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*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina signing the Agreement on behalf of NaCSA*

*The newly appointed Commissioner OF NaCSA, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement with Jianxi College of Foreign Studies, in prioritizing and realigning the Government's Big Five Game-Changers with NaCSA's operations. The signing of this Strategic Cooperation Agreement with Jianxi College is also geared towards complementing President Bio's effort to enhance Human Capital Development and accelerate the Youths Empowerment Scheme.*

The agreement between NaCSA and Jianxi College focuses on deepened cooperation in the fields of talent cultivation, teaching competencies development, practical training, the transformation of science and technologies, skills training, etc. The Agreement further aims at promoting the overall progress of colleges, enterprises, and society by making full use of the advantages on both sides. Accordingly, this cooperation will help to achieve an exchange program between Sierra Leonean students and Jiangxi Students - a key step to solving the social problems of our youths which coincided with President Bio's agenda of Prompt Action on Poverty Alleviation.



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*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Jianxi College Representative posing after the signing*

This historic event was climaxed by a sound delivery of a Public Lecture by Commissioner Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina on his experience as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. "I have so many inspirational experiences during my tenure as an Ambassador in China, I can testify that the Chinese People are patriotic, hardworking, and focused. But what blew my mind most, is how China took eight hundred million people out of poverty. I am curious to know the strategy used to achieve this great feat." Ambassador Ndomahina requested.

The unassuming Commissioner ended by quoting from President Xi's Book titled; Up and Out of Poverty. "How can a weak hatchling bird be the first to fly?"

The commissioner said he is inspired to know how President Xi lifted the people of Ningde out of poverty. Noting that President Xi converted the impoverished and mountainous counties and cities of Ningde prefecture in Fujian province to an important city. "As Commissioner of NaCSA, I am pleased to tell you that my President His Excellency Retired Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio wants to see that Sierra Leone becomes the first West African Country to fly from poverty. I will continue to dialogue with China on poverty alleviation strategy." ....The Commissioner confidently ended with his usual smile accompanied by a round of applause from Chinese students who were amazed at the depth of knowledge the Sierra Leonean Commissioner has

## SIR JIMMY BATILO SONGA EMBARKS ON FOLLOW-UP VISITS AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE



*NaCSA Deputy Commissioner and Team posing with the Senior Economist at his George Street Office*

*As the saying goes, “if the mountain cannot meet Mohammed, then Mohammed should move and meet the mountain. This is exactly what is happening, when the Deputy Commissioner of NaCSA, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa on Monday September 4, 2023 embarked on follow-up visits to key divisions at the Ministry of Finance.*

In his engagement with one of the Senior Economists at the Ministry of Finance, Kenneth King, the NaCSA Deputy Commissioner explained the purpose of his visit, which he noted was to do a follow up on key issues affecting the operations of the Commission which should have lodged at the Ministry and to remove those bottlenecks that might stagnate implementation progress.



*NaCSA Deputy Commissioner and Team engaging the Senior Economist at his George St Office*

## SIR JIMMY BATILO SONGA EMBARKS ON FOLLOW-UP VISITS AT THE MINISTRY



*NaCSA Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa and team with the Assistant Director of Budget*

At his Budget Bureau Office, Treasury Building in Freetown, the Assistant Director of Budget, Alie Dausy Wurie expressed his delight over the high-level NaCSA delegation's visit and confirmed the good working relationship he has enjoyed with the Commission and assured the team of the continuity of the collaboration for the good of country, especially the constituent of Sierra Leoneans NaCSA is providing for.

Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa commended the Ministry of Finance, noting that NaCSA as an entity cannot deliver on its mandate without their support and further spoke on the PSSNYE project which is being co-funded by the World Bank and the Government of Sierra Leone. This project, he noted is servicing over 35,000 vulnerable households, but cannot do so without the support of the Ministry of Finance.

"I am very grateful to His Excellency for his continuing trust in me to serve him and for sending another philanthropist in the person of Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina to work with me, as well as the World Bank for providing the bulk of the fund for this project. My appeal is for you at the Ministry of Finance to support us to achieve our goal. I am here to remove any bottleneck," the Deputy Commissioner assured.

This is coming from the background that NaCSA under its new dispensation is determined to collaborate with partners to REBRAND and realign its mandates with the government's BIG FIVE GAME CHANGERS to accelerate economic growth and building resilience. Key in achieving this is to clean off all bottlenecks or potentials that might delay implementation and to promote His Excellency Retired Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio's agenda of Prompt Action on Poverty Alleviation.

## NaCSA COMMISSIONER STOPS OVER BRUSSELS AND SIPS FROM

*In his quest to provide the required leadership, the Commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina paid a courtesy visit to the Sierra Leone Ambassador to Belgium His Excellency Samuel Tamba Musa who served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Ambassador's Fund-raising Committee. H. E. Musa is also a development expert who served as the Country Director of Action Aid and has over twenty years of experience in programme development.*

The stopover of Commissioner Ndomahina was an experience-sharing visit to prepare the ground for a relationship strengthening between NaCSA and the European Union with headquarters in Brussels.



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and the Sierra Leone Ambassador to Belgium*



## NaCSA GPC III PROJECT EMBARKS ON BOREHOLES CONSTRUCTION IN KAMBIA, KOINADUGU AND KONO DISTRICTS



*Drilling operators at work in one of the communities in Kambia District*

***NaCSA through the GPC III project has embarked on the construction of boreholes and towers with water tanks in selected communities in Kambia, Koinadugu and Kono Districts.***

According to the Assistant Programme engineer, Ing. Kabba Bakarr the intervention is aimed at complementing the already existing hand-dug well attached to grain stores constructed by the Project. This is coming as a result of inadequate water availability in those existing wells.

Ing. Bakarr further disclosed that a total of four boreholes with ancillaries would be constructed in the three districts. Each facility will include four 10,000 litres plastic water tanks mounted on tower fitted with five taps running a maximum distance 500 metres from the boreholes.

When completed, they will not only serve the agricultural value chain in these grain stores which is line with the Government's flagship "Feed Salone" agenda but will also provide safe drinking water for over 40,000 Sierra Leoneans within these communities.

The Pro Poor-Growth for Peace Consolidation Project (GPC), commenced in 2006, as a result of a Financial Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany represented by the German Development Bank (KfW). The overall objective of this project is to improve the employment and income situation especially for youths in rural communities by providing enhanced economic infrastructure (feeder roads and bridges, grain stores with ancillary facilities, cattle paddocks and water wells) along selected agricultural value chains, constructed by using labor-intensive approaches.

## BLUE RIBBON SOLUTION (SL) LIMITED MEETS WITH NaCSA



*Drilling operators at work in one of the communities in Kambia District*

*A delegation from Blue Ribbon Solution (SL) Limited including the Chief Executive Officer and Software Developers has on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 paid a working visit to the NaCSA Acting Commissioner and Management Team.*

Demonstrating their works to the NaCSA team of experts, the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Ribbon Solution (SL) Limited, David Navo described their service as **“simple and effective solutions to complex problems across many Sectors”**. The Blue Ribbon Solutions team, he noted “combines deep data engineering skills with years of experience in diverse industries, such as banking, telecoms, trade, finance, media and logistics”. Ing. Navo assured.

After the presentation, the Acting Commissioner of NaCSA, Sir Jimmy Batilo

Songa on behalf of the Commissioner, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and team extended delight over the work of Blue Ribbon Solutions and assured them that, it is the desire of him and his Boss to incorporate digitalization as their 100 Days in Office Report for the Office of the President.



*NaCSA Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa and Senior Directors at the session*



## BLUE RIBBON SOLUTION (SL) LIMITED MEETS WITH NaCSA

It could be noted that few days back and in response to the Chief Minister's call for digitalization, NaCSA started training personnel on Management Information Systems (MIS) to give Senior Directors, Directors, Managers, and other technical professionals the resources they need to effectively make management information systems (MIS) decisions. Not only is the MIS essential for carrying out development programmes, but it also helps to guarantee data availability and correctness.



*NaCSA IEC /IT Team in attendance*



*Cross section of NaCSA Management paying keen attention to the presentation*

The strategic move is to ensure that all interventions are well coordinated and in line with the Big Five game Changers; especially under the 'Technology and Infrastructure Programmes for Sustainable Economic Growth'.

Blue Ribbon Solution (SL) Limited is a Mobile Network Operator in Sierra Leone having secured 3G & 4G public cellular license for the provision of voice and data services. Blue Ribbon Solutions operates under the brand name Blu.

## NaCSA RECOMMENCES TARGETING AND ENROLMENT OF EMERGENCY CASH TRANSFER



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### Government of Sierra Leone

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14-16 Charlotte Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone

4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

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### TARGETING AND ENROLMENT OF ECT III RESIDUAL CASELOAD AND VERIFICATION OF SIM

It can be recalled that the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) and its implementing partners have targeted and enrolled **33,287 (thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighty-seven)** beneficiaries under the third phase of the Emergency Cash Transfer (ECT III). **This was out of the 35,005 (thirty-five thousand and five)** pre-listed and verified beneficiaries with a remaining caseload of **1,718 (One thousand, seven Hundred and Eighteen)** beneficiaries. Additionally, it has been noted that there seem to be mismatches between the SIM numbers provided to the beneficiaries and the phone numbers registered to receive payment.

In collaboration with the Anti-Corruption Commission, NaCSA wishes to inform the public that on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, it will commence the targeting and enrolment of the remaining 1,718 potential beneficiaries of the ECT III. This will take place across all district headquarters towns excluding **Magbauraka, Mongor and Mattru**. The team will further carry out a verification exercise to ascertain that registered SIM cards issued to targeted and enrolled beneficiaries are correct for e-payment.

Beneficiaries should kindly be cautioned that no one should offer or pay anything to anyone to be enrolled for the ECT III benefit. Any attempted extortion or corrupt practice must be reported to the ACC using the toll-free number 515, directly to the ACC through its officials including Community and District Monitors, and any NaCSA staff. We thank you for your understanding and continued interest and confidence in the work of the Commission and its stakeholders.

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Jimmy Batilo Songa  
Deputy Commissioner – NaCSA

## HIGHLIGHTS ON THE TARGETING AND ENROLMENT OF EMERGENCY CASH TRANSFER

*NaCSA's District Coordinator for Moyamba District - Aminata Vandi giving detail information on the ECT III residual caseload established systems, processes and procedures.*



*The Social Development Specialist (SDS) attending to beneficiaries with GRM issues*



*A team of experts from ACC and NaCSA during a radio discussions on the ECT III residual caseload*





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