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PAACET EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO AFFECTED PERSONS OF THE AUGUST 14TH MUDSLIDE AND FLOODING IN FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE



Peace Africa Alliance Consulting, Educating and Training Centre (PAACET) collaborated with the National Youth Commission of Sierra Leone (NAYCOM) to provide emergency relief support in the form of food items worth millions of Leones. The donation was made to the Government of Sierra Leone through the Office of National Security (ONS) and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, on 16th August 2017 at the Motormeh community, Regent, Freetown.

The donation was a response to the need for humanitarian support to survivors of the August 14 Mudslide and torrential rain that resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives and millions worth of property including houses. The donation,

which included 20 bags of rice, 100 bundles of drinking water, 6 bags of cooking salt and 5 big gallons of cooking oil was made on Tuesday, 15th August 2017 by the Africa Regional Director, Charles Lahai and the Commissioner of Youth, Anthony Koroma and was received by the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation in the presence of the Member of Parliament for the constituency, staff of the Office of National Security (ONS) and other stakeholders at a symbolic ceremony at Regent, Freetown, the government-designated registration and drop-in centre for relief coordination.



PAACET ARD flanked by (L) Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Youth Commissioner, Member of Parliament and the Press.

In a brief statement, the NAYCOM Commissioner expressed sadness and informed the government representatives about PAACET's partnership with his commission. Presenting the items on behalf of PAACET International and Africa Regional Headquarters, the Africa Regional Director of PAACET, Charles Lahai expressed his organisation's condolences to the bereaved families, noting that this is a



PAACET ARD making the donation

moment of grief. He added that they are saddened by such natural disasters and prayed that God will continue to console the affected families and Sierra Leoneans in general. He recalled the incidences of the eleven-year civil war and Ebola and encouraged all to learn from this lesson and continue to be resilient.

Receiving the food items on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone, the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation thanked

PAACET and the Youth Commission for the donation and reiterated the need for stronger collaboration. She prayed for God's guidance and resilience among Sierra Leoneans and called for more support.



Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation expressing appreciation to PAACET and NAYCOM

A solidarity visit was made by the President of Guinea and a week of national mourning has been declared by the government. Over 300 found dead bodies were buried on Thursday, 17th August 2017 in a ceremony attended by the Presidents of Sierra Leone and Liberia, bereaved families, government officials and other Sierra Leoneans and other stakeholders.



Photo of affected mudslide community

PAACET Africa Regional Headquarters calls for additional immediate support to the affected survivors and their families in the form of used clothing, blankets, food items, scholarships, teaching and learning materials and other forms of support. PAACET remains committed to promoting a peaceful world.