



Sustainable Communities Network (SCN) Activity Report

Reporting Period: July 22, 2024 – August 26, 2024

1. Digital Platform Centre (DPC) Upgrade

- **Date:** Ongoing
- **Activity:** The Digital Platform Centre (DPC) was upgraded to enhance the quality and effectiveness of educational delivery. The upgrade included the addition of various posters depicting computer lessons, a projector, and a slider for educational purposes. The administrative office was reconfigured to accommodate three staff members, featuring new whiteboards for planning and two additional filing cabinets to improve document management.
- **Outcome:** The upgrades have significantly improved the learning environment, making it more conducive for both staff and students. The administrative office is now better equipped to handle the daily operational needs of the organization.



2. Meeting with Orange Sierra Leone

- **Date:** July 24, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN held a meeting with representatives from Orange Sierra Leone in response to an introductory meeting request initiated by SCN. The discussion focused on potential collaboration opportunities between Orange Sierra Leone and SCN.
- **Outcome:** The meeting served as a promising first step toward establishing a partnership that could leverage Orange Sierra Leone's resources and expertise to support SCN's community initiatives.

3. Attendance at Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organization (SLANGO) Newsletter Launch

- **Date:** July 30, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN attended the launching of the Maiden Edition of SLANGO's Newsletter. Dr. Columba Blango, CEO and Founder, and Mr. Thomas Nyamawa, Operations Director, represented SCN at the event.

- **Outcome:** The event provided SCN with networking opportunities and insight into SLANGO's communication strategies, which could inform future SCN publications and outreach.



4. Courtesy Visit to SLANGO

- **Date:** July 31, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN paid a courtesy visit to SLANGO's office, where the delegation met with National Coordinator Mrs. Alice James. The SCN delegation included Dr. Columba Blango, Mr. Thomas Nyamawa, and Mr. Peter Menjor, Director of Development and Media Relations.
- **Outcome:** The visit strengthened the relationship between SCN and SLANGO, paving the way for future collaborations and mutual support in achieving community development goals.



5. Courtesy Visit by SLANGO National Coordinator

- **Date:** August 9, 2024
- **Activity:** The National Coordinator of SLANGO, Mrs. Alice James, paid a courtesy visit to SCN's office at Cole Farm. She met with the CEO and Founder, Dr. Columba Blango, and the ground team.
- **Outcome:** The visit further solidified the partnership between SCN and SLANGO, with discussions on joint initiatives and support mechanisms to enhance community development efforts.



6. National Council for Technical, Vocational and Other Academic Awards (NCTVA) Accreditation

- **Date:** July 30, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN received confirmation of accreditation from the National Council for Technical, Vocational and Other Academic Awards (NCTVA).
- **Outcome:** This accreditation is a significant milestone for SCN, as it officially recognizes the organization's efforts in providing quality education and training. It also opens up opportunities for students to receive nationally recognized certifications.

7. Meeting with Cole Farm Youth Leadership

- **Date:** August 1, 2024
- **Activity:** The SCN ground team, led by the CEO and Founder, met with the leadership of the Cole Farm Youth Organization to discuss collaborative initiatives aimed at youth empowerment and community development.
- **Outcome:** The meeting was productive, with both parties agreeing to work together on several youth-focused projects, strengthening SCN's ties with the local community.



8. Familiarization Meeting with Cole Farm Religious Leaders

- **Date:** August 7, 2024
- **Activity:** The CEO and Founder invited religious leaders from Cole Farm to a familiarization meeting to discuss potential collaborations on community development and social cohesion initiatives.
- **Outcome:** The meeting established a foundation for ongoing dialogue and cooperation between SCN and the religious community, recognizing the influential role of religious leaders in community mobilization.



9. National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Familiarization Visit

- **Date:** August 13, 2024
- **Activity:** A team from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), led by Mr. Samuel Dugba, visited SCN's office in Cole Farm to familiarize themselves with SCN's operations.
- **Outcome:** The visit strengthened the relationship between SCN and NDLEA, setting the stage for future collaborations in drug sensitization and community safety programs.



10. Certificates of Recognition Presentation

- **Date:** August 14, 2024
- **Activity:** The CEO and Founder presented certificates of recognition to SCN ground team members and the Board of Trustees in appreciation of their dedication and contributions to the organization's success.
- **Outcome:** The ceremony boosted team morale and reaffirmed the organization's commitment to recognizing and rewarding the hard work of its members.



11. Signing of the Book of Condolence and Memorial Service

- **Date:** August 16-17, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN signed the Book of Condolence and presented a funeral purse of NLe 10,000 (Ten Thousand New Leones) to the Magbity family following the passing of their colleague and friend, Gerry Magbity. A memorial service was held on August 17, attended by SCN leadership and team members.
- **Outcome:** SCN's participation in these events demonstrated solidarity and support for the Magbity family during their time of grief, reinforcing the organization's values of compassion and community.





12. Visit to NDLEA for Partnership Discussion

- **Date:** August 19, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN visited the NDLEA to discuss potential partnership opportunities. The discussion focused on joint efforts to combat drug abuse and promote community safety.
- **Outcome:** The meeting laid the groundwork for a formal partnership agreement between SCN and NDLEA, aligning their goals and resources for maximum impact.



13. Visit by Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education

- **Date:** August 20, 2024
- **Activity:** The Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Mr. Sajor Aziz Kamara, visited SCN's office to learn more about the organization's educational initiatives and discuss potential collaborations.
- **Outcome:** The visit was highly productive, with discussions on how SCN's programs can complement government efforts in technical and higher education, potentially leading to future support and collaboration.



14. Partnership Agreement with NDLEA

- **Date:** August 26, 2024
- **Activity:** SCN and NDLEA signed a formal partnership agreement at the NDLEA Headquarters in Freetown, marking the beginning of a collaborative effort to combat drug abuse and enhance community safety.
- **Outcome:** The partnership agreement represents a significant achievement for SCN, providing a solid framework for future joint initiatives with NDLEA, and positioning SCN as a key player in national efforts to address drug-related issues.



Conclusion: The reporting period from July 22 to August 26, 2024, has been marked by significant progress and fruitful collaborations for SCN. The organization has not only strengthened its internal infrastructure but also expanded its network of partners and supporters. These activities underscore SCN's commitment to community development and its proactive approach to addressing key social issues.