

# ACT

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## THE SIERRA LEONE RED CROSS SOCIETY ACT, 2012

SIGNED this 3rd day of December, 2012.

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DR. ERNEST BAI KOROMA,  
*President.*

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Short title.

### **The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society Act, 2012.**

**Being an Act to continue in existence the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society and to provide for other related matters.**

[ ] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

## PART I – PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Conventions and Additional Protocols” means the Conventions and Additional Protocols specified in the Schedule;

“Society “ means the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society constituted under section 2.

## PART II- ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIETY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Establishment of society .

2. (1) There shall continue to be a body to be known as the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society.

(2) The Society shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of any property, whether movable or immovable and of suing and being sued in its corporate name and subject to this Act, of performing all such acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

Common seal.

3. (1) The Society shall have a common seal, the affixing of which shall be authenticated by the signatures of members of the General Assembly generally or specifically authorized by the General Assembly for that purpose .

(2) Every document purporting to be an instrument executed or issued by or on behalf of the Society and to be sealed with the common seal of the Society authenticated in the manner stated in subsection (1) shall be deemed to be so executed or issued without further proof, unless the contrary is proved.

4. (1) The object for which the Society is established is to render assistance to the medical services of the Armed Forces of Sierra Leone during armed conflict and provide humanitarian aid to civilians and military victims during armed conflict, natural disasters and other situations requiring a humanitarian response .

Functions of Society.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) it shall be the function of the Society to –

- (a) prevent and alleviate human suffering without any adverse discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, language, religious beliefs, class, political opinion or any similar criteria;
- (b) take part in national preparedness and response plans for disaster and emergency situations;
- (c) act in all situations requiring a humanitarian response as a reference organization in the field of first aid;
- (d) provide support to communities in line with identified vulnerabilities;
- (e) manage an effective national network to restore family links between people separated as a result of armed conflict, natural or man-made disasters or other situations requiring humanitarian response;
- (f) provide community services to the general population through the Society’s programmes in such fields as education, the improvement of health, social welfare and the prevention of diseases;
- (g) promote and disseminate international humanitarian law, the fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement and the spirit of volunteerism; and