

HIGHLIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES

Friday, February 6, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today received the President of Togo and ECOWAS' head of the region's Ebola Virus Disease Response and Eradication Process, His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe and the President of the ECOWAS Commission Kadré Désire Ouédraogo. They were in the country on a one-day solidarity visit to Liberia.

At a joint press stakeout, President Gnassingbe used the occasion to renew his solidarity and support to President Sirleaf, the Government and people of Liberia and on behalf of the ECOWAS Chairman, His Excellency John Mahama.

He extended to salute to government officials as well as the entire population who joined hands with Government in fighting the Ebola virus disease. President Gnassingbe thanked the international community, most especially ECOWAS Member States who sent health workers and volunteers to the three worse affected countries that has made the difference. He also praised all those who survived the Ebola virus disease.

He said though much has been achieved in the fight against Ebola, he cautioned Liberians to be vigilant and not get complacent. He assured the Liberian Government that ECOWAS will leave no stone unturned in getting rid of Ebola but will also pursue efforts to have the country return to normalcy.

In brief remarks, the President of the ECOWAS Commission Kadré Désire Ouédraogo seized the opportunity to pay tribute to the vision and leadership of President Sirleaf and commended the Government and people of Liberia for the heroic and successful fight against Ebola which led to the positive results the country is observing now. He said the ECOWAS Commission will remain in touch with the national coordinating committee and report regularly to the regional coordinator, Togolese President.

Earlier, on behalf of the Government and people of Liberia, President Sirleaf welcomed the two visiting dignitaries to Liberia and expressed delight at their being in the country to work with her and to demonstrate solidarity to the Government and people of Liberia.

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today officially launched the Public Sector Modernization Project (PSMP) at the Foreign Ministry's C. Cecil Dennis Auditorium.

The PSMP is intended to support some of the core areas of civil service reform which have been carved out of the broader civil service reform agenda and part of the much broader public sector reform program. Among the reforms are improvements of pay management by introducing a civil service remuneration structure that is equitable and transparent; strengthening payroll management to ensure effective payroll controls and reduced risk of fraud; and address the mandates, organizational structures, internal institutional arrangements, business processes and human resource capacity challenges of select ministries, agencies and commissions.

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf met a delegation of the United States - charity group, AmeriCares headed by its chief executive officer and president, Mr. Michael Nyenhuis. Other members of the delegation included Vice President, Global Partners, Mr. Garrett Ingoglia; County Director, AmeriCares, Mr. David Prettyman; and Gifts-in-Kind Coordinator, Ms. Masmima Sirleaf.