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416,911

SCHOOL CHILDREN
TO BE FED NATIONWIDE

THURSDAY - APRIL 16

MBSSE ENGAGES THE WORLD ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

The Education Outcome Fund (EOF), DSTI and MBSSE participated in a webinar hosted by the Skoll World Forum Online. The virtual meeting focused on GoSL's vision to scale its Education Innovation Challenge (EIC). EOF and partners highlighted GoSL's strong support for innovation in the education sector. <https://bit.ly/34OesSA>.

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DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS SUPPORT MBSSE DURING COVID-19

Through series of engagements, development partners including UNICEF, DFID, EFASL, CRS and Plan International are actively working with MBSSE to realign their activities in support of achieving learning outcomes during the COVID-19 school closure and beyond.

FRIDAY - APRIL 17

MBSSE ESTABLISHES EDUCATION EMERGENCY TASKFORCE

The MBSSE has established an Education Emergency Taskforce (EET) which will advise and support GoSL on activities during and after COVID-19 with a focus on improving learning outcomes for children. Other members include MoPED, MoF, World Bank, DFID, Irish Aid, EU and UNICEF.



PLAN INTERNATIONAL AND JOINT AID MANAGEMENT DISTRIBUTE TONS OF RICE TO CHILDREN IN 6 DISTRICTS

Plan International and Joint Aid Management in collaboration with MBSSE has put final plans in place to start the distribution of 300 metric tons of rice to over 13,000 beneficiaries in six districts across the country.

The National Programme Coordinator of the Free Quality School Education (FQSE) states that the rice distribution is timely, as it will help to relieve parents from economic hardship and encourage pupils to continue to learn while school remain closed as a result of COVID-19.

CRS DISTRIBUTES TAKE-HOME FOOD RATIONS TO PUPILS AND PARENTS

Catholic Relief Services, in partnership with the MBSSE commenced distribution of take-home rations of rice and vegetable oil to pupils and their families in the Koinadugu and Falaba districts.

The food distribution is in support of the Ministry's agenda for continuity of learning during COVID-19 school closure. The Ministry hence encouraged parents to ensure that their children follow all COVID-19 safety measures, and to continue to read their books and listen to Education Radio.

Prior to the distribution of the food rations, the Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, Dr. David Moinina Sengeh had conducted a quality assurance visit to the CRS warehouse in Freetown to inspect the quality of food that was to be distributed.



TSC CONFIRMS SALARY INCREMENT FOR TEACHERS BY END OF MONTH THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020



The Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission, Dr. Staneala Beckley has confirmed that the Ministry of Finance has assured the Commission of a 30% Salary Increment for Teachers who are already in the Government's payroll system. She stated that the increment will take effect at the end of April 2020. The Commission informed the Finance Ministry that Teachers with Higher Teachers' Certificate and those with General Degree should be on the same salary scale. However, TSC is currently working on the establishment of an accelerated courses for Teachers with General Degrees to get professional Teacher Training.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH 2020

The Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, Dr. David Moinina Sengeh has called on parents, communities, men, boys and girls to commit themselves to Zero Teenage Pregnancy during the COVID-19 School Closure. With emphasis on experiences from the Ebola periods, the Minister encourages parents, heads of households, community leaders, men and boys to ensure that they protect girls in their communities and prevent the repeat of the high prevalence of Teenage Pregnancy during the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone.



FREQUENCIES FOR EDUCATION RADIO

FREETOWN: **FM 95.3** | KOIDU: **FM 91.5** | MAMUDU: **FM 94.4** | MAGBURAKA: **FM 93.5** | MAKENI: **FM 91.5** | BO: **FM 91.5** | KENEMA: **FM 94.4** | SEGBWEMA: **FM 95.3**

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