GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2020

- **Population**: 7.977 Millions
- **Exchange rate**: 9 829.927 SLL/US$
- **GDP**: 4 210 Millions current US$
- **Land area**: (n) 72 180 km$^2$
- **CPI growth**: 15.70 %
- **GDP growth**: -2.20 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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<th>Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)</th>
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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>158</td>
<td>341</td>
<td>512</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>345</td>
<td>770</td>
<td>1 530</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>-186</td>
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Export structure by product group in 2020

(as % of total exports)

- All food items: 34%
- Agricultural raw materials: 17%
- Ores and metals: 13%
- Manufactured goods: 22%
- Other: 14%

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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<td>Services exports</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Services imports</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>252</td>
<td>883</td>
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<td>Services trade balance</td>
<td>-13</td>
<td>-195</td>
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Services exports by main category

(as % of total services)

- Transport: 14.9%
- Travel: 81.9%
- Other services: 3.2%

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

**GDP by expenditure in 2019**

(as % of total GDP)

- **Household Consumption**: 100.2%
- **General government final consumption expenditure**: 8.4%
- **Gross Capital Formation**: 13.0%
- **Exports**: 16.0%
- **Imports**: 37.5%

**Economic indicators**

(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

- **GDP, current**: 1 650, 2 578, 4 248, 4 210
- **GDP per capita, current US$**: 292, 402, 592, 528
- **Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %**: 4.51, 5.35, -20.49, -2.20
- **Current account balance, % of GDP**: -6.36, -22.70, -23.61, -23.78
- **Exchange rate (US$)**: 2 889.588, 3 978.087, 5 080.748, 9 829.927

**Gross domestic product growth rate in 2020**

- **-2.2 %**
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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>83.18</td>
<td>238.44</td>
<td>252.44</td>
<td>348.70</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>-7.55</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>0.15</td>
<td>1.72</td>
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Financial flows trends
(millions of US$)

Trade balance indicators²
(as % and index)

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-42.22</td>
<td>-62.95</td>
<td>-65.11</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
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Trade openness²
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

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Maritime transport indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>792</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>5.33</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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Information economy indicators
(as % of)

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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e. Estimated.

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0. Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
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#. Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:

DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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