

# EDUCATION WEEKLY

MBSSE RE-ACTIVATES SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS AS COVID-19 HITS NEIGHBORING GUINEA AND LIBERIA



Approximately

**2.6 MILLION**

SCHOOL CHILDREN SERVED NATIONWIDE



MONDAY - MARCH 16

## **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

Leadership of MBSSE discussed the #RadicalInclusion of all Sierra Leonean children into the educational system regardless of their gender, physical, psychological and socio-economic backgrounds. Free quality education is for all!

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18

## **NEW SCHOOL APPROVAL POLICY BEING REVIEWED**

Under the supervision of the Chief Education Officer, Dr Yatta Kanu, the schools approval policy is being reviewed to streamline best practice and ensure that schools meet set standards for improved learning outcomes.

THURSDAY - MARCH 19

## **EDUCATION RADIO WORKS WITH THE TSC ON TEACHERS**

The Teaching Service Commission is currently working with the MBSSE Education Radio management to provide an uninterrupted radio teaching lessons on Education radio FM 95.3. Details of the radio are available on the MBSSE website.

DEVOTIONS | ASSEMBLIES |  
OTHER GATHERINGS OF  
MORE THAN 100 RESTRICTED

## **MBSSE ISSUES RESTRICTION ON LARGE SCHOOL GATHERING**

In adherence to government's restriction on large gathering of more than 100 people, the MBSSE has also issued restriction on any school gathering of more than 100 pupils and/or teachers. This is in effect until further notice, and it includes devotions, assemblies, games and sporting events.

## MBSSE HANDS OVER ANOTHER 30,000 BAGS OF RICE TO WFP

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education handed over another 30,000 bags of rice to the World Food Program (WFP). The rice donation is part of the consignment of rice gifted by the People's Republic of China (PRC) to the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) which has been assigned to the national school feeding program. The 30,000 bags add to the 27,000 bags previously handed over to WFP in January. That brings the entire donation total to 57,000 bags of rice which will be used to feed school children in Sierra Leone.



### WORLD POETRY DAY CELEBRATED

**FRIDAY - MARCH 20**

World Poetry Day is held annually on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. UNESCO National Commission of Sierra Leone celebrated the day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March by reading, teaching and performing selected poems to children at various schools in the country. In addition, ministry staff provided tools to learners that will enable them to engage with poetry - a cultural and linguistic form of expression, in the future.

## MBSSE RE-ACTIVATES SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS NATIONWIDE

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

The Ministry of basic and Senior Secondary Education has reactivated the schools' safety protocols in all schools across the country. These protocols include regular handwashing, monitoring of temperatures, isolating children with high fever and stopping sick pupils from going to schools.

As a follow up measure to intensify the hand washing and the other protocols, the District Education Officers paid on the spot visits to schools in their respective districts and worked with the communities to provide buckets to schools that did not have.



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