

PROJECT NAME: RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MAKENI MARKET

**CLIENT:** WORLD BANK

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:** GOSL/RUSLIP

CONTRACTOR: S&H TRADING INVESTMENT SUBJECT: SITE HANDING

OVER CEREMONY

DATE: 12/02/2026

# SITE HANDING OVER CEREMONY

The Government of Sierra Leone has officially launched the Resilient Urban Sierra Leone Project (RUSLIP), which includes the development of a relocation site and the construction of a modern market in Makeni, Northern Sierra Leone. The project was recently inaugurated with a formal site handing over ceremony. Funded by the World Bank, this landmark program is designed to strengthen urban infrastructure and drive economic growth, contributing to sustainable development across the country.

The ceremony brought together key government officials, representatives from the World Bank, the Mayor of Makeni, local authorities, traditional leaders, market stakeholders, contractors, and community members. This gathering marked the official handover of the project site to the contractor, **S&H Trading Investment**, signifying the commencement of construction activities.

A government representative reaffirmed the administration's commitment to strengthening market infrastructure as a means of boosting trade, generating employment, and creating a safe, organized environment for traders, particularly women and youth, who represent the majority of market participants. The World Bank representative echoed this commitment, underscoring their continued support for sustainable urban development and inclusive economic empowerment across Sierra Leone.

The new market is set to feature improved stalls, storage facilities, sanitation systems, drainage infrastructure, and enhanced safety measures. Once completed, it is expected to significantly enhance trading conditions in Makeni, stimulate local commerce, and contribute to the socio-economic development of the Northern Region.

The ceremony concluded with goodwill messages from various stakeholders and the symbolic handing over of the project site, officially paving the way for the construction works to begin.



Team Lead – Project Fiduciary Management Unit, World Bank Representative and CEO of S&H Trading Investment.



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