

Sierra Leone's DSTI — Building a National Digital ID for 5 Million Citizens Through Local Agent Brokers

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Sierra Leone's presidential innovation directorate built a biometric national digital ID now held by over 5 million citizens, using local community brokers to reach previously undocumented residents and unlock bank accounts and services.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

[Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation \(DSTI\) / National Civil Registry Agency \(NCRA\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

[DSTI official site](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

[The Conversation](#) — [Sierra Leone's digital ID push](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

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