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PARLIAMENTARY HEARING ON NaCSA & NGOs

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee on National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) chaired by Hon. Abdul Latify Sesay on Wednesday, 28/05/2025 summoned NGO for hearing at the Committee Room One. In his opening statement, the Chairman stressed the crucial role NGOs play in tandem with the national development. He underscored the importance of NGOs' operations in the country and asked them to continue to work in the interest of the State.

During the hearing, the Committee Members requested witnesses from the various NGOs to furnish them with essential documents, including financial statements, status report, Service Level Agreement (SLA), and audit reports, amongst others.

The Committee Members observed that some NGOs are operating without SLA, some failed to produce status reports, others were without financial statements, and other important documents that

the Committee had earlier requested. It was also discovered that some NGOs were not following the due diligence.

Some NGOs, including Plan International, People's Development Foundation, and World Vision, amongst others, demonstrated positive outcomes and justification for their activities. Many NGOs it was observed were working in tandem with the national development agenda.

With Plan International Sierra Leone, representatives told Members of Parliament that they had SLA for projects, with the Ministries of Education. It was revealed that one of the projects, Teachers Training For Inclusive Girls Education, had transformed many dropped out students into volunteer teachers.

Cotton Tree Foundation, a local NGO, impressed the Committee with presentations on its activities. Like other NGOs, the People's Development Foundation is a positive indigenous organisation that is worth giving back to society. AVSI Foundation, World Vision, Education For All, and others presented very good testimonies on project outcomes.

The hearing continues next week.

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