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PARLIAMENT JOINS SALWACO IN PRE-COMMISSIONING OF WATER PROJECT

Parliamentary Committee on Water Resources, chaired by Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma on 1st March 2016 partnered with the Sierra Leone Water Company, Ministry of Water Resources, and other stakeholders in the water sector, at the Makeni City Council Hall, for the pre-commissioning test of the Makeni Water Project, funded by African Development Bank (ADB).

A standing tap for the purpose of the pre-commissioning test was opened at Soldier Street, by the Minister of Water resources and the stakeholders present drank the sparkling water that oozed from it.



Hon. Sualiho Koroma Making a Statement at the Makeni City Council Hall

In his statement, Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma commended President Koroma's initiatives and support to the water sector in the country. Whilst appreciating SALWACO and the youthful Minister of Water Resources for championing and implementing a key component in the Agenda for Prosperity, he espoused the need for the commercialization of the water project. He said this will keep them up and running in a sustained manner.

Representing the President, Professor Strasser-King, from the Strategic Policy Unit at State House, thanked ADB for supporting the Government of Sierra Leone to carry out its mandate and warned stoutly against deforestation.

Director General of SALWACO, Samuel Bangura, also appreciated President Koroma's support to the water project and promised that in the next two years, all outstanding water projects in the provinces would be completed.

The Minister of Water Resources, Momodu Maligie noted with satisfaction the completion of the Makeni Water Project and promised to do more by working with other stakeholders to improve the water sector in the country.

In attendance were the Mayor of Makeni City Council, the Chairman of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission, a representative from the Ministry of Finance, Paramount Chiefs, and officials from the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

Members and other dignitaries later visited the Kunsho Water Intake Site and the Wusum Treatment Works Facility, primarily to inspect the project that has been completed.