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\$1.5 MILLION DRUGS HANDED OVER TO NERC TO FIGHT EBOLA

Hon. Rosaline J. Smith, representing Constituency 103 in the Western Urban, on behalf of the Chairman for the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Augustine B. Torto has handed over one forty feet container of medical drugs and food items worth \$ 1.5 million to representatives of the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC); to help in the fight against the ebola virus disease in the country. This week in handing over the items at the Njala Compound, Wellington Estates in Freetown, Hon. Smith said that the donation was made by two Sierra Leonean groups in the USA, namely Sierra Leoneans for Ebola Relief and AWASH SISTERS in Illinois, with the view of supporting President Koroma's initiatives for defeating the ebola virus disease. She furthered that the plea for the donation was made by Hon. Augustine B. Torto when he participated in the general debate of the Sixty-Ninth Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on the 29th September, 2014 where he asked for support to fight against the deadly virus. She also on behalf of Hon. Torto commended the Leadership of Parliament and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the pivotal role played in the fight against the ebola virus in the country.



Hon. J.K Smith in brown attire during the handing over ceremony

Receiving the donation, Dr. Shekou Sesay, NERC Donor Coordinator appreciated our Sierra Leonean brothers and sisters in Chicago for supporting their country at a moment of dire need; and assured that the donation would reach the intended beneficiaries. Philip Kabba, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also expressed thanks and appreciated the donation from our brothers and sisters in the diaspora.