

GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFRC – Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, a militia split from the Sierra Leone Army that staged a coup in 1997 and allied with the RUF.

APC – All People’s Congress, Sierra Leone political party.

CBO – Community-based organisation

DDR – Disarmament, Demobilisation, and Reintegration

De Beers – The largest diamond mining and selling company in the world.

ECOMOG – The ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group.

ECOWAS – The Economic Community of West African States.

EO – Executive Outcomes, a South African private military company dissolved in 1999 under South Africa’s anti-mercenary laws.

IDMP – Integrated Diamond Management and Policy, a USAID-funded programme to implement new policy on the diamond trade.

IMP – Integrated Management Programme, a programme of the IDMP and PDA to empower diamond diggers in Sierra Leone in cooperatives that will monitor their diamonds from “Earth to Export.”

Juju – An object used as a fetish, a charm, or an amulet in West Africa, and the supernatural power ascribed to such an object. The Kamajors in Sierra Leone believed that the use of juju, including following strict behavioral codes, kept them safe from attack by their enemies.

Kamajors – Mende hunter-warriors who fought the RUF in Sierra Leone under the leadership of Sam Hinga Norman.

KPCS – Kimberley Process Certification Scheme – A process for stopping the flow of rough diamonds from conflict areas. Came into effect globally on 1 January 2003.

LURD – Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy.

NACSA – National Committee for Social Action, Sierra Leone

NACWAC – National Commission for War Affected Children, Sierra Leone

NCDDR – National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration

NCRRR – National Commission for Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Reintegration, Sierra Leone

NCP-SL – Network on Collaborative Peacebuilding Sierra Leone, a civil society umbrella organisation sustained by WANEP regional funding. After near-collapse in 2004, hired a consultant and revised the constitution to resuscitate its leadership in October 2004.

NGO – Non-governmental organisation

NPFL – The National Patriotic Front of Liberia, a rebel group led by Charles Taylor that overthrew Samuel K. Doe in 1990 and supported the RUF during the civil war in Sierra Leone.

NPRC – National Provisional Ruling Council, Sierra Leone. Young army officers led by Valentine Strasser staged a coup in 1992 and overthrew President Momoh's government, extending an offer of peace to the RUF. The RUF refused.

PDA – Peace Diamonds Alliance, USAID-funded NGO in Sierra Leone

RUF – Revolutionary United Front, Sierra Leone rebel group led by Foday Sankoh and main perpetrator of the civil war in Sierra Leone.

RUF – The Revolutionary United Front Party, the transformation of the Sierra Leonean rebel group to political party formed after disarmament and demobilisation.

RSLAF – Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces.

SCSL – Special Court for Sierra Leone

SLP – Sierra Leone Police

SLPP – Sierra Leone People’s Party, political party of President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah.

ULIMO - United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy. From 1992, received support from ECOMOG peacekeepers from the Economic Community of West African States and the Sierra Leonean and Guinean governments to help defeat the NPFL.

UNAMSIL – United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

UNHCR – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund.

UNMIL – United Nations Mission in Liberia.

UNOCI – United Nations Operation in Côte d’Ivoire

WANEP – West African Network for Peacebuilding, a regional peace network with offices in Ghana, Liberia, and an affiliate in Sierra Leone (see NCP-SL).