On March 7, 2018, Sierra Leone elected a new President, Members of Parliament and Local Councils in the fourth multi-party elections since the end of the civil war in 2002. A total of 17 political parties participated in the elections while 16 candidates, including 2 women, contested for the presidency. Notably, the Constitutional provision of 55% required for presidential candidates to be elected was not met at the first ballot leading to a run-off.