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### **TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE CONCLUDES SENSITIZATION WITH SCHOOL AUTHORITIES**

Transparency and Accountability Committee (TAC) in Parliament, chaired by Hon. Claude Kamanda has concluded a week long education and sensitization programme with school authorities in the Southern Region, focusing on the observations and queries raised in previous Audit Service Reports on the educational sector.

The Committee's sensitization primarily hinged on lack of accountable documents such as fixed assets registers; payments without supporting documents; misappropriation of funds; and bank reconciliation statements among others.



*MPs Addressing School Authorities*

In Moyamba, Bonthe and Pujehun District Council Halls, the Committee engaged various secondary school authorities particularly on issues raised by Audit Service Sierra Leone, ranging from bad handling of receipt books, invoices, payment vouchers, deposit books, bank statements, financial statements, etc.

Representing the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Benneh Bangura restated the purpose of the visit and warned strongly that whilst education

and sensitization take precedence now next time it would be proper inquiry into their books and activities covering the academic year.

In the town hall meetings, each Member of the Committee stressed the importance of record keeping and management, taking into consideration the concerns of Audit service Sierra Leone during the conduct of its audit. Members emphasized the need to avoid mistakes in their record keeping and management for accountability and the proper management of funds.

Education authorities expressed satisfaction over the education and sensitization programme, and promised to adhere to the advices given by Members of Parliament, especially on the importance of record keeping. They also called on the Committee to replicate the education programme all over the country.