountability vacuum. The government of Sierra Leone increased its budgetary allocation to the social sectors but didn't see any noticeable improvement in outcomes. There also seemed to be very little accountability.

Objectives

The goals of the study were to provide diagnostic information on key poverty indicators, to provide evidence on leakages in the service provider supply chain and to monitor and evaluate government services in order to increase transparency.

Main findings

Only 3 District police stations (Moyamba, Kenema, and Port Loko) acknowledged receipt of financial resources from Police Head Quarters.

Other findings

All the stations interviewed reported that police personnel receive their salaries regularly and on time. All the District Police stations surveyed received stationeries and other office supplies regularly and many stations (62.5 percent) indicated that the supplies are adequate. Most of the stations also confirmed that police officers attend training courses during the year. About 80 percent of the stations reported that police officers were provided with full sets of uniforms once a year.

Sample

69 police facilities nationwide including eight District police stations.

Sample design

The first stage in the sampling process involved the selection of the enumeration areas for the survey (survey carried in the same districts covered by the first PETS). 8 districts and 12 constituencies in the Western Areas were selected. The sampling frame for the Enumeration areas (EAs) was therefore made of 102 chiefdoms, of which, 53 are in the southern province, 9 in the Eastern Province, 10 in the Northern Province and 12 wards in the Western Area. Cluster sampling at the second stage.

Resources monitored

- Financial (including salaries) and material resources
- Data for the second half of 2001

Main report

Wallace, Lindsay; Jim Edgerton, Richard Harris and Erisa Ocheing (2003) "Sierra Leone: Public Expenditure Tracking Surveys (PETS) Review," DFID and World Bank.