

## Highlights of the President's Activities

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today received in audience the Ebola Coordinator of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ambassador Johannes Lindner.

During her meeting with Ambassador Lindner, President Sirleaf acknowledged Germany's commitment in helping Liberia and other countries eradicate the deadly Ebola virus disease and restore the sub-region to normalcy.

She informed Germany's Ebola Coordinator that his country could be more helpful in their intervention by strengthening and capacitating community-based healthcare services. She named the eradication of the Ebola virus disease, restoration of healthcare delivery services and an economic recovery program as the core issues of the country during this period. She thanked Ambassador Lindner for accepting to come to Liberia at such an unpleasant time in the country's history.

Responding, the German Ebola Coordinator presented compliments from German Chancellor Angela Merkel and expressed how gravely concerned she is about the Ebola situation in Liberia.

Ambassador Lindner indicated that over 3000 volunteers signed-up initially in Germany for assignment in Liberia, but based on the standards set, over 300 personnel including 250 from the military and 75 from the German Red Cross are ready for deployment in Liberia. He disclosed that Germany will take over the management of the Ebola Treatment Unit at the Samuel K. Doe Sports Complex vicinity in Paynesville when completed by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is expected to be turned over in four weeks.

- Later in the afternoon, President Sirleaf met with a delegation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) led by the Organization's African Zone Director, Alasan Senghore accompanied by a delegation of the Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS).

The Liberian President welcomed the Red Cross delegation and stressed that her government will always encourage friends who come to the aid of the country at all times. She acknowledged that the Red Cross has been an active member of the partners' family and has done very well in providing humanitarian support to Liberians.

For his part, Director Senghore said he was in Liberia on behalf of the Secretary-General of the IFRC to assess the situation and show solidarity to the Liberian people. He outlined the support of the International Red Cross family to Liberia including the National Red Cross Society.

He pointed out that this is a difficult time for the country and reassured that the Federation will stand by Liberia till the disease is contained.