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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. On our journey to achieving social justice for all, we have embarked on a new strategic turn that impact our priorities in the communities we work.

Earlier this year we launched a new Country Strategy titled “Transformative Action for Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable communities”, ultimately putting the people we work with at the forefront of developmental initiatives in; Inclusive and empowering education to foster diverse opportunities, Inclusive and participatory governance for sustainable development, Climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods.

In this edition, we focus on the impact of our collective efforts and how that has immensely contributed to national development. we are particularly excited to share with you the remarkable strides we have made in sustainable projects, and women and girls’ empowerment.

We appreciate the contributions of our donors including People’s Postcode Lottery, the European Union Delegation in Sierra Leone, John and Grace Perkin, ActionAid UK and all other supporters we work with, in touching the lives of underserved communities.

We are excited to continue sharing our successes and lessons with you as the rest of the year unfolds.

Happy reading!

FODAY BASSIE SWARAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ACTIONAID SIERRA LEONE LAUNCHES A NEW FIVE-YEAR COUNTRY STRATEGY PAPER (2024 TO 2028)



Guests at the CSP launch

The New Country Strategy Paper titled **“Transformative Action for Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Communities”** serves as a roadmap designed to usher in a new era of ActionAid Sierra Leone’s contribution to national development.

This strategy is aligned with the Big Five Game Changers of the Government of Sierra Leone Mid Term Development Plan (2024 to 2030), the Global Sustainable Development Goals, and the realities of our target communities.

The strategy has three key priorities and six focus areas including: Priority 1: Inclusive and Empowering Education to Foster Diverse Opportunities
Priority 2: Inclusive and Participatory Governance for Sustainable Development.
3: Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods.

According to the Executive Director of ActionAid Sierra Leone, Foday-Bassie Swaray, **“This strategic plan contains our collective aspirations and continuous commitment to the people of Sierra Leone for the next five years as we move towards building a more Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Communities”**.

The Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Madam Kenyeh Barlay applauded AASL for all its developmental initiatives in the country and for supporting the Government of Sierra Leone’s plans and schemes. Non-Governmental Organizations like ActionAid Sierra Leone has contributed immensely to community-centered development and their goals seamlessly align with our government’s vision for sustainable economic growth.

“My Ministry recognizes the significant role played by NGOs as critical partners in achieving the development goals of the National Medium-Term Development Plan. Working hand in hand with the Government to create positive impact and sustainable change, more so reaching the last mile with our development programs despite the challenges in various clusters are laudable and worth appreciating” she detailed.



CSP Cocktail

The Board Chairperson of AASL, Simitie Lavalley ESQ expressed that the board is proud to hear all the pleasant statements of our stakeholders and they resonate with them at board level because it is their duty to ensure that the plans and budget that are put forward are fully implemented and that they are transparent and accountable to all.

The Representative of EU at the launch, Serena Bertaina revealed that EU and AASL has collaborated for over 10 years on the implementation of three projects funded by European Union Delegation in Sierra Leone. **“We are pleased to maintain partnership with ActionAid due to their robust systems and compliance mechanisms for program and project implementation”.**



EU representative at the event making a statement



Chief Minister of the Republic of Sierra Leone , Dr David Moinina Sengeh signing on to our CSP committment

In his keynote address, the Chief Minister of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Dr. David Moinina Sengeh said **“The key words in the strategy are aligned with our values and principles: Inclusive, Resilient, Sustainable. But the real value and where the impact would come from is in the word ‘Action’, not any action but ‘Transformative Action”.**

“In the spirit of being true partners in development, this strategy aligns with the Government of Sierra Leone’s Big Five Game Changers of the National Development Plan and it’s reflected in the activities and actions as we have designed them”, he continued.

Through this strategic endeavor, ActionAid Sierra Leone aims to catalyze positive change, stimulate economic growth, and strengthen Sierra Leone’s Social Fabric.

The strategy leverages innovative approaches and collaboration to address current challenges while laying the foundation for a bright future.

ULTRAMODERN SCHOOLS BUILT FOR OVER 600 CHILDREN IN MOYAMBA DISTRICT



ActionAid Sierra Leone commissioned two schools in Kargboro Chiefdom through funds from its Child Sponsorship supporters in Italy.

The construction of the 'United Methodist Church Primary' in Yorgbofore community and the 'Islamic Call Society Primary School' in Mosankone community costed Le 694,000 and those two six classroom buildings will serve over 600 children from 15 communities in their environs.

This work greatly complements government's Free Quality Education Initiative, in making education accessible to children in underserved communities. According to the Deputy Minister of Basic and Secondary School Education (MBSSE) I, Emily Gogra, **"The good work of ActionAid in Kargboro chiefdom is laudable, providing educational opportunities to communities that need it the most. Through this intervention, these children now have a more conducive learning environment which is a crucial step towards their personal and academic development"**



New School Building

In his speech, the Director of NGO Affairs at the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED), Eric Masallay commended ActionAid Sierra Leone for bringing developmental initiatives to remote communities and highlighted the role of MoPED in ensuring that NGO's efforts align with government's priorities. "We have no doubt in the credibility and commitment of ActionAid in terms of developmental initiatives in Sierra Leone" he stated.

The Executive Director of ActionAid Sierra Leone, Foday Bassie Swaray stated that, "As an organisation we believe that access to education is a human right and made a very strong commitment in our current strategy, 'Transformative Action for Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Communities' to ensure an inclusive and empowering education for sustainable development."

He also mentioned that there are 72 children from these communities in ActionAid's Child sponsorship program and there are teachers from Moyamba supported in distance education program because one of the challenges these communities face is lack of trained and qualified teachers.

On behalf of the community, the Head Teacher of the United Methodist Church Primary School, assured all that the school is in good hands.



A Pupil of the school giving the vote of thanks



Old School Building

ACTIONAID SIERRA LEONE COMMISSIONS SCHOOL IN KAMAKONI, SELLA LIMBA CHIEFDOM, KARENE DISTRICT



The Deputy Minister I of MBSSE, Emily Gogra cutting the tape

In a significant stride towards enhancing educational infrastructure, ActionAid Sierra Leone commissioned a new school in Kamakoni, Sella Limba Chiefdom, Karene District, funded through its child sponsorship program.

The event was graced by Deputy Minister I Emily Gogra, who expressed immense joy over the warm welcome she received. Minister Gogra emphasized her admiration for ActionAid's commitment to reaching remote communities with their development programs. She remarked, **"Whenever you hear about ActionAid, you know happiness follows. They go deep into the interior for their development programs, bringing joy and progress to the most remote communities."** She urged the community to collaborate in the education of their children, believing that such collective efforts would make Karene a better District.

The Executive Director of ActionAid Sierra Leone, Foday Bassie Swaray began by acknowledging the presence of the Minister and other stakeholders. He expressed his happiness for the newly built school in Kamakoni and pledged continued support for education in this region.

Kelvin Kallay, Deputy Director of NGO Affairs, praised ActionAid for their work and appealed to the Minister to continue considering Karene District in future projects. He expressed the community's aspirations to see Karene develop more and requested additional government support for teachers, highlighting the Ministry of Education's commendable efforts in the district.

The commissioning of the school in Kamakoni marks a collaborative achievement between ActionAid, the government, and the local community, demonstrating a shared commitment to improving education in Sierra Leone's remote areas.

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF WOMEN FARMERS IN ROLUNK COMMUNITY



Women farmers in Rolunk

Women in Rolunk Community largely depend on Agriculture as a source of livelihood. As much as farming provides income for them, these women play a pivotal role in producing huge amount of food for their families, community and its environs. ActionAid Sierra Leone in a bid to support women's empowerment and economic development in rural communities provided variety of seeds, a milling machine, livestock, soda for soap-making, facilitated training on soap-making, rehabilitated the Gain store, and other farming input.

According to Kadiatu Kamara, a farmer and member of the Tabileh Mother's Club in Rolunk, "ActionAid has brought many developmental initiatives to our community. Early this year, we received a Rice Mill from ActionAid that has been installed to increase our rice production. Also, our 'Dry floor' has been repaired together with our store. The Rice production in Rolunk has exponentially increased through the support from ActionAid so much that we have enough and even loan rice to other communities.

we were given livestock which we rear to serve as a source of income for us and provided with ten bushels of rice and groundnuts respectively, five gallons of palm oil, five bags of soda and soap-making kits."

"ActionAid facilitated an agricultural training for us with the Ministry of Agriculture on how to make soap and trade for a sustainable means of income. The soap-making has yielded much dividend for us. We sell within our community and to other neighboring communities.

"Before the intervention of ActionAid Sierra Leone in our community, life was tough and even providing the daily bread for my family was grueling. Aside the agricultural support we receive from the organisation, we also benefit from empowerment trainings to ensure we meaningfully contribute to our homes and community. ActionAid has created a safe space for us women to thrive as they encourage our men to be supportive and neither bully nor abuse us in any form".

Stated the chairlady of Rolunk community, Hawa Kamara.

"We have seen vast difference in the lives of the women in our community since the intervention of ActionAid in Rolunk. They now actively partner with us to provide the needs of our family and advance community development as required. They contribute to discussions of progress and ensure whatever support we require is given.". Added the Chief of Rolunk Community.



Grain store in Rolunk community that was rehabilitated by ActionAid

MAKING A CHANGE IN BO DISTRICT AMIDST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND DRUG ABUSE



Marina, Focal person of Global Platform

"The Global Platform, a youth-led organization, is a network through which young people come together to share initiatives, strengthen capacity, and work towards making the world more inclusive," Marina explained passionately.

Marina's journey with the Global Platform began in 2022 after completing university and unable to secure employment. "This was the space that embraced me and allowed me to thrive", she reflected.

"Through the Global Platform, I have been trained on 'Global organizing, learning development, and 'Young people in emergency response', that empowers young people, social movements, CBOs and CSOs to take leadership in emergency and being more formidable in advocating for the voiceless population."

Marina shed light on the challenges faced by Sierra Leone's youth, exacerbated by inflation and new taxation policies. "Most young people in Sierra Leone are unemployed, compounding our vulnerabilities," she emphasized. "To afford even a basic meal has become a difficulty for many."

The economic strain has driven many young people to desperation, with drug abuse becoming a coping mechanism amid gloomy prospects.

The future looks bleak," Marina acknowledged. "Tertiary education is a luxury most can't afford, leading to limited job opportunities and societal frustrations. For parents who grapple to provide just the everyday meal for the family, their children going to university or acquiring skills training is just out of the picture."

Marina highlighted the grim reality faced by young women, often exposed to sexual exploitation in their pursuit of employment. "Most young women are met with offers of jobs in return for sexual favors," she revealed. Meanwhile, young men tussle with survival and resort to undesirable alternatives due to limited opportunities. "Some are involved in petty theft and fraud," Marina noted, "which not only endangers them but also compromises societal safety."

She also commented on the limited ability of government to invest in youth-centered initiatives because of debt servicing. "The government is working on putting measures in place to ensure we have a society that favors young people by making tertiary education and skills training programs accessible and affordable for them but their investment in the public sector including education and health is limited because of the stringent fiscal policies of the IMF."

Despite these challenges, Marina and her peers are actively engaged in community-driven initiatives to uplift youth. "We implement projects to combat drug abuse," Marina shared. "50 young people were trained on the effect of drug abuse, we engaged in community outreach, visited ghettos where they take alcohol and drugs and collaborated with the mental health unit in our city to aid in the rehabilitation of those that suffer from addiction."

We also initiated a youth hub to counsel young people twice a weekly to help them change and meaningfully participate in society."

"We need policies that empower young people," she asserted, "not ones that exacerbate our challenges."



Global Platform Meeting

EXPANSION OF GLOBAL PLATFORM TO THE NORTHERN REGION IN SIERRA LEONE

Global Platform, which was established in Sierra Leone in 2020, in the southern region of the country has been instrumental in empowering young people to advocate for peaceful election, climate justice and combating the use of drugs and other harmful substances.

ActionAid Sierra Leone organized a five-day training of the Global Platforms Methodology, aiming to expand the Global Platforms to reach the northern region of Sierra Leone.

Thirty young people from Bombali participated in the training, which equipped them with the skills to address the issues they are facing.



After the presentation of certificates to the training participants



Team Building game during training



Presentation during training

TOUCHING THE LIVES OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS THROUGH THE AEMAG PROJECT



Girls supported by the AEMAG Project in the Empowerment space, together with their mentor

“Action to Empower Marginalized Adolescent Girls” project funded by players of People’s Postcode Lottery has been implemented in two phases for over two years in Sierra Leone, geared towards the empowerment of marginalized adolescent girls both in and out of school. The project supports the education of girls in Western Area and Bo district in Sierra Leone. It also perfectly resonates with the Government’s “Free Quality School Education” program and the “Radical Inclusion Policy”, which creates a platform for girls to access education regardless of their circumstances.

The direct participants reached over the two-year period are 600 girls in school across 10 communities in Freetown and Bo. These girls get empowerment sessions facilitated by school mentors trained by ActionAid. They are also supported with learning materials and other necessary items to ensure they stay in school.

There are other over 200 girls supported with skills training in tailoring, hairdressing, and catering. They receive start-up kits to prepare them to practice of their skills.

Many girls in Sierra Leone encounter discrimination, inequality, lack of access to education and other social and cultural challenges, which sets them aback in terms of empowerment and self-reliance; this is often exacerbated by poverty.

Battu, Kadiatu, and Saffiatu have been part of the AEMAG project and have experienced significant improvement in their lives through the support of Players of People’s Postcode Lottery. Once, they found themselves bounded by the common thread of adversity, each with unique struggles that resonates with the situation of many other girls in the country.

12-years-old Battu’s story is stringed with parental loss at an early age. Orphaned by the Ebola Outbreak, she hawked farm produce for her grandmother to meet their daily needs. She was also separated from her brother and had no opportunity to go to secondary school.

“My mother died during Ebola outbreak and my grandmother is the only family I have now. I hawk cassava leaves and other food stuff for my grandmother so we can be able to survive.

Daily, I went through many hurdles, and was sidelined because I don’t have a mother, I was not in school and because we are considered poor. I got separated from my little brother who was sent to a relative in another village because our grandmother can’t afford to keep both of us, that also has been difficult for me to cope with,” she said, with tears welled in her eyes.

“But because of the support I receive from the AEMAG project, I am no longer a laughing stock in my community.”



Battu, a project participant



Kadiatu, a Project participant



Saffiatu, a Project Participant

Kadiatu on the other hand bore the weight of responsibility on her young shoulders. After the death of her father, she had to labor hard to support her family:

She longed for education and got that chance when she crossed paths with the implementing partners of the AEMAG Project in BO, ActionAid Sierra Leone and COME SL. She got enlisted for the project and **“Now I’m no longer provoked or marginalized. I live a dignified life among my peers as I have decent uniform to put on just like every other girl and all my school supplies and money for lunch are been provided through this project. I thank People’s Postcode Lottery for supporting me and I hope that they continue to invest in my education,”** she expressed with joy.

No longer burdened by lack or shame, Saffiatu, another participant of the AEMAG project found her voice through empowerment training, now advocating for herself and her peers. According to Saffiatu,

“My father abandoned us when I was quite young and left my mother to shoulder all the responsibility. We have been struggling since and even to come to school was a challenge.

“I eventually dropped out of school”

Her dreams of education faded with each passing day. but through the intervention of the AEMAG Project, she found herself re-enrolled in school and provided with all the necessities to succeed.

“But since being a part of this project, everything has changed for the better. I now eat in school every day because of the support I receive and also have all school items including notebooks, readers, pens, shoes, uniforms and sanitary kit which now enables me to come to school even on my period. Before, it was not so as I didn’t have the confidence to come to school and sit among my friends when on my period. The AEMAG project has restored my dignity in every sense of it,” she added.

Concluding, she said, **“I wasn’t bold to articulate well in public, but since I started receiving the empowerment training, I not only speak in public, I sensitize my peers on SGBV and its forms, from what I’ve learnt from the training”**.



CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION WEEK IN BO DISTRICT



BOOSTING THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN SIERRA LEONE THROUGH CHILD SPONSORSHIP

The provision of school learning materials has always brought smiles and laughter into the faces of sponsored children in our sponsorship communities. They are always eager to receiving the school learning package, as this greatly help in cushioning the financial burden on their parents, guardians, or caregivers. AASL as an organisation and WICM as partner always ensure that the package is appreciated by the children and their parents/guardians/caregivers, by improving on the quality and quantity of the items every year and ensure that they are being provided early. This year, with the quality and quantity of items provided, especially the school bags and exercise books, the children were so appreciative of the school learning package they received.

Ejatu is a 9-year-old and a class 4 sponsored child. She expressed her joy upon receiving the school leaning materials.



Isata, a sponsored child

“The quality of this year’s school bags is matchless as compared to the previous years. Also, the quantity of the exercise books, pens, pencils, and the other learning items were increased this year. I am so happy and grateful for the school learning materials I received. With this support, I have been doing extremely well in school. I took the 2nd position to transition to class 4 and I am promising this year to do better so that I will take the 1st position in my class”.

Ejatu continued expressing how this support has helped reduce the burden of buying school materials on her mother. She said, since she has been in the sponsorship scheme, her mother only caters for her older brother who is not part of the sponsorship scheme. **“My mother is also very happy with the support I receive every year from ActionAid Sierra Leone and partner, Women in Crisis Movement. This has really helped in reducing the financial burden on her of buying school learning materials for me. When schools re-opened,**

“she only now spends money on buying school materials for my elder brother. The money she should have used for me is now being spent on other household expenses”.

She further stated how proud she is to be an ActionAid sponsored child in her school and community.

“I am very proud to be an ActionAid sponsored child especially when I am in class with my classmates because my school bag is always customised with ActionAid logo. Also, sometime last year, my sponsor sent me a post-card and 2 photos which I showed all my classmates and friends in school and at home”.



Sponsored children in class, beaming with joy

LOW-LEVEL ECONOMIES LIKE OURS ARE FACING THESE CONDITIONS WITH OUR HANDS TIED BEHIND OUR BACKS- COMMENT OF CSO LEADER ON IMF CONDITIONALITIES



Joseph, Executive Director of PRIDE

Joseph Blackie, the Executive Director of 'People's right, Integrity and Dignity Empowerment SL', sheds light on the plight faced by nations like Sierra Leone, grappling with economic constraints exacerbated by stringent austerity measures and IMF conditionalities.

"In low-level economies like ours, we are facing these conditions with our hands tied behind our backs," Joseph remarked.

Reflecting on the impact of austerity measures, Joseph emphasized their far-reaching consequences on both high earners and those struggling to make ends meet. **"When subsidy was removed from petroleum products and Sierra Leoneans were conditioned to pay the total cost, it became a burden on the citizens. That also skyrocketed the prices of almost all other commodities, there became no price control."**

The burden of servicing debt and complying with rigid IMF conditions weighs heavily on Sierra Leone's socio-economic landscape

"The stiff fiscal policies on loans received make it impossible for projects to be sustainable," Joseph noted. **"This affects our livelihood and socio-economic survival."**

Joseph stressed on the disparity between low-level economies and larger, more developed nations when it comes to debt servicing and economic priorities. **"The conditions on the low-level economies should not be the same as bigger economies. We don't even compete at forex; the Leones is not at foreign exchange."**

If we pay a huge chunk of our GDP for debt servicing, how can the government adequately serve its citizens?" he questioned. **"Many essential areas like education, health, climate financing and infrastructure remain underserved, perpetuating a cycle of economic and social deprivation. This negatively impacts the economic, social and cultural rights of citizens, that is why in 2024, we are still experiencing blackout, something as basic as electricity is not sustainable"**

The adverse impacts of economic instability extend beyond fiscal constraints, hampering investments in climate-smart interventions. **" We are now experiencing climate change that affects the ability of farmers to have a profitable source of income. Farming was easier, you just plant the seeds and watch them bloom. Now the shift in the weather patterns makes irrigation extremely tedious. As a nation, we cannot properly predict weather patterns to be in readiness in case of emergencies because we don't have the proper instruments. This is a time for us to invest more in climate-smart interventions to preserve the ecosystem,"** Joseph stated.

He urges the IMF and World Bank to reconsider their approach towards low-level economies. **"IMF and WB should look into conditionality ease, so that our government can flexibly implement initiatives tailored to our realities. They should also consider debt cancellation and giving a percentage of loans as grants to low-level economies for climate interventions, investing in initiatives that save the earth,"** he emphasized.

In terms of universal development and equitable partnerships, Joseph highlighted the importance of low-level economies being seen as stakeholders in global economic conversations. **"We should be partners in addressing global concerns,"** he asserted. **"Our voices must be heard in negotiations with international financial institutions to fix our finance."**



KADIATU, AN ASTUTE WOMEN LEADER IN TONKOLILI DISTRICT



Kadiatu, Chairlady of TDC Primary School Mother's Club

Kadiatu is a dynamic woman in Masagble community. As the chairlady of the TDC Primary School Masagble Mother's Club, she's committed to ensuring every child had access to education and a safe environment.

Often, Kadiatu gathers the mothers in the Townsquare, where they would discuss pressing issues, share knowledge, and devise plans to support their children's futures. Her passion and dedication are admirable, inspiring others to take an active role in their community's development.

The mother of three children also leads the "Sorbeh" VSLA in Masagble community in Tonkolili District, demonstrating dedication to community development. She's more than just a leader; she is a tireless advocate and influential voice that drives transformation within her community.

The Village Savings and Loan Association has been a pillar of support for Kadiatu's family and through it, she encourages other women on the importance of saving, financial planning, and entrepreneurship. Her leadership helped many women start small businesses, providing them with a sense of independence and pride.

In her words, **"ActionAid introduced VSLA in my community through Perkin's Project. With the VSLA, I no longer need to take loan from outside with insane interest rate. I can easily take soft loan from the box and use it to support my children in school and take care of other domestic needs. With loans taken from the VSLA, myself and other women in my community now support our husbands in providing for the family. Most men in my community now pass through their wives to access loan from the box which has relieved most families from shame and disgrace. Though we are still contributing, my intention is to open a business when we shall have done the share-out. With a small business at the end of the day, I will be able to support my children in school and contribute to providing for the home. I want to give credit to ActionAid for introducing such community women support scheme. I wonder how many women would have remained in Masagble community if we were still lending monies from microfinance institutions."**

Her story is a celebration of the invaluable contributions women like Kadiatu make to society. She exemplifies the power of dedication, leadership, and community spirit, leaving a lasting mark on the hearts of all.

ISATA, A RESEARCHER ON ISSUES AFFECTING ADOLESCENT GIRLS IN SIERRA LEONE



There are a lot of issues including discriminating ones affecting adolescent girls and young women in and out of school, and the communities they live in. It is worth noting that adolescent girls living in poverty face structural inequalities and unequal power relations that affects their growth and wellbeing, limiting them to make their own decisions about their lives.

These structural inequalities also barr them from claiming their rights and exposing them to all forms of violence and abuse within and outside their communities.

In order to bring out a clear picture of the many issues affecting adolescent girls and young women and bringing lasting solutions to these issues, adolescent girls were trained as girl-led researchers to find out issues affecting them in their various communities.

Isata is a 17-year-old Girl Researcher who is presently a first-year student at the Institute of Public Administration and Management, University of Sierra Leone, studying Applied Accounting. She expressed how the research process has broadened her knowledge on issues affecting her fellow adolescent girls in her community. **“Before this research, I thought I had knowledge on the issues affecting my fellow adolescent girls, but this research has proven me wrong and has exposed me to the many complicating and interrelated issues affecting adolescent girls and young women. The struggles, constraints, and the effects they face in their daily lives in my community and other communities, such as, early marriage, teenage pregnancy, and drug abuse among others.”**

She further went on to highlight the importance of this research, which is not just to bring out the issues faced by adolescent girls but also to finding solutions to these issues for better and developed communities in Sierra Leone.

“This research is necessary because through it, we will be able to know the constraints adolescent girls are going through, how these affect their personal growth and development, and bring out recommendations for the government and other NGOs like ActionAid to address these issues and improve on the wellbeing of adolescent girls and young women in the country.” Isata continued saying that, during the data collection exercise, 80% to 90% of the adolescent girls she interviewed that have dropped out school due to teenage pregnancy and other forms of violations and abuse, are not happy with their lives and their standard of living. These out-of-school adolescent girls believe that if they have safer shoulders to lean on, that would help them improve their lives, they would be able to retrack their lives and become better persons in the society.

“I believe that with this research, the government with NGOs and other charitable organisations will be able to open institutions that will provide livelihood trainings, such as catering, hairdressing, tailoring and other technical trainings that will improve on their lives so that they will not continue to go through the constraints they are facing presently.” She also added how this research exercise will be beneficial to her academic work as she is now in the university and will be writing her dissertation at the end of her course. She appreciates ActionAid a lot for giving her such an opportunity which she said she will not take for granted.

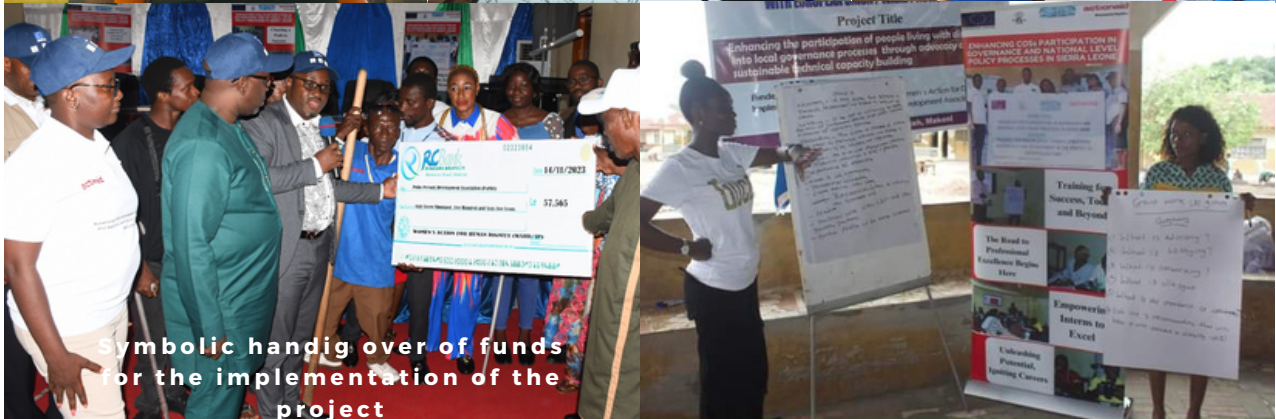
**HIGHLIGHT OF WELCOMING THE EUROPEAN UNION
IN SIERRA LEONE FOR THE EU BUS TOUR 2024 IN
BOMBALI DISTRICT**



ACTIONAID SIERRA LEONE SUPPORTS POLIO PERSONS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD DUTYBEARERS ACCOUNTABLE

The ‘Enhancing CSOs participation in Governance and National Level Policy Processes in Sierra Leone’ Project funded by the European Union in Sierra Leone is geared towards fostering a formidable civil society and contributing to Sierra Leone’s long-term sustainability, equitable growth, poverty reduction, democratization and the rule of law. This 30-month project that commenced in February 2023 in Bombali, Kono, and Bo is to empower civil society actors and citizens to take active part in ensuring effective socio-economic service delivery and positively influence local institutions to reinforce transparency, inclusiveness, and accountability in local governance processes.

“Polio Persons Development Association” is one of the participants of the Project and the workshop was organised with the aim of establishing a unit focused on persons with disabilities in their local councils, facilitating enhanced concentration on Policy makers and local public institutions. This will further create synergy among all stakeholders to promote understanding of the rights of persons with disabilities.



Symbolic handig over of funds for the implementation of the project

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Pre-school benefits from ActionAid-SL's generosity



Executive Director of ActionAid Sierra Leone, Foday Basse Swaray, is seen in front of the newly constructed pre-school building.

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Pre-school benefits from ActionAid-SL's generosity



Swaray expressed his commitment to continue the efforts for help for all communities in the education aspect. He said since government priorities have shifted towards economic development, ActionAid stands forward to ensure education access to all children here in Sierra Leone. He said the construction of the pre-school building is part of the organization's drive to promote education, adding that the construction of the school aimed to complement government efforts on advancing quality education in the country.

He noted that the school is a milestone for the community as it provides a safe and conducive environment for children to learn. He said the school will be managed by the community and supported by ActionAid-SL. He said the school will be open to all children in the community and will provide a quality education to all children.

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ActionAid builds modern school for Sella Limba



By Ragan M. Conley
We are here today as a community overwhelmed with joy. ActionAid Sierra Leone has aided our deprived community especially Karamanki Village with their humanitarian projects, said a speaker at the occasion. He continued that the worthy action had also resulted in sending celebrations at Sella Limba Chiefdom. This happened on Thursday 23rd May 2024 during the symbolic handing.

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ActionAid-SL Boosts Sella Limba Chiefdom With Modern School Building



On Thursday 23rd May 2024, ActionAid Sierra Leone has boosted Sella Limba Chiefdom with modern school building. The symbolic handing over ceremony of the newly constructed KDC Primary School at Karamanki village, Sella Limba Chiefdom in Koro District, north of Sierra Leone, was held at the school building. The ceremony was attended by the Executive Director of ActionAid Sierra Leone, Foday Basse Swaray, and other stakeholders from the community and government.

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U.S. Embassy Provides Heavy Duty Equipment Training to Sierra Leone



The U.S. Embassy in Sierra Leone has provided heavy-duty equipment training to a group of Sierra Leonean officials. The training was held at the U.S. Embassy and was led by a U.S. expert. The training focused on the use and maintenance of heavy-duty equipment used in various sectors of the economy.

The training was a part of the U.S. Embassy's commitment to support Sierra Leone's economic development and job creation. The U.S. Embassy has provided various forms of assistance to Sierra Leone, including technical training and financial support.

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Action-AID Sierra Leone and MBSSE Commission Schools in Moyamba District

Significant steps towards enhancing educational opportunities for children in Moyamba District, Sierra Leone, were taken on Monday as ActionAid Sierra Leone and MBSSE Commission Schools in Moyamba District.

The facilities, the United Methodist Church Primary School in Moyamba, were built by ActionAid Sierra Leone in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Sports. The school is one of the most deprived regions in Sierra Leone. The school is one of the most deprived regions in Sierra Leone. The school is one of the most deprived regions in Sierra Leone.

Addressing the students, he said, "You have a responsibility to Sierra Leone. Take your education seriously, study diligently, and learn as much as you can."

Today Swaray, Executive Director of AASL, highlighted the importance of signing NGO projects with national partners. "Our collaboration with stakeholders including the Ministry of Education and Sports is a testament to the successful completion of our projects," Swaray noted.

He emphasized the organization's ongoing commitment to supporting deprived communities despite numerous challenges. "These schools, costing nearly 604 million Leones, have over 300 pupils, demonstrating our dedication to the people of Moyamba," he added.



Lady's initiative in promoting equal opportunities for the girl child in Sierra Leone. She urged students to take care of themselves and called on teachers to be vigilant to the needs of their pupils. Through AASL's intervention, the children in these communities now have the privilege to attend school, a crucial step towards their personal and academic development, she remarked.

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Plan International Sierra Leone is an international child-oriented humanitarian organization, which strives for a just world that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Plan International has been working in Sierra Leone over the past 45 years with a focus on education, health, youth and children's empowerment backed by dialogue with key government policymakers and the affected communities in pursuit of issues of importance to promote lasting development.

Plan International Sierra Leone wishes to enter into a Short-Term Agreement (STA) with interested individual or firm for the supply of ICT Items.

STA is hereby requesting qualified individual/companies that are interested in bidding part in the bidding process to prepare and submit their bids at its Head Office at No. 6 Cantonment Road, Off King Harman Road Freetown, not later than **May 31st, 2024** at 12:00 noon in a sealed envelope with subject line reading: **"ICT ITEMS"**.

Interested bidders can request a copy of the bid document by email: PlanSI.L.procurement@plan-international.org

Queries/requests for clarification must be directed to PlanSI.L.procurement@plan-international.org with the subject **Queries/Request for Clarification, ICT ITEMS** not later than **May 30, 2024**.

CHIEF MINISTER RECEIVES MCC UPDATES

The Deputy Energy Minister, Dr. Alford Hinds, has briefed the Chief Minister on matters of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact negotiations in the United States of America, describing the negotiations as successful, adding that while in the United States, the delegation discharged its mandate conscientiously and diligently.

He provided a full report on the outcome of the visit and the signing ceremony while also assuring that the Compact, when fully implemented, would be nothing about a game-changer in the energy sector.

With the energy sector and the Feed Salone agenda being increasingly linked, the signing ceremony which he referred to as a historic moment, is a testament to the country's energy mix being revised and discussed with a view to sustaining the gains and improving service delivery.

Dr. Sengah said the talks which stakeholders in the sector are confident with an outcome that is mutually beneficial. He called on all to mobilize professional, technical and administrative efforts to help President Julius Maada Bio realize his overall policy objective in the energy sector.

The meeting dealt with issues including but not limited to an update on the engagement with Karpowers, a feasibility study on actions from the last ETP meeting, administrative and operational updates from EDSA and ETC, update on EDSA's revenue generation and mobilization, recap from the last meeting with the President, update on ongoing energy projects, and update on financial and operational reviews.

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Access to Education... ActionAid Boosts Moyamba District with Two Schools

RYABDULAZIZ SAMARA

As part of ActionAid's trajectory of development and humanitarian efforts, the organization officially handed over six state-of-the-art, spacious school buildings with six classrooms each to the Yagborfor village community and a three-classroom school building to the Ilimama Call Society Primary School in Moankone village, Kargboro Chiefdom, located in the Moyamba District on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

The ceremonies for the handovers attracted governance stakeholders, including the Deputy Minister of Education, Madam Emily Goga, and various community representatives from the District Council and the education sector.

In his address, the Executive Director of ActionAid, Polay-Bassie Swaray, emphasized the organization's belief in the importance of education and human rights.

He highlighted that ActionAid has made a commitment in their strategies to bring about transformation.

Swaray stated that the construction of these school buildings is a tangible demonstration of the organization's dedication to ensuring educational access for children in Sierra Leone, especially in areas where they have educational programs.

Furthermore, Swaray revealed that the construction of these buildings also aims to promote education for Sustainable Development.

The Executive Director emphasized that these schools are newly constructed, with ActionAid commencing the building process in 2022, despite facing challenges along the way that did not impede their completion timeline.

He mentioned that the Yagborfor village school currently has an enrollment of close to 300 students and added that ActionAid is supporting teachers who are pursuing distance education in the community.

Swaray highlighted one of the challenges faced by the community and other operational areas, which is the lack of trained and qualified teachers.

In terms of cost, the entire construction project exceeded one hundred and ninety-three thousand New Leones.

During her keynote speech, Deputy Minister of Education, Madam Emily Kadatu Goga, expressed her profound appreciation to ActionAid for their unwavering support towards President Julius Maada Bio's education flagship initiative.

She noted that these two significant educational projects by ActionAid clearly demonstrate the organization's commitment to addressing the needs of the communities where they are active.

Goga emphasized that education is a crucial factor in addressing the economic challenges faced by the communities and the nation as a whole.

Furthermore, she urged women to actively support their children, as they represent the future of Sierra Leone.

However, Goga also urged all stakeholders, including teachers, chiefs, and students, to take excellent care of the school buildings.

She assured them of the government's commitment to addressing the teachers' challenges and providing support for the maintenance of the school facilities.

The Head Teacher of the United Methodist Church schools, Augustine P. Simbo, expressed his overwhelming gratitude for this generous educational gesture.

He pledged to utilize the school for its intended purpose and for the benefit of future generations.

Simbo extended his gratitude to ActionAid for their humanitarian efforts and appealed for continued support for the school.

Stakeholders from Moankone village also conveyed their deep appreciation to ActionAid Sierra Leone for their assistance, noting that the community had been in dire need of educational projects for many years.

Several stakeholders, including the Board Chairperson of ActionAid, a representative from the Moyamba District Council, the Deputy Director of Education, and the Director of NGOs in the Ministry of Development, made significant statements and thanked ActionAid for constructing such a cutting-edge school in an underserved community.

They encouraged community stakeholders, teachers, and students to utilize the school facilities for the educational advancement of children.

ActionAid empowers adolescent girls in Bo

By Ragan M. Conteh

ActionAid Sierra Leone has done a symbolic distribution of startup kits and learning materials to adolescent school girls in Bo district.

The distribution includes both out of schools and in-school children in Bo district.

The sharing of the materials was done on Friday 17 May 2024 at the Agricultural Vocational Secondary School (AVSS) at Acherian town in Bo district.

During the overview of the project, ActionAid Project Manager, Arin Fajana Conteh said the project started in 2021.

He informed Africa 24 that the project targeted five communities in Bo district and three communities in the Western Area.

He said that as an organization they are supporting 400 girls and out of this number the organization has distributed learning materials to 200 girls so far.

According to the Project Manager his organization has also been supporting 120 girls who have become school drop outs in Bo and in Western Area Districts.

ActionAid has also enrolled girls at a skills training centre to do tailoring, hair dressing and among many other vocational disciplines.

ActionAid has also supported 120 children in Freetown and 120 in Bo district with kits.

The project manager underscored the several support and community engagement they have done to ensure that girls are protected and enrolled in schools.

In his statement, the Paramount Chief of Boma Chiefdom in Bo district, Chief Alford Hinds Denley V said, ActionAid is one of the most credible organizations in the country. He expressed his appreciation to ActionAid for their unflinching support especially on gender its empowerment drive.

He said the items are provided for girls to empower themselves, their families and so to report the women to use the items for good.

He said ActionAid is a 'talk and do' organization that is geared towards empowering the marginalized girls in the country.

He said when helped, the girls would empower themselves and would protect themselves from all forms of sexual violence.

He maintained that the organization has enrolled a total of about 200 into the school system, and they are supporting the second batch of about 120 in Bo and Western Area districts.

Director Swaray said last year his organization supported 200 girls with kits and this year it was increased to four girls with 200 in Bo district and 300 in Western Area district. He admonished parents to take up the responsibility and ownership of the project.

The Director of NGOs affairs in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Eric Maslay, in his keynote statement, said ActionAid has always been complementing government priority areas.

He further said last year ActionAid Sierra Leone distributed some start-up kits to many girls.

And this year again the organization has extended their support to other group of girls.

He revealed that girls should use the materials to empower themselves and make good use of the opportunity given to them.

He maintained that the drive of ActionAid is an action to empower the marginalized girls.

He said it is part of President Bio's gender empowerment policy.

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Africa should invest in Science, technology and innovation to build a prosperous, just and sustainable future

Africa can build a more prosperous, just, and sustainable future if countries invest in science, technology and innovation, these are sentiments echoed by African leaders, representatives and experts at the opening of the two-day Sixth African Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Science, innovation and technology, they said, are critical to the transformation of the continent in agriculture, industry and poverty eradication.

Held ahead of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, the STI Forum is a pre-event organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in collaboration with the African Union Commission and other partners under the theme, "Effective delivery of innovative science and technology solutions to reinforce the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 and eradicate poverty in Africa."

Delele Molla (picture), Minister of Technology and Innovation, Ethiopia, said fostering innovation in key sectors like agriculture, clean energy, and healthcare, can create jobs, improve livelihoods, and lift millions out of poverty in Africa.

He said Ethiopia's commitment to improving its agricultural sector and ensuring food security is a good example to be emulated by other countries in Africa.

"Ethiopia has developed a food system transformation roadmap and launched several initiatives focused on boosting agricultural productivity, achieving self-sufficiency, and combating climate change. These initiatives include improving access to fertilizers, seeds, and technologies for farmers,"

he said.

Additionally Mr. Molla said Ethiopia has not only created a roadmap for food system transformation, but actively implemented numerous initiatives. These initiatives prioritize boosting agricultural resilience, achieving food self-sufficiency, and combating climate change.

The country recently amended its Science and Technology policy, placing a strong emphasis on fostering innovation and harnessing the potential of emerging technologies. The country has also enacted a national Digital Transformation strategy named "Digital Ethiopia 2025"

For his part, Antonio Pedro, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme Support at the ECA said Africa must invest in human capital development, research and development (R&D), and in learning how to produce, sell and use emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and genomics that are transforming every aspect of life.

Technology should advance the wellbeing of the millions of households, farmers, fishermen, and many others that still use basic tools to lift themselves out of extreme poverty," said Mr. Pedro.

"Science and technology can play an important role in increasing the efficiency of service delivery to the poor, monitoring living conditions, predicting impending crises in crowded or remote areas and informing decision-making during crises," said Mr. Pedro.

The STI Forum he said is specifically designed to foster collaboration, the diffusion of technology and innovation, and the scaling up of policy and operational efforts to accelerate the contribution of science, technology and innovation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

According to the ECA Executive Secretary, the STI Forum has over the years, grown to become a premier platform for addressing the opportunities and challenges that science, technology and innovation offer for fostering strategic partnerships and implementation of scalable and innovative solutions.

He noted that in 2022, the forum launched the Alliance of Entrepreneurial Universities in Africa. The Alliance has since stimulated Universities and their 19 million students in Africa to nurture start-ups aimed at creating one million jobs and generate \$200 billion in revenue in ten years (that is by 2033).

ActionAid empowers adolescent girls in Bo

Similarly, in 2022, the continental problem-solving and innovation platform called Origin was launched in Niamey, Niger, as the first Origin Research and Innovation Hub for East Africa at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKITT) in Kenya. It has registered hundreds of problem solvers, has its own physical space, staff and partners from the private and public sectors.

"The ECA's coding camps for girls and women are an example of how we can empower young women to become the next tech entrepreneurs and innovators. We have trained two thousand young girls and women so far. However, to trigger transformational change, we must replicate these examples again and again across the continent," said Mr. Pedro.

Lelia Arthur Brito, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO said international collaboration in science is an ideal way to foster peace and sustainable development.

"By investing in science and promoting innovation, African societies can empower youth to become the drivers not only of economic growth and job creation but also drivers of solutions to pressing environmental challenges," said Ms. Brito adding that when research is linked to society, to local communities, it deploys its full potential for socio-economic development. She underscored a critical challenge - financial sustainability - which she said impacts on many African tech hubs. "They rely on grants from development partners and international donors to survive, in the near absence of local business angels and seed capital."

Javier Pérez, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union and ECA, said science and technology advances development in societies. If young people and women are empowered to become the next technology entrepreneurs and innovators, they are likely to trigger transformational change.

"The European Union is investing 270 million Euros in Africa for research and innovation to support both the SDGs and Agenda 2063 for Africa," said Mr. Perez.

The African Science, Technology and Innovation Forum was established by the Conference of Ministers, in its resolution 964 (LI) of 15 May 2018, to take all steps necessary to organize a regular multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation as an input into the work of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.

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He urged the adolescent girls to make ActionAid their community helper and be said the government and Sierra Leone are proud of them work.

"ActionAid wants sustainability in their drive so as beneficiaries make good use of this grant," he said.

In her statement, the Education Officer in the Ministry of Basic and Secondary School Education, Princess H Conteh said ActionAid generosity makes the organization to be one of the best in terms of promoting the work of government and by extension the Ministry of Education.

She informed the gathering that the Ministry of Education is very pleased with the opportunity which is aimed at empowering the vulnerable girls in the country.

She, therefore, urged the girls to grab the opportunity and use the items for their intended purpose.

In her testimony, Princess Jabay, who has graduated from ActionAid Sierra Leone from the tailoring department said she dropped out of school but now she is a proud beneficiary of the organization's generosity.

She vowed to utilize his profession judiciously.

Another beneficiary Isatu Jalloh also thanked ActionAid for the unfinishing support and promised to transform herself having helped by ActionAid empowerment project.

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In Moyamba District... ActionAid hands over State-of-the-Art School Buildings

By **Rafsan M. Conteh** As Part of ActionAid development and humanitarian work trajectory, the organization on Thursday 16th May, 2024 handed over six classrooms state-of-the-art massive infrastructural school buildings to the communities of Yagborforo village and three classroom school building of the Islamic Call Society Primary School, Mosankooke village, Kargboro Chaidim in Moyamba District.

The handing over ceremonies attracted stakeholders of government including the Deputy Minister of Education one, Madam Emily Kadlira Gogra, and a host of community representatives from the District Council as well as educational sector.

In his statement the Executive Director of ActionAid, Prady-Basile Swary said as an organization they believe in access to education and human right.

He informed that ActionAid made commitment in their strategies which they are conform to transformity.

He said the construction of the school buildings is a demonstration of ActionAid commitment in ensuring access to education for children in Sierra Leone especially where ActionAid has educational programmes.

Mr Today-Basile Swary revealed that the buildings is also to empower education for sustainable development.

The Executive Director stressed that the schools are newly built and ActionAid started the construction in 2022 but faced some challenges and later.

He said ActionAid is happy that the Deputy Minister of Education one, and Director of NGO witnessed and graded the handing over ceremony.

He maintained that the school at Yagborforo village has a roll close to 300 students.

He further stated that ActionAid is supporting teachers attending distance education in the community.

He said one of the challenges the community and other communities where ActionAid operates is facing is the lack of trained and qualified teachers.

Mr swary stated that the organization need trained and qualified teachers that will increase the chances to include them in the government's payroll.

He said in terms of cost the entire construction work is above six hundred and ninety three thousands (N693,000).

As part of their gesture to equip the school ActionAid provided school furniture including benches, chairs and learning materials.

Director Prady-Basile Swary mentioned that just this year the organization commissioning two schools in Moyamba District and the newly constructed OMC Yagborforo village is inclusive.

He said the need for the construction of these schools in Yagborforo and Mosankooke is evident.

He went on that the condition of the old school was life threatening and the old school was almost collapsing.

He re-echoed the point around that as an organization they are complementing government's effort on educational drive.

He said ActionAid is happy that the Deputy Minister of Education one, and Director of NGO witnessed and graded the handing over ceremony.

Simbo said he is overwhelmed for such a wonderful school gesture.

He maintained that this is a dream over nine (9) surrounding communities long yearning for, adding that it is a dream come true.

"Over a communities will now benefit a lot. He promised to utilize the school for its intended purposes and for the benefit of children yet unborn.

The Head Teacher thanked ActionAid for their humanitarian gestures and pleaded for more help for the school.

Stakeholders of Mosankooke village also expressed profound gratitude to ActionAid Sierra Leone for their support, adding that the community has been in dire need for educational projects for many years.

Many stakeholders including, Board Chairpersons of ActionAid, representatives from the Moyamba District Council, the DDO of Education and the Director of NGOs in the Ministry of Development among many others made salient statements and thanked ActionAid for constructing such a state-of-the-art school in such a deprived community.

They urged the community stakeholders, teachers and pupils to use the school building for the education of children.

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Minister of Planning Expresses Support to Action Aid Sierra Leone's Fourth Country Strategy

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Minister Barlay Commends Action Aid Sierra Leone's Fourth Country Strategy Launch

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By Amin Kef (Ranger)

The Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Madam Kenyeh Barlay has on February 7, 2024, extended her full support and appreciation for Action Aid Sierra Leone's Fourth Country Strategy during its official launch ceremony held at the New Brookfields Hotel in Freetown. Hon. Chief Minister, Dr. David Moinina Sengh, presided over the event, underscoring the government's commitment to sustainable development goals.

Titled: "The Transformative Action for Inclusive and Resilient Communities (2024-2028)," the strategy aligns closely with the Government's vision for fostering inclusive and resilient communities. Minister Barlay lauded Action Aid's dedication to community-driven development, emphasizing its harmony with the nation's economic development objectives.

"Action Aid Sierra Leone has consistently been at the forefront of community-driven development and this strategic plan further underscores their commitment to fostering inclusive and resilient communities. This aligns seamlessly with our Government's overarching goals and vision for sustainable economic development," remarked Madam Barlay.

Recognizing the pivotal role of NGOs in supporting governmental agendas, particularly in reaching marginalized communities, Minister Barlay outlined key areas where NGOs like Action Aid could contribute significantly. These encompassed food security, human capital development, youth employment, infrastructure, technology, innovation, governance and climate resilience.

"My Ministry recognizes the significant role played by NGOs as critical partners in achieving the development goals of the MTNDP. Working hand in hand with the Government to create positive impact and sustainable change, their efforts in reaching the last mile with development programs despite sector-specific challenges are laudable and worth appreciating," affirmed Madam Barlay.

Encouraging Action Aid to expand its projects to other districts and align initiatives with Government priorities, Minister Barlay stressed the importance of promoting community ownership and ensuring effective service delivery. She concluded by assuring continued cooperation and collaboration between the government and NGOs for transformative community development.

The launch of Action Aid Sierra Leone's Fourth Country Strategy marks a significant step towards fostering sustainable development and inclusive growth in the region, highlighting the vital partnership between the Government and non-governmental organizations in driving positive change.

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ActionAid and NeSPE Hold Advocacy Meeting on Revenue Transparency in Moyamba District

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ActionAid Sierra Leone and the Network Support for Peace Education (NeSPE) hosted a pivotal advocacy conversation on revenue transparency and accountability at the Moyamba District Council Hall.

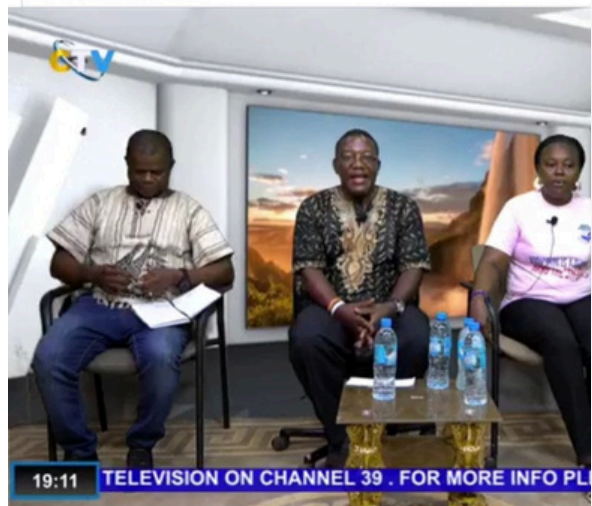
This one-day meeting brought together representatives from various ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs) in collaboration with the Moyamba District Budget Advocacy Network (MoDBEAN) and other civil society organizations (CSOs).



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