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Outgoing Sierra Leone Ambassador to the People's Republic of China Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina who has now been re-assigned by His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio as Commissioner of the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) has bade farewell to the Director General in charge of Africa Affairs at the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Welcoming Ambassador Ndomahina to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Director General Wu Peng congratulated the outgoing Ambassador on his appointment and wished him well in his new responsibility.

Wu Peng stated that he enjoyed working with the outgoing Ambassador Ndomahina and commended him for his contribution to strengthening relationships between the two countries - Sierra Leone and China. The Chinese Director reflected on the diplomacy of the outgoing Ambassador when he facilitated a meeting between him (Wu Peng) on one hand and their Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio and First- Lady, Fatima Bio on the other hand.



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Amb. Ndomahina being received at the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

The Chinese Director General for African Affairs kindly pleaded with the new NaCSA Commissioner to convey his warm greetings to President Bio and the First Lady, describing Ndomahina as an expert on Chinese policies and programmes.

Director Wu Peng pledged his unflinching support at all times to the call and beacon of Sierra Leone, observing that the two Countries are not only bilaterally tied but are also partners on the International front and Cooperation.

In his remarks Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina expressed excitement and satisfaction for the opportunity to have worked with Ambassador Wu Peng and his team. "I am very impressed to have worked with you and your entire team at the Africa Department. Therefore, am looking forward to continue working with you in my new role," outgoing Ambassador Ndomahina affirmed, adding that he will replicate back home what he has learnt in China, especially in the area of poverty alleviation.

On behalf of President Bio, the outgoing Ambassador thanked the Chinese Government for its many contributions towards the development of Sierra Leone.

He called on the Government of the People's Republic of China to partner with NaCSA through people-to-people exchange in sharing experiences on how China was able to alleviate 800 million people from abject poverty.

On final courtesies, Director Wu Peng reminded the outgoing Ambassador that the hard work of alleviating poverty is still in progress in China, pointing out that Agriculture is key in that area and that he has encouraged the Chinese Companies in Sierra Leone to pay attention. "I have admonished Chinese Companies operating in Sierra Leone to devote attention to agricultural activities as well, despite resilience on infrastructural or mining activities," he added.

He commended President Bio's moves to prioritize agriculture in his administration and pledged Chinese Government's support towards President Bio Feed Salone's programme.

NaCSA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND TEAM OF EXPERTS MEET WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

The NaCSA Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa and team of experts have on Thursday, September 14, 2023 engaged the Office of the Chief Minister on key areas of operations and collaboration.

While areas for immediate actions were identified, the meeting served as a platform for NaCSA's project implantation updates. Coordination and co-operation formed the main point the session. Issues on the ongoing cash transfer were discussed while an appeal for the Directorate of Technology in the office of the Chief Minister to intervene and provide backstopping to the entire NaCSA Information Management System (MIS) was made.

The presentation of four (4) editions of printed NaCSA Weekly Newsletters to the State House formed highpoints. In attendance of the meeting from the Office of the Chief Minister were the Director of Programmes, Joseph Maada Lahai, the Director of Technology, Mohamed James and the Director of Performance Management, Abdura Sowa.



NaCSA Deputy Commissioner presenting NaCSA Newsletters to the Director of Programmes



NaCSA Deputy Commissioner Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa giving an update of NaCSA's programmes

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NaCSA and partners engaging beneficiaries of the cash transfer

The National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) has on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 commenced targeting and enrolment of the remaining pre-listed and verified beneficiaries who are to receive cash under the cash transfer programme. It could be recalled that NaCSA and its implementing partners have completed the targeting and enrolment of 33,287 beneficiaries from female-headed, elderly-headed and persons with disability-headed households. The team was to target an overall beneficiary size of 35,005.

Consistent with the objectives of the ECT III implementation, the Commission and other stakeholders commenced targeting and enrolment of the remaining caseload totaling 1,718. These beneficiaries have been previously pre-listed and verified. It was however observed that there seems to be discrepancy between the SIM numbers given to the beneficiaries and the number archived for payments.



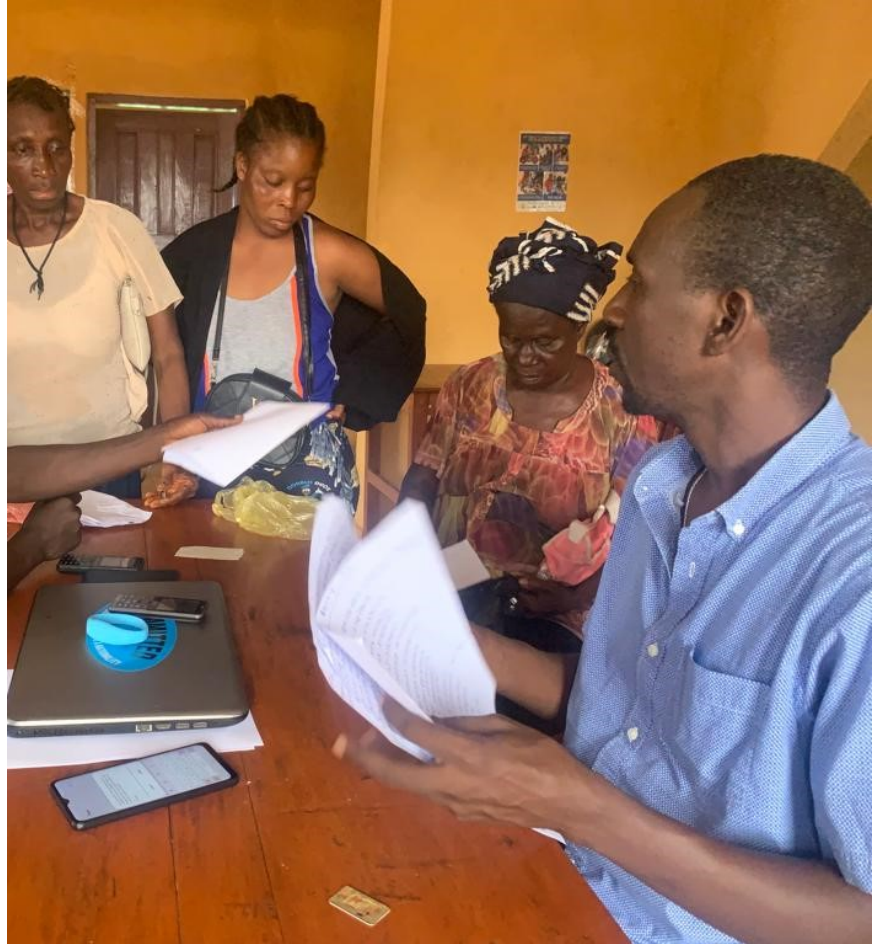
Verification of beneficiaries of the cash transfer by NaCSA team

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To respond adequately, the team from NaCSA and representatives from implementing partners commenced verification of the numbers issued to beneficiaries as against the numbers registered for payment. This is to ensure that all beneficiaries receive their payments promptly and that benefits are not paid to the wrong individuals.

NaCSA, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and other partners including the Sierra Leone Union on Disability Issues (SLUDi) have already deployed experts across all district headquarter towns. The deployment is to ensure that systems, processes and procedures are duly followed with kin interest to minimize or eradicate inclusion and exclusion errors.

The Commission's Regional and District Coordinators, the Community Development Officers, stakeholders and beneficiaries have expressed satisfaction with the entire process. " We should verify because some of us have misplaced and cannot recall our numbers, some are not sure of it and many have misplaced their sim cards," Chairman Alie Sesay, the Western Rural District Chairman for SLUDi said.



Verification of beneficiaries of the cash transfer by NaCSA staff



NaCSA Regional Coordinator North-West Joseph Farama Bangura monitoring the targeting and enrolment process

CONSTRUCTION OF 150 KILOWATTS SOLAR MINI-GRID TO POWER THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER IN PANGUMA



Contractor and team of engineers of Dem SL Ltd with NaCSA Hub staff and member of the Land owning family

The Sierra Leone Community Driven Development Programme II is a community led project which aims to reduce poverty in Sierra Leone. To make this happen, the commission through the project has been promoting access to socio economic opportunities and services to local institutions in seven chiefdoms referred to as rural growth poles.

One such activity that has now commenced to achieve this objective is the construction of 150 kilo watt of solar grid to generate power for the Panguma community and a community resource center under construction in Panguma.

After the award of contract to Dem SL Ltd., NaCSA Hub staff in Panguma in the person of HBS Eric Fefegula, the Clerk of Works, Osman Gombah and the head of the land owning family Mr. Mohamed Korgie on Friday, September 8, 2023 received the contractor Mr. Cherenor Maju Barrie and his technical team comprising Alie Conteh the lead engineering and Mr. Peter Baqngura Site supervisor.

The newly allocated land by the land owning family was measured in order to ascertain whether the space will be enough to construct the panels as well as erecting a forty feet container to house the batteries.

Furthermore, the contractor and team visited a similar project that is currently in use at the Panguma hospital, where a lot was learnt about its operation and management. The Community Resource Center will be equipped with a lot of machineries ranging from refrigerators, rice miller groundnut roasting machines among others all of which would be requiring stable power for the effective and efficient functioning of the center.

NaCSA PRO POOR-GROWTH FOR PEACE CONSOLIDATION PROJECT (GPC III) CONDUCTS PRE-BIDING FOR SUB-PROJECTS



NaCSA Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa giving his keynote address

NaCSA through its GPC III Project has on Friday, September 15, 2023, held a pre bidding meeting with prospective bidders at NaCSA Head Office in Freetown.

In his keynote statement, Deputy Commissioner of NaCSA Jimmy Batilo Songa gave a brief overview of the project. He explained that the project started in 2019 with the objective to alleviate poverty in Sierra Leone. He stated that contractors should work diligently in order to do quality and credible jobs.



Cross section of NaCSA staff and bidders at the ceremony

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According to the Project Procurement Officer, Franklyn Koroma, there is a one month time frame for the bidding process which started on 8 September 2023 to 9 October 2023 exactly 10 am. He further elaborated on the stages that are involved in the bidding process.

Assistant Programme Engineer Kabba Bakarr emphasized the need for every company to provide a tablet to be used as a channel of communication between NaCSA and the company in the discharge of the project.



GPC III Procurement Office making brief statement



GPC III Programme Manager with prospective bidders at the session

The 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.

FORMER HUMAN RESOURCE AND ADMIN MANAGER PAYS COURTESY CALL ON THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF NaCSA

The former Human Resource and Admin Manager of NaCSA, Madam Jestina B. Kanu has on Tuesday September 12, paid a courtesy call on the Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa and staff of the Commission.

Madam Kanu who resigned her position at NaCSA in the eve of the last dispensation was in the Freetown office to interact with former colleagues in NaCSA under the leadership of the new Commissioner Amb Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina.

She commended the New Management for rebranding the Commission including the introduction of the corporate outlook of staff as could be witnessed in the appearance of staff of NaCSA. She however pleaded for the same energy to be directed on grievance redress among embittered staff. "This will help to heal the wounds they once suffered and restore confidence," she encouraged.

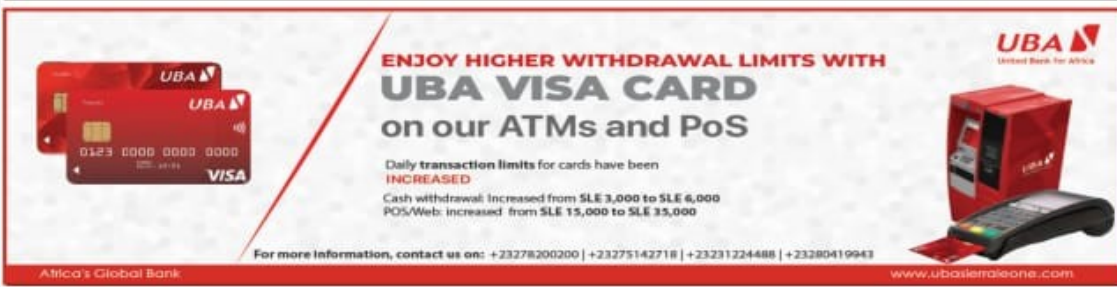
Madam Kanu was received by the Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa, the Senior Director of Programmes Development and Quality Assurance, Dr. Susan Robert, the Director of Human Resource and Admin, Sylvester Demby and the Programme Manager for Information, Education and Communication, George Nyambe Williams who expressed their delights and appreciation over her level of professionalism and diligence while at the Commission.



Md. Jestina B. Kanu being welcomed by the Deputy Commissioner and former colleagues of NaCSA



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ACC ADMONISHES EDSA STAFF

The Regional Manager of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in Kono, Hewanatu Omatayo Kamara has called on staff of the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA) to refrain from all forms of corruption during the discharge of their duties. [See Page 4](#)



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Trader wins Africell Motorbike

As they continue to give back to their subscribers in various communities across the country through the Africell Mega Promo, the leading mobile company in Sierra Leone, Africell, has presented a brand new motor bike to the sixth lucky winner of Africell Mega Promo for this week. [See Page 3](#)




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