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PRESS RELEASE

EBOLA: MPs TAKING LEADERSHIP AT CONSTITUENCY LEVELS

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The Office of the Clerk of Parliament wishes to acknowledge Government's release of the Constituency Development Fund to finance activities to enable Members of Parliament perform the leadership role at the constituency level in line with His Excellency the President's directive in the State of Public Emergency proclaimed on 30th July, 2014.

A recent statement from the Leadership of Parliament expressed concern at the slow pace of international response to this crisis and gratitude to those partners who have offered their support. It called on all persons, institutions and communities to cooperate with public health authorities in fighting the outbreak. A few days ago, Parliament also passed the Public Health Amendment Act, 2014 to allow for enforcement of new public health regulations.

However, the House of Parliament would like to encourage persons desirous to obtain further information on the disbursed funds to seek clarifications on the matter either from Parliament or the Ministry of Finance and not resort to unhelpful speculations in the media as was evidenced in recent times.

As we are in a state of public emergency, Parliament would spare no efforts in the search for a lasting solution to this deadliest of diseases ever known to mankind.

**Ibrahim Sesay
Clerk of Parliament**

Cc. Chair, IMC