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NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Snr Director Idris Turay in group photo with participants from other countries

The Commissioner of NaCSA Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina alongside the Senior Director of Social Protection, NaCSA Mr. Idris Turay joined participants from other African countries (Uganda, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Swaziland and South Sudan) to attend the 2023 Donor Fund Management and Proposal Writing training in Nairobi, Kenya.

The international training session is being attended by representatives from various countries. The training covers among others, sessions in Donor Diversification, Fundraising Strategy, and organization preparedness for



Amb. Ndomahina and fellow participants on group exercise

resource mobilization and grant management.

The objective of the training is to upgrade key competencies in proposal writing, grant management, and report writing among key personnel in NGOs, INGOs, FBOs, State & National Governments, Universities, Colleges & Research Institutions, and other professionals in the development sector, so as to increase access to variety of donor funds and improve grant management and reporting.

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Presentation of souvenir to the Commissioner by organizers

According to the design, the course teaches organization staff on how to create and present consistently strong levels of expertly formulated, persuasive, grant-winning proposals, and to manage the grant in full compliance with donor guidelines. It also improves one's capacity to manage, analyze, and document complex information into professional reports credible enough to support both effective decision-making.

Representing Sierra Leone, the Commissioner and the Senior Director are hopeful that the expertise acquired will position the Commission to increase and strengthen its resource mobilization. The experience gained from the training, according to Amb. Ndomahina, the New NaCSA Commissioner is exceptional and certainly will add value to NaCSA's interventions.



NaCSA Commissioner and Team members doing presentation

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Below is a synopsis of key outcomes from the workshop. The two high profile representatives of NaCSA are now able to;

(a) Demonstrate solid proficiency with expert mastery of content during grant start up meetings, pre-solicitation preparations (concept notes/ presentations), proposal design and other processes leading to grant award

(b) Improve their skills to provide technical input in the design of convincing and innovative strategies for the production of high-quality grant winning project proposals

(c) Skilfully respond to calls for proposals and demonstrate results!

(d) Improve their ability to skilfully and professionally pitch for project/strategy in donor/stakeholders' forums related to the proposal

(e) Improve their skills in evaluating proposal submissions

(f) Hone their skills to provide valuable input in the development of proposal budgets for a range of donors- EU, GTZ, USAID, UN, among others

(g) Improve their grant management and reporting skills

(h) Reduce procrastination, time wastages to design and deliver quality project reports on time

(i) Become an intentional and impactful writer of project reports and produce persuasive, convincing, actionable reports that support decision-making.

After the end of the training, the Commissioner and Senior Director presented their certificate of Participation to the Sierra Leonean High Commissioner in Nairobi, Kenya.

It is also worth noting that the entire training program was financed by the World Bank at no cost to the Government.



Amb. Ndomahina and Snr. Director Idris Turay posing with their certificates

THE FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENT PROGRAMME HOSTS A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP



Group photo of participants at the two-days workshop in Bo

The Food System Resilient Programme (FSRP) has concluded a two-day session to review its 2023 Annual Work Plan and Budget and draft the 2024 AWPB. After what has been described by many as effective project implementation, the West African Food System Resilient Program seeks to create a productive space for all partners to reflect on implementation progress and update the annual work plan and budget for 2024.

It could be recalled that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) to implement an Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) programme under the Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) of the Food Systems Resilience Program (FSRP). A total of 12,000 households (60,000 persons) will receive a one-off UCT of NLE 2,660 over a period of three-quarters. The targeted communities are in food-insecure and flood-affected districts of Moyamba, Kailahun, Port Loko Pujehun, Bonthe, Tonkolili, Karene, Koinadugu, Falaba, Kambia, Bo and Kenema.

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Speaking at the open, NaCSA's Social Development Specialist (SDS), Ms Isata M. Blake reassured the Ministry and the FSRP Implementation Unit of the Commission's continued commitment to ensuring that the cash transfer element is implemented with efficiency and effectiveness. "we have made significant progress in delivery the benefit to targeted beneficiaries; specifically, NaCSA has completed the targeting and enrolment of 12,000 beneficiaries in 12 districts namely: Bo, Bonthe, Moyamba, Pujehun, Kailahun, Kenema, Koinadugu, Falaba, Tonkolili, Port Loko, Karene & Kambia" she disclosed. The clean data per district, she noted is ready for payment, and the Payment service provider is alerted to prepare for an over-the-counter payment mechanism. Payment date, she furthered, has been scheduled with 53 teams (PSP & NaCSA) set for deployment and "we are at an advance stage of the discussion to decide with relevant institutions on the payment methodology," she informed the team.

During a bilateral discussion with stakeholders, Madam Isata further called for deliberate and collective efforts to fast-track the payment of beneficiaries.

At the end of these sessions, it is expected that the implementation arrangements for the Program Management Unit and partners will be discussed. This is to guide the effective implementation of programs.



AUDIT SERVICE SIERRA LEONE EMBARKS ON FIELD MONITORING VISITS



NaCSA Southern Regional based staff and the Bo district staff posing with Audit Service Sierra Leone's staff

Audit Service Sierra Leone according to Section 119 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, is empowered to audit the public accounts of all public offices including the courts, the central and local government administrations, the Universities and public institutions, together with statutory corporations, companies, bodies or organizations set up partly or wholly out of public funds.

In this regard, the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) is not exempted. Following a successful monitoring of books/statements (other documents) at the Headquarters, the Commission has facilitated a nationwide field monitoring visits for Audit staff to ascertain actual implantation in the field with reports submitted.

As the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) for Sierra Leone, the Audit Service Sierra Leone promotes accountability and good governance.

Below are highlights of Audit Service Sierra Leone staff visit at various NaCSA's implementations sites:



The engagement with Audit Service SL at the office ended with a visit at one of CDDP sites in Bo - Kendeyama section.

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Highlight 1:

Kambia District

NaCSA District Coordinator Kellie and team received staff of Audit SL in Kambia and held a pre-monitoring visit meeting with staff and later visited 3 different projects (1 GPC3 and 2 CDDP).

The DC, DE and CBF of Kambia District led the auditors from Audit SL to the selected project sites in Kambia District including a Grain store at Kichun, Samu Chiefdom constructed under the CDDP Project; 21m bridge by GPCIII in Samu Chiefdom and the CHC at Kukuna by CDDP.



Highlight 2:

Pujehun District

NaCSA Pujehun District hosts Audit Service S/L at the District office. A tour to the CDDP Project site together with the Head mistress of HRS primary School.



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Highlight 3:

Kailahun District

Audit Service Sierra Leone meets with NaCSA Kailahun District team for staff head count and monitoring of GoSL and GPC/KFW projects in the district. The monitoring team visited the Chief of Baiima Community Mr. Macarthy and the Paramount Chief of Jahn Chiefdom P C Foday Musa Nyandebo Gbogboto respectively. The engagements of these Chiefs were highly appreciated and helped us for our community entrance. The Baiima Mandu multiple purpose building, Gbeika Secondary School and Cocoa Processing Center were all monitored by the Audit Sierra Leone and NaCSA District team. Some major challenges were recorded on the newly constructed Cocoa Processing Center.



Highlight 4:

Kenema District

Audit Service Sierra Leone meets with NaCSA Regional/ District staff in Kenema. Highlights on issues of challenges at both Programmes and administrative levels were revealed and recorded by the auditors. The auditors referred to the engagement as a mile stone, a journey that has started in which positive reforms will be realized in the near future.

Next was to move to the field to look at sub projects selected by the auditors under CDDP, exclusively funded by GoSL including: a health center at Gelehun Small Bo Chiefdom, and a Grain store at Gandorhun, Niawa Chiefdom. R.C. East and the District Engineer accompanied the auditor, Mr. Harding to the field.





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HAPPY EID MILAD-UN NABI GREETINGS



**The Board of Directors,
Management and Staff
of NaCSA wish you a**

Happy

Mawlid -Al -Nabi

May Allah bless you with His blessings and love. we pray for your success and prosperity. Happy Eid Milad-Un Nabi. Enjoy this holy day!



OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT



== IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF ==

Jonta Fatima Alghali-Moiba

*SHE WAS A FORMER PROGRAMME OFFICER
FOR THE NaCSA EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION
PROGRAMME (EPP) III ONCE FUNDED BY GIZ*

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE



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