Palm Oil Expansion Investment Opportunity

Rehabilitating production, expanding processing and refining, and formalising domestic and regional market channels.



Established market | FAO pre-screened | Export oriented

INVESTMENT PROPOSITION

A large-scale value-chain expansion anchored in an established domestic production base. The investment combines rehabilitation and expansion of smallholder production, feeder roads, community mills, integrated processing and downstream refining, supported by access to finance and markets.

US$285.7m	US$43.8m	28.6%	29,400
INDICATIVE INVESTMENT	NET PRESENT VALUE	INDICATIVE IRR	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

INVESTMENT PACKAGE

Production rehabilitation and expansion	Private	US$123.2m
Community and cluster mills	PPP	US$80.0m
Integrated processing and refining	Private / PPP	US$80.0m
Finance and value-chain support	PPP	US$2.5m

MARKET AND BANKABILITY

- FAO identifies palm oil as Sierra Leone's second-largest agricultural export, with annual crude palm oil production around 50,000 tonnes valued at roughly US$50m.
- The 2026 case estimates that around 70% of smallholder output leaves informally for Guinea, creating an opportunity for formal aggregation and local processing.
- The investment case targets 40,000 hectares of rehabilitation or expansion, 40 community mills, eight integrated mills and four refining and downstream facilities.
- The modelled FAO EX-ACT climate impact is a net reduction of about 3.6 million tCO2e over 20 years.

INVESTMENT ASK

Seeking plantation and outgrower investors, mill and refinery operators, logistics providers, lenders and PPP partners to develop an integrated domestic processing and export platform.

2032 target: expand production for domestic processing and export markets, strengthen formal value capture, and eliminate palm oil imports.

Sources: FAO Hand-in-Hand Initiative 2026, Sierra Leone agrifood investment portfolio. Indicative portfolio case. Project-level land, ESG, traceability, mill siting, feedstock security and financing structures require due diligence.