

**RECOGNITION OF THE SIERRA LEONE
RED CROSS SOCIETY**

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To the Central Committees of the Red Cross
(Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun)
Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition, on November 1, 1962, of the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This Society applied for recognition in a letter dated September 21, 1962. The application was accompanied by the Sierra Leone Government's Decree of July 1, 1962, recognizing the Society, together with the text of the Society's Statutes, and reports of its activities.

The study of these documents has shown that the ten conditions for recognition of a new Society by the International Committee have been duly fulfilled. These documents have also been examined in connection with the Secretariat of the League.

The International Committee has pleasure, therefore, in announcing the recognition of this Society, which brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to ninety. The Sierra Leone Red Cross thus becomes the thirteenth National Society to receive recognition on the African continent.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The work of the Red Cross in Sierra Leone was previously carried out with devotion and competence by the Sierra Leone Branch of the British Red Cross. The new Society took over on August 16, 1962. Recognized by its Government as an auxiliary to the army medical services in all the fields specified by the Geneva Conventions, the Society, which numbers several thousand members in four branches, is responsible for the blood transfusion and first-aid services, the distribution of milk to children, assistance to tubercular cases and the training of health personnel. It has a Junior Red Cross.

The State of Sierra Leone is a Party to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 by virtue of their ratification by Great Britain in 1957. The President of the Society is Dr. Davidson Nicol and the National Secretary is Mrs. G.L. Brandon. Its headquarters are in Freetown.

The International Committee has great pleasure in welcoming this new Society into the International Red Cross, accrediting it by this notice to all other National Societies and recommending it to their kind attention. It expresses its best wishes for the Society's future and for the success of its charitable work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

Léopold BOISSIER

President