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Amb. Chief Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and NaCSA Management Staff at the Minister of Finance's Office in Freetown

The Commissioner of the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA), Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina, the Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa and a team of Experts from NaCSA have on Tuesday August 22, 2023 met with the Minister of Finance Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura and Management of the Ministry of Finance. This is in continuation of NaCSA's rebranding strategy to preposition the Commission to effectively deliver and align its interventions with the "Big Five."

It could be recalled that His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio has outlined his second-term aspirations, plans and priorities in a comprehensive initiative called " the Big Five," with "FEED SALONE" as its flagship programme. The emphasis is on the commitment to consolidate previous achievements and expedite the country's social and economic transformation. His Excellency believes that Sierra Leone will be put on a sustained trajectory of transforma-



tive change, poverty reduction, and resilience in the face of external shocks by achieving significant progress in the following critical areas; Feed Salone, Human Capital Development, Youth Employment Scheme, Revamping the Public Service Architecture through Delivery, Efficiency, and Professionalism and Technology and Infrastructure Programmes to Serve as Pathways for Sustained Economic Growth.



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Minister of Finance Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura with the New NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Management staff of NaCSA

Speaking to the team of experts, NaCSA's Commissioner congratulated the Honorable Minister of Finance and extended special thanks and appreciation to the Ministry for the continued support – technical and financial. He updated the team on the status of the existing projects; reemphasizing the urgent need to deliver on all projects. "As a Commission, we have consciously aligned our interventions with the Government's Big Five Game Changers Agenda 2023. My role as the Commissioner is to collaborate with partners to rebrand and realign our mandates with these game changers to accelerate economic growth and build resilience. I know that NaCSA is a hybrid organization and my priority now to clear all bottlenecks or potentials challenges that might impede projects and programmes implementation. I am also here to promote His Excellency Retired Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio's agenda of Prompt Action on Poverty Alleviation," Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina noted.

In his response, the Honorable Minister of Finance reassured the Commission of his Ministry's continued support. "I have taken note of all discussion points ranging from staff welfare, counterpart funding, institutional realignment and the rebranding strategy. Mechanisms will be put in place to address these legitimate issues, but it is important to take note of the quick wins because we should start making legacies from the first day in office," he commented.

The climax of the occasion was the presentation by the Commissioner of the alignment portrait of the Five Game Changers in the form of Rolled-up banner to the Minister.



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Cross section of NaCSA Regional Staff at the Resident Minister East's Office in Kenema

NaCSA's Regional Coordinator (RC) for the East, Mr. Moriba Foday and a cross section of Kenema District staff including the District Coordinator, Denis Ngotho Lansana, have paid a familiarization visit to the newly appointed Resident Minister- East, Mr. Gbessay Jusu Jaka Ngobeh at his Reservation office in Kenema City. In his submission, the Regional Coordinator- East, expressed his delight on behalf of NaCSA both at the Head Quarters in Freetown, headed by the Commissioner Ambassador, Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and the Eastern Region team for the warm reception accorded us. The R.C. further congratulated RESMIN East for his appointment by H.E. President Bio.

RC Moriba explained that the main reason for Chiefly for his team's visit was to pledge the usual support to work with the minister as has been done before with his predecessors.

In his response, the Resident Minister- East assured NaCSA of his fullest support and collaboration to promote the President's "Big Five Game Changer" in order to actualize his dream. He concluded by informing the NaCSA that his office was always open for fruitful dialogue.



Resident Minister East posing with NaCSA Regional staff in Kenema



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NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and staff of NaCSA with the Managing Director and staff of Afrimoney

This move gears towards fostering collaboration and digital advancement in the work NaCSA is doing. The commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ernest Ndomahina, expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the visit, acknowledging the importance of building partnerships to drive positive change. He further stated that Africell is a company he is well pleased with and looking forward to collaborating with them. He flagged the motion for possible collaboration between the two institutions in the execution of their Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSRs).



NaCSA Deputy Commissioner Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa with the Managing Director and Manager of Afrimoney



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NaCSA staff in attendance at the meeting with Afrimoney

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Kofi Addai, Senior Director of Support Services of NaCSA, extended a warm welcome to Africell and commended Africell's commitment to digital transformation. He acknowledged that while transitioning to digital landscape would require concerted efforts, the benefits would be substantial. Mr. Addai also expressed satisfaction with Africell's mission and operations. He emphasized the desire to explore avenues for future collaboration.

In attendance at the meeting were staffs from the Information, Communication and Education (IEC) and the IT units of NaCSA. The Managing Director of Afrimoney, Martison Obeg-Ayei was accompanied by Afrimoney's Cooperate Sales Manager, Alfred Joseph Lavalie and a representative of the Business Development Unit of Africell. The Deputy Commissioner, Chief Jimmy Sir Batilo Songa also graced the occasion.



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AFTER RECEIVING UNFILTERED ORIENTATION ON THE REBRANDING STRATEGY, NaCSA RECEIVES DONATION FROM ITS IEC UNIT

The Commissioner of the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina (EMN) has on Monday August 21, 2023 engaged the Unit responsible for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on the rebranding strategy and the strategic role of the unit in rebranding the Commission through corporate visibility.



NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina with the Programme Manager and staff of the NaCSA IEC Unit

Upon his appointment as Commissioner of NaCSA, the International Development Expert – EMN embarks on a translucent trajectory to transpose and rebrand the Commission to deliver on its mandate. The fundamental princi-

ples of the rebranding strategy, he noted, are employee motivation, resource mobilization, national consciousness, passion and commitment to deliver taking into cognizance the sacred responsibility to serve the most vulnerable and extremely poor Sierra Leoneans.

"Like every other unit, the IEC unit remains very important and its role cannot be overemphasized. As Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, our doors are always open and do not hesitate to reach out. With a genuine heart, I pray for NaCSA every blessed day." Chief Ndomahina noted.



NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina discussing with the Programme Manager IEC



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NaCSA Programme Manager - IEC, George Nyambe Williams handing over the NaCSA IEC Strategy to Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina

In his comments, the Program Manager for the IEC unit, George Nyambe Williams extended special thanks and appreciation to the Commissioner and his deputy for reenergizing and rejuvenating the unit. "as a unit, the capacity to deliver remains unquestionable. We assure you of our professional support to the Commission and we will do so in the best interest of the people we serve. Today, I present to you a sixmonth IEC plan which has highlighted a robust roadmap to a stainless corporate identity." He ended.



In another development and within the rebranding context, the IEC unit has donated "hand sanitizers" to the Commission. In presenting the donation, the IEC Program Manager noted that the kind gesture is worthy in an ambience of a "renewed hope, a redefined hope centered on staff motivation and shared growth." On behalf of management, Sylvester Hinga Demby, the Director of Administration and Human Resources received the donation with a sign of appreciation.



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NaCSA PRO-POOR GROWTH FOR PEACE CONSOLIDATION (GPC) III PROJECT EMBARKS ON CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR FACILITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

The German government (KfW) funded Pro-Poor Growth for Peace Consolidation (GPC) III Project implemented by NaCSA has embarked on capacity building training of the Facility Management Committees (FMCs) in Kambia District.

The course was divided into two modules. Module 1 targeted the Facility Management Committee (FMC) members on operations of the market, establishing the effective management framework for the Income Generating Facility (IGF). In this session, participants trained on their different roles. These included Chair-Secretaries, Treasurers, persons, Caretakers of the auxiliary facilities (Solar/Well/Floor Milling/ and Storage, etc.).



NaCSA Kambia District Coordinator Mr. Sahr Kellie facilitating the session



The governance structure of key facilities was discussed during the training while bye-laws were formulated for subsequent validation by the Community Wide Assembly (CWA).

The second module was on the use of Tablet for the FMCs which is an integral step towards the digitalization of FMC operations. This initiative serves a dual purpose: firstly, enabling the systematic collection of accurate data in a centralized repository, and secondly, facilitating the seamless transmission of this data to NaCSA HQ for further analysis and processing.

NaCSA Sahr Kellie on one-on-one with participants



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Traditionally, FMC bookkeeping relied heavily on paper ledgers, with minimal access for NaCSA HQ to gain insights or gauge the economic performance of the facility. The availability of information was mostly confined to the local level. Recognizing the efficacy of digital data collection piloted at the level of construction companies, NaCSA made the strategic decision to extend this approach to the FMC realm.



The session was highly demonstrative with participants expressing great appreciation



Despite the challenges posed by a relatively high rate of illiteracy, the initial outcomes from FMCs in 2021 have been encouraging, resulting in more frequent financial data updates reaching HQ. In addition to financial data, the FMC employs the digital platform to gather data for one of the project indicators stipulated by the donor.

The trainings were highly demonstrative. Bjorn Schuller, the lead Eco GTech Consultant facilitated the training in collaboration with other NaCSA District staff including the District Coordinator for Kambia Mr. Sahr Kellie, the Community Development Officers, Lansana Mye-Kamara and James Sowonie.



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NaCSA ON THE NEWSPAPERS NaCSA and Africell Explore Partnership Opportunities for Digital Transformation







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