



Campaign for Good Governance (CGG) Sierra Leone Announces 198,000.00 United States Dollars Grant Award from the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)

Freetown, Sierra Leone 11th February 2019, Campaign for Good Governance (CGG) is pleased to announce that the organization has received a One Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand United States Dollars (\$ 198,000.00) grant from the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) to implement a project titled “Building Women’s Capacity for Democratic Dialogue and Accountability”. This is a 24 month intervention that spans from 2019 to 2021 and will be co-implemented with the Local Governance Forum (LGF).

The project seeks to harness democratic dividends through the amplification of women’s voices to influence government’s commitment to mainstream women’s political, social and economic advancement in the development agenda. This project will train a total of 150 women drawn from CGG’s partner groups in Small Bo and Darma chiefdoms in the Kenema district, Makama and Biriwa Chiefdoms in Bombali district and in Waterloo, Tombo, Gloucester and Charlotte Villages in the Western Rural district. The women will be provided with support to engage their elected representatives and Chiefdom Authorities. These women will be given low tech skills to monitor and collect service delivery data as evidence for monitoring policy implementation in Health, Electricity, Water and Sanitation. Other project activities include but not limited to:

- Community Service mapping in the three sectors of Electricity, Maternal health care, Water and Sanitation
- Democratic dialogue called “Leh di Pipul Tok” (Citizens Voices) sessions to foster collaboration between community groups and Local Governance Authorities
- Community-level feedback meetings focusing on commitments made by duty bearers and Four National Level Service Delivery Summits to discuss service delivery monitoring findings and Community concerns.

“This is a watershed opportunity for amplifying community women’s voices and integrating their concerns in the mainstream governance and development discourse in Sierra Leone” says the Executive Director Marcella Samba-Sesay. *By leveraging technology, this project presents prospects for harnessing democratic dividends especially in challenging community contexts thereby advancing CGG’s mission of enhancing Citizen’s participation in governance and building a democratic state”*; she further emphasized.

The outcomes of this intervention will showcase Community Women's Groups using tools and techniques in evidence-based policy influencing for efficient service delivery on women's priority development issues.

CGG is one of the lead national non-governmental organizations in Sierra Leone advocating for citizens participation in democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and redressing gender in balances.