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### **DOA COMMISSIONS THREE QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS IN KAILAHUN**

*Freetown, Sierra Leone* – The Director Of Administration (DOA) of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Ronnie Stokes, yesterday, in Kailahun, eastern Sierra Leone, commissioned three Quick Impact Projects funded by the UNAMSIL Trust Fund and supervised by the Civil Affairs Section in collaboration with local communities.

The projects included an administrative building for the District Agricultural Department, which aims to enable ministry officials to resume their activities in the district. Costing more than US \$ 13, 000, it is expected to benefit more than 300,000 inhabitants.

The second project was the reconstruction of the National Islamic Primary School benefiting between 250 and 300 pupils from four villages estimated at more than \$13, 000 and an additional US \$ 2,700 provided for furniture by the Special Representative of the Secretary General in Sierra Leone (SRSG), Ambassador Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago.

The third project, “Food for Agricultural Production”, was implemented by the Community Agriculture and Skills Training Centre (CASTC).

Commissioning the three projects, Mr Stokes said they were among several projects implemented in the district done with “support from the UNAMSIL Trust Fund managed by the Civil Affairs Section”. He said people were “witnessing another milestone in the history of this district” as the District Agricultural building and the school “whose structures were completely destroyed during the decade long civil war” would now be in use.

The DOA stated that whilst UNAMSIL was in Sierra Leone to restore peace, it recognized the importance of improving agriculture and the importance of education. He hoped the projects would translate to sustainable institutions even after the withdrawal of UNAMSIL, and entreated members of the community to “ensure maximum care for [the edifices] at all times.”

Statements made by traditional leaders and Government officials praised UNAMSIL for restoring peace to the country, especially the military contingents’ humanitarian assistance to host communities.

Highlights of the ceremonies were “cutting of ribbon” and inspection of the commissioned buildings.

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