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NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina speaking at the closing session of the World Bank Mission

The World Bank Implementation Support Mission has on Thursday October 26, 2023 presented its findings to the Government of Sierra Leone. The event took place at the Freetown City Council Hall. It could be recalled that the World Bank commenced the implementation support mission to “review, identify, and address bottlenecks to accelerate the closure of the Social Safety Nets Project and the Implementation progress of the Productive Social Safety Net and Youth Employment Project and support the finalization and submission of relevant documents including the Project Implementation Manual and Emergency Response Manual to reach effectiveness.”

Having received updates from government institutions that contributed to the implementation of the Covid-19 Ep Fet Po/Social Safety Nets and those currently implementing the Productive Social Safety Nets and Youth Employment (PSSNYE) project, the World Bank Implementation supports mission has informed the Government and the people of Sierra Leone that the completed SSN project has been rated satisfactory.



Amb. Ndomahina discussing with Mission members

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Amb. Ndomahina and Senior NaCSA staff with the World Bank Mission and other key implementation partners

In his presentation, Dr. Abu Kargbo, World Bank Senior Social Protection Specialist expressed the Bank's satisfaction with the SSN implementation. "...we are happy that the Government of Sierra Leone has successfully implemented the Social Safety Nets Project with a satisfactory status. We have further noted that there is no evidence of misappropriation of project funding. We want to see similar commitments during the implementation of the PSSNYE project." He ended. The UNICEF representative re-echoed UNICEF's unflinching support to the government and people of Sierra Leone with keen interest in the person with disabilities and children.

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, Dr. Isata Mahoi stated that the SSN and PSSNYE projects are at the centre of her heart and promise to work collaboratively to ensure smooth implementation. We are looking forward to the project to include women and girls in the implementation of the project. "We called on the team to ensure that the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is effective and functional. This is particular for our women and girls; Gender! Gender! Gender!" she ended. The Minister of Youth Affairs, Mohamed Orman Bangura indicated that the government is pleased with the bank's finding. He promised that the team would ensure speed in delivery while ensuring value for money.



Amb. Recognizing the World Bank Team at the closing session of the Mission

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The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has been a critical part of the implementation of the SSN project. In his speech, Augustine Foday Ngobie, the Deputy and Acting Commissioner of the ACC expressed a sincere gratitude to the Bank and UNICEF.



Amb. Ndomahina and cross section of Heads of MDAs

He assured the team of the continued efforts of the Commission in ensuring transparency and public accountability. “We will double our efforts to deliver beyond the current satisfactory performance. We are ready to be part of the Inter-Agency Communication Group and all other structures necessary for the successful implementation of the PSSNYE project.”

In his opening and concluding statement, the Commissioner of NaCSA – Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina firmly promised that as part of the rebranding strategy, inter-agency coordination, partnership and collaboration will be improved. “...going forward, we will strategize and better collaborate to ensure that donor funds are exhausted within the established project implementation standards.” On behalf of the President – His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, the Commissioner thanks the teams from the World Bank, UNICEF, NaCSA and all implementing partners for the successful implementation of the SSN project. He called for continued efforts and collaboration.

The Wrap-Up meeting ended with optimal expressions of renewed hope for the government and people of Sierra Leone.



Amb. Ndomahina making its closing statement

RESIDENTS OF BONGOR CHIEFDOM, BO DISTRICT EMBRACE THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THE PSSNYE PROJECT



The residents of Telu Town, Bongor Chiefdom in Bo District have boldly declared support for the fight against corruption and embraced the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) as the institution that exists to sanitize the country and ensure the successful implementation of the Productive Social Safety Net

This public commitment was made in a Town Hall meeting, in Telu Town, on Thursday 19th October, 2023, where the Chiefdom Speaker, Bongor Chiefdom, Foday Bundu called on the community people to support the ACC for the growth and development of Sierra Leone.

He furthered that the Commission has achieved so much since the previous Social Safety Net (SSN) programme, and therefore has no doubt that it will again do remarkably well in the implementation of the current PSSNYE. Chiefdom Speaker encouraged his people to utilize the funds they would be receiving judiciously.

Addressing the residents of Telu Town, ACC's Director, Public Education and External Outreach, Patrick Sandi paid glowing tributes to the World Bank, UNICEF, the Government of Sierra Leone, ACC, and NaCSA for their spectacular roles in the project, highlighting the involvement of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and the National Youth Commission.



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Community members paying keen attention and interest in the sensitization process

Director Sandi also disclosed to the people that the PSSNYE project is an approved Forty (\$40) Million Dollar project by the World Bank, for five years with components such as, Cash Transfers and Provision of Economic Inclusion Support, Productive Labor Intensive Public Works and Life Skills Support for Youth, Employment and Entrepreneurship Support for Youth, Systems Development and Coordination, GRM and citizens engagement and Contingency Emergency Component.

He encouraged the people of Bongor and the youth category to ensure the project succeeds amidst any unforeseeable challenges.

Dilating on the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) component of the project, Michael Sesay, Head of Public Education Unit, ACC, said the ACC was empowering communities on the PSSNYE so that they will know exactly what constitutes the project and the role of ACC in its implementation. He assured listeners of ACC presence in all stages even at Post Monitoring stage in order that the ACC would understand what had transpired at the time of the recent cash payments. Mr. Sesay implored his audience to take the project seriously as it will positively change their present state of poverty and also transform their lives.

Elaborating on the people's role and the Commission's expectations, Public Education Officer ACC, Christiana F. Jusu said that they are to utilize the funds properly in order to meet the Donors' intentions and the project objectives. She urged them to report any incidences of corruption to the ACC on toll-free lines 077-985-985 or 077-986-986 for prompt actions and interventions.

Madam Jusu further highlighted the many success stories of ACC interventions into the then SSN project, emphasizing that those measures will also be infused into the now PSSNYE for successful implementation.

In his submission as Chairman of the engagement, Andrew Forbie, Data Analyst, ACC, reassured the people of ACC's alertness at all times, noting that the people must not allow or entertain any authority or stakeholder to undermine the project. He also informed them of the GRM in the Agriculture project, which the ACC is poised to ensure that the tenets of integrity and transparency are at the heart of its implementation.

The presentation of the Information, Communication, and Educational materials for distribution to the diverse sections and beneficiary communities of the PSSNYE project climaxed the engagement.

NaCSA ON PRESIDENT BIO'S FEED SALONE FLAGSHIP PROJECT FEEDER ROADS LINK FARMS TO MARKETS



Kumrabia to Mabang, and Matuku 2 to Mafolatha under rehabilitation by the SLCDD II

NaCSA on President Bio's Feed Salone Flagship Project Feeder Roads link Farms to Markets ensuring that farmers realize profit from their labour and are incentivised to expand and grow more crops. Currently 150 kms are under rehabilitation in Lower Bambara- Kenema, Ribbi and Bagruwa in Moyamba, Khalifa Mabang and Kunike Sanda Tonkolili, BKM Port Loko and Dibbia Karene. The SLCDD II project is funded by IsDB and GoSL.

Other major components of the project are Model markets/Community Resource Centers and Multi-renewable energy mini grids and Water irrigation and water conservation systems. The Water Conservation and Irrigation Systems are meant to ensure farmers grow crops throughout the year. Kudos to Commissioner Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and NaCSA management.



Assembling of equipment for the construction of Kumrabia to Mabang, and Matuku 2 to Mafolatha

NaCSA PROVIDES BAGRUWA HUB WITH NINE THOUSAND PIECES OF FINGERLINGS FOR THREE FISH PONDS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED

In continuation in its drive to make available good quality fresh fish that will provide affordable fish protein to the poor and fast growing rural population, NaCSA, through its SLCDD II Project has on Wednesday 25th October 2023 supplied the Bagruwa HUB with nine thousand pieces of fingerlings for three fish ponds newly constructed at Gbangbatoke Junction, and 15 bags 50kg concentrate feeds for the above mentioned ponds from Alumair Investment (SL) Limited. This will also reduce the pressure on capture marine environments.



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The community highly appreciated and thanked NaCSA for the various projects implemented in their Chiefdom as a whole and their village in particular.

According to the National Aquaculture Sector Overview of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Inland fishery is practiced in ecosystems such as lakes, rivers, floodplains and other water bodies and mainly a capture technique that contributes significantly to national protein intake.



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Amb. Ndomahina receiving the Report

The Chairperson for the Transition Committee of the NaCSA Board of DirectorS, Md. Grace Abioseh Fullah has on Tuesday October 24, 2023 submitted report on their findings to the Commissioner of NaCSA, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina at his Charlotte Street Office in Freetown.

The process which started in August, 2023 aimed at providing a working tool to serve as a guide to the Commissioner in his strive to rebrand the institution.

It is expected that the Commissioner will learn from it, and it would undoubtedly prevent him from repeating any mistakes his predecessors could have made.



Amb. Ndomahina holding the Report



Amb. Ndomahina and NaCSA Board of Directors at the event

COMMISSIONER NDOMAHINA DECORATES NaCSA BOARD, STAFF & DONORS

In his drive to rebrand NaCSA as hybrid organization and to promote His Excellency Retired Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio's agenda of Prompt Action on Poverty Alleviation, Commissioner Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has used employee's motivation and confidence as a key strategy to reach his goal. As a result decorating various staff of the commission and even partners. In an auspicious ceremony, the Chairman Board of Directors, Chief Foday Musa was caught on camera being honoured by the Commissioner as 'Champion of development' at his Charlotte Street Office. He formed part of the long list of persons who have received this accolades.



Amb. Ndomahina recognizing and decorating NaCSA staff, the Donors and the Board Chairman, PC Foday Musa



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