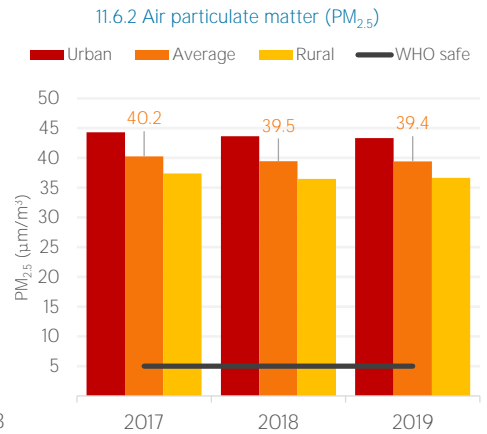
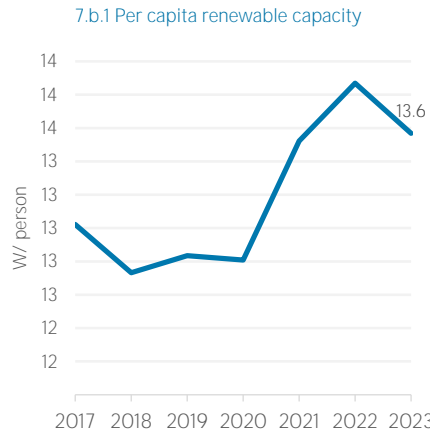
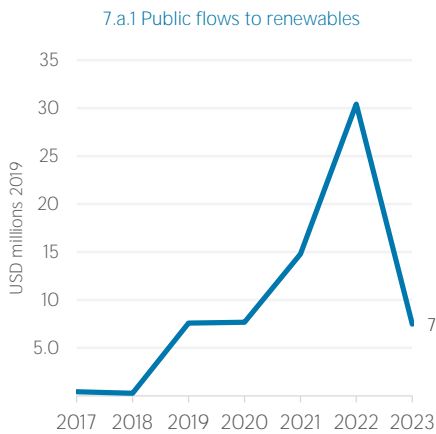
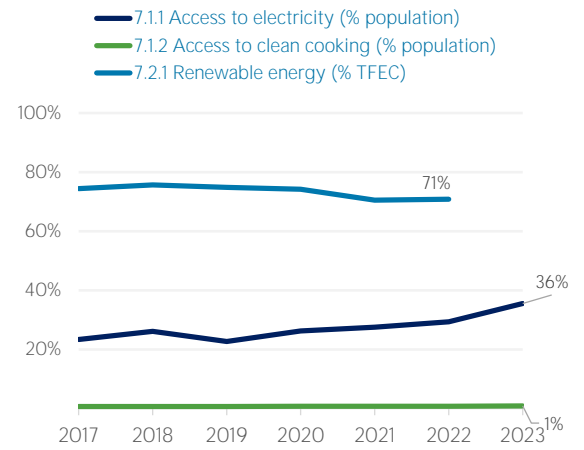
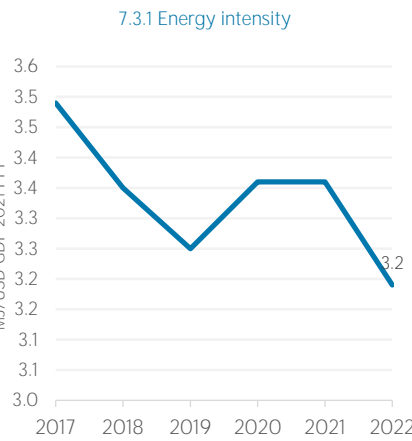
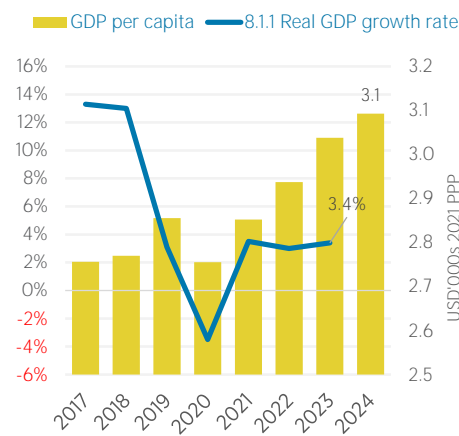


COUNTRY INDICATORS AND SDGS



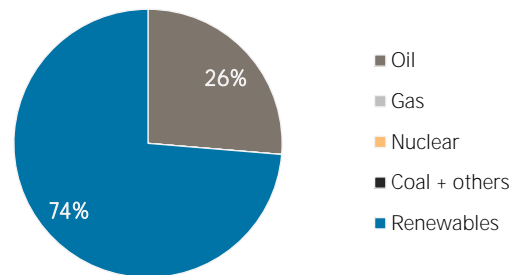
TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)

Total Energy Supply (TES)	2017	2022
Non-renewable (TJ)	15 057	20 435
Renewable (TJ)	54 824	57 195
Total (TJ)	69 881	77 630
Renewable share (%)	78	74

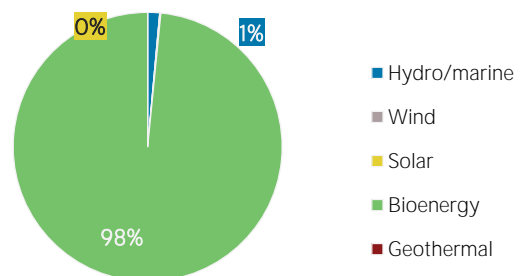
Growth in TES	2017-22	2021-22
Non-renewable (%)	+35.7	+13.7
Renewable (%)	+4.3	+0.9
Total (%)	+11.1	+4.0

Primary energy trade	2017	2022
Imports (TJ)	15 611	20 722
Exports (TJ)	0	0
Net trade (TJ)	- 15 611	- 20 722
Imports (% of supply)	22	27
Exports (% of production)	0	0
Energy self-sufficiency (%)	78	74

Total energy supply in 2022

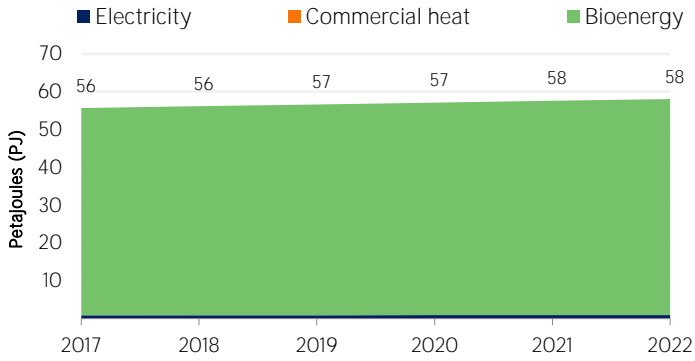


Renewable energy supply in 2022



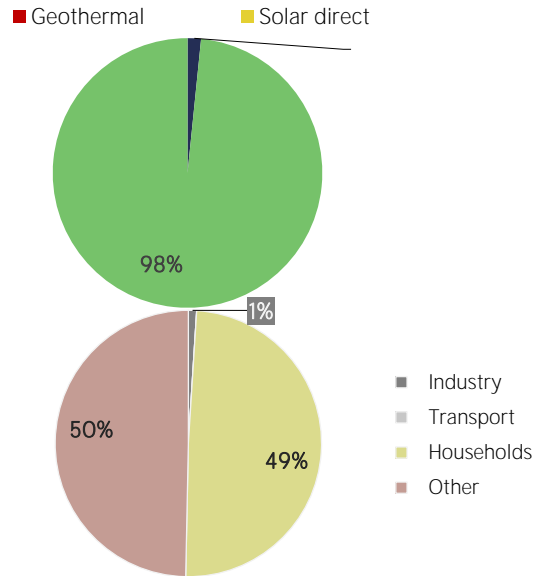
RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)

Renewable TFEC trend



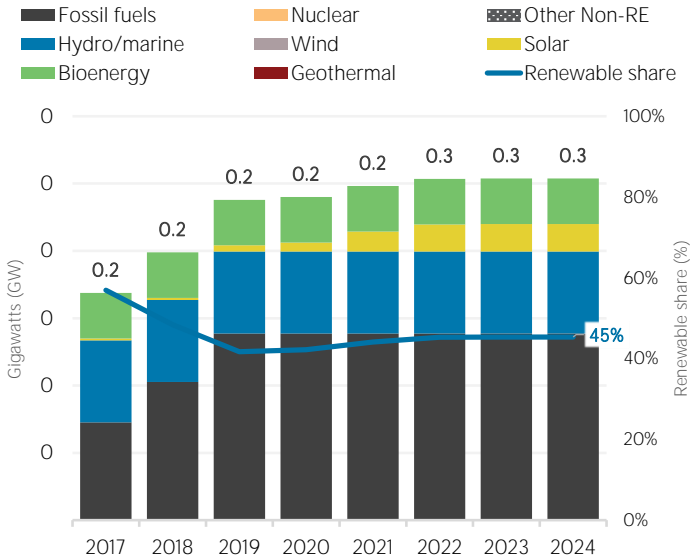
Consumption by sector	2017	2022
Industry (TJ)	502	580
Transport (TJ)	0	0
Households (TJ)	29 211	28 625
Other (TJ)	25 953	28 834

Renewable energy consumption in 2022

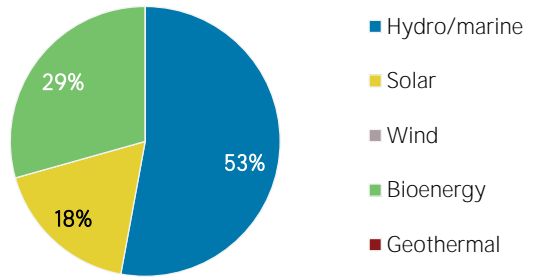


ELECTRICITY CAPACITY

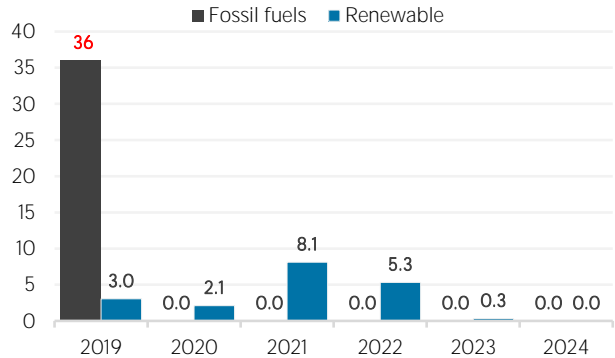
Installed capacity trend



Renewable capacity in 2024



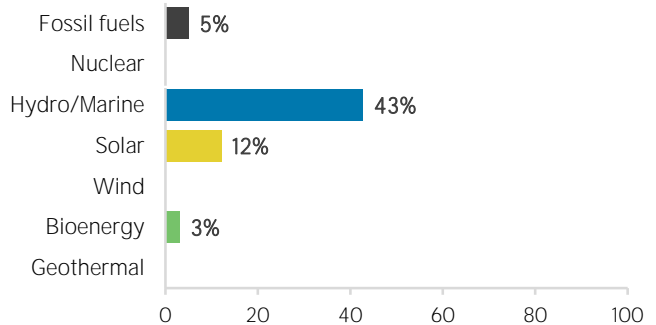
Net capacity change (MW)



Net capacity change in 2024 (MW)

Non-renewable	0	Hydro and marine	0
Solar	0	Wind	0
Bioenergy	0	Geothermal	0

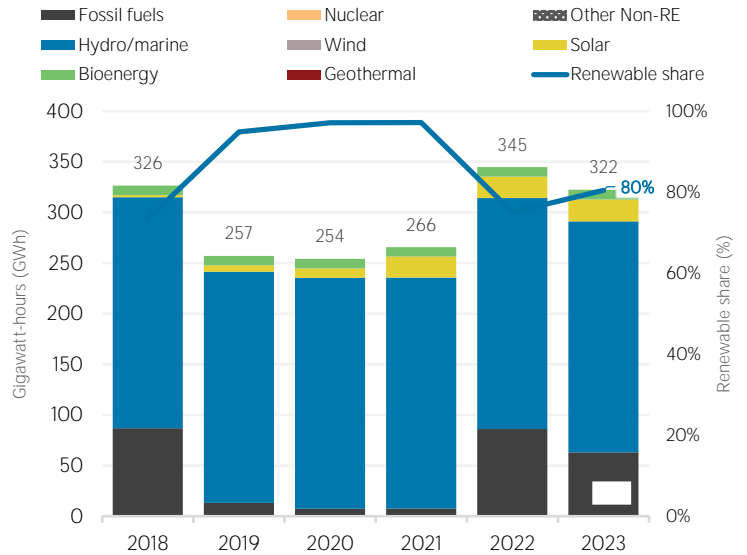
Capacity utilisation in 2023 (%)



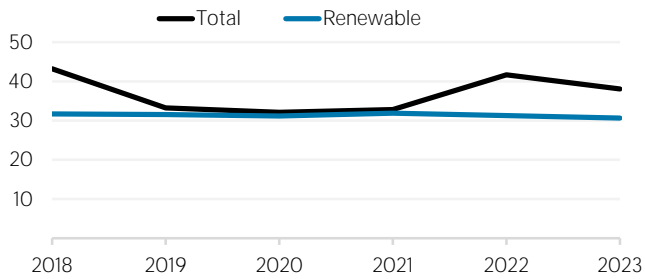
ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Generation in 2023	GWh	%
Non-renewable	63	20
Renewable	259	80
Hydro and marine	228	71
Solar	22	7
Wind	0	0
Bioenergy	10	3
Geothermal	0	0
Total	322	100

Electricity generation trend



Per capita electricity generation (kWh)

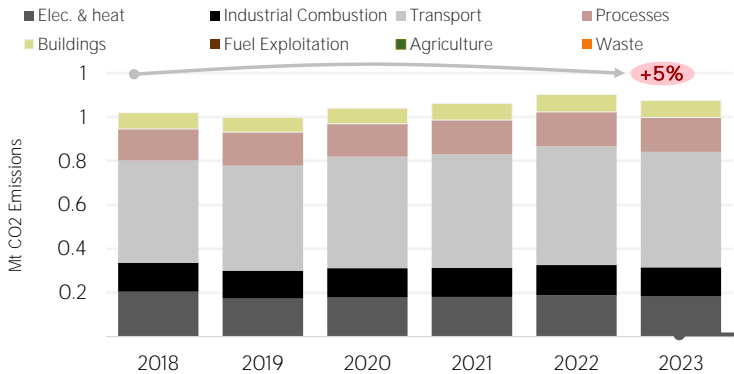


LATEST POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND LEGISLATION

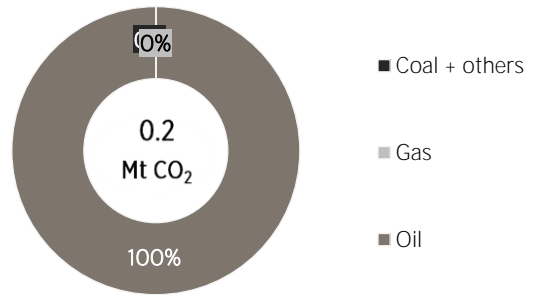
- 1 Revised/Updated NDC of Sierra Leone 2021
- 2 Sustainable Energy For All Universal Energy Facility 2020
- 3 African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) 2019
- 4 EITI Standard 2019
- 5 Sierra Leone Mines and Minerals Development Act 2022 2010

ENERGY AND EMISSIONS

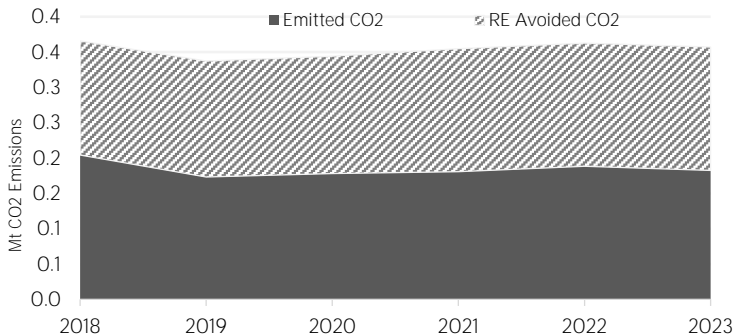
CO₂ emissions by sector



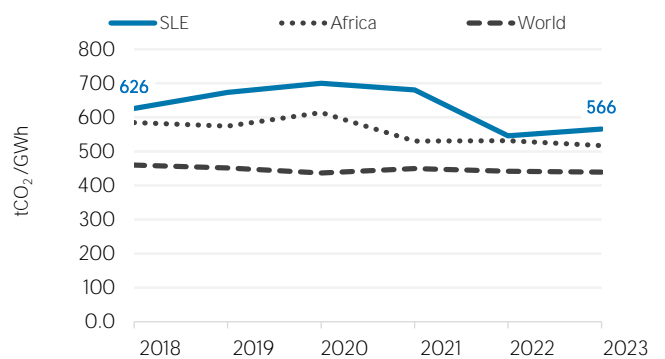
Elec. & heat generation CO₂ emissions in



Avoided emissions from renewable elec. & heat



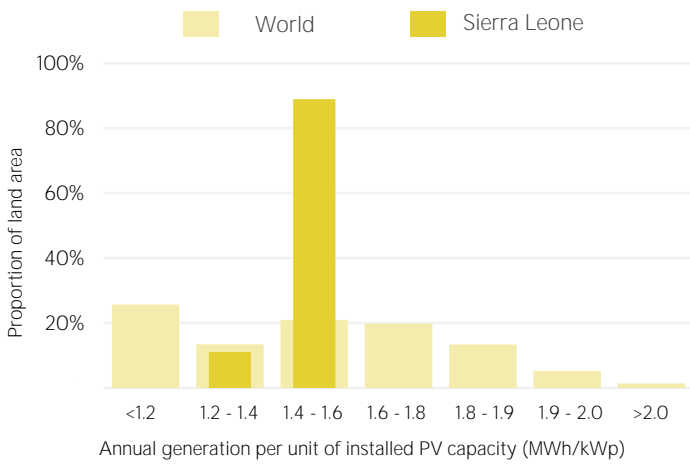
CO₂ emission factor for elec. & heat generation



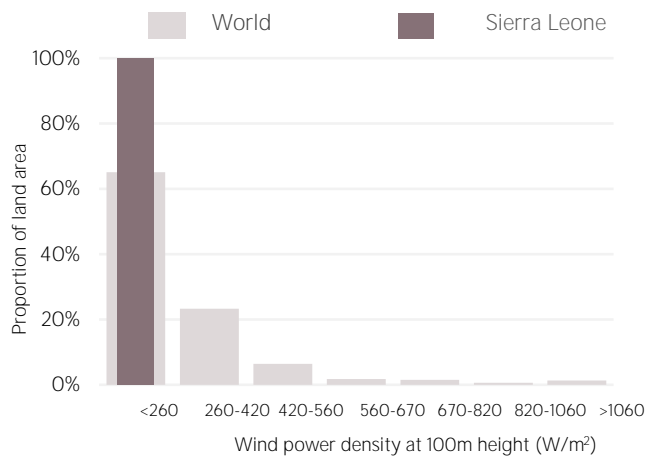
Avoided emissions based on fossil fuel mix used for power

Calculated by dividing power sector emissions by elec. + heat gen.

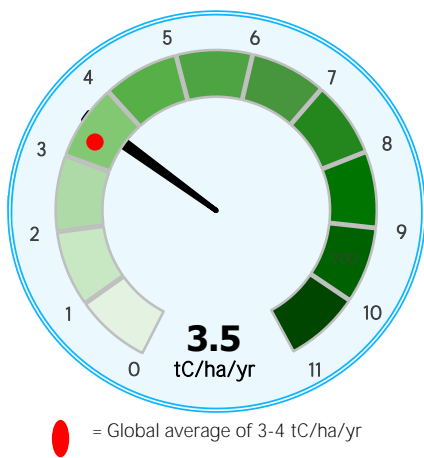
Distribution of solar potential



Distribution of wind potential



Biomass potential: net primary production



Indicators of renewable resource potential

Solar PV: Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity (kWh/kWp/yr). The bar chart shows the proportion of a country's land area in each of these classes and the global distribution of land area across the classes (for comparison).

Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m²) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

Biomass: Net primary production (NPP) is the amount of carbon fixed by plants and accumulated as biomass each year. It is a basic measure of biomass productivity. The chart shows the average NPP in the country (tC/ha/yr), compared to the global average NPP of 3-4 tonnes of carbon

Sources: IRENA statistics, plus data from the following sources: UN SDG Database (original sources: WHO: World Bank: IEA: IRENA: and UNSD): UN World Population Prospects: UNSD Energy Balances: UN COMTRADE: World Bank World Development Indicators: EDGAR: REN21 Global Status Report: IEA-IRENA Joint Policies and Measures Database: IRENA Global Atlas: and World Bank Global Solar Atlas and Global Wind Atlas.

Additional notes: Capacity per capita and public investments SDGs only apply to developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by fossil fuel generation multiplied by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and years where no fossil fuel generation occurs, an average fossil fuel emission factor has been used to calculate the avoided emissions.

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