

Background

Sierra Leone has made notable progress in consolidation of peace and democratic governance since the end of the 11-year civil war in 2002. This includes the successful administration of three elections, including a peaceful transfer of power in 2007 and peaceful presidential, parliamentary, and local council elections in 2012, with significantly less international involvement than the previous elections. However, a lot more remains to be done to address the underlying challenges in the country as well as to solidify democratic norms. The 2012 elections while hailed as a milestone in the country's consolidation of democratic governance also demonstrated deep seated ethno-regional political factions – with several potential flashpoints that could lead to deterioration of social/political stability and the resumption of violence. The gains made are not yet irreversible and the situation remains fragile. Despite recent marked economic progress, young people – who constituted the majority of combatants during the civil conflict and now comprise almost 70% of the population – face a very high unemployment rate, which in turn poses a key challenge to the consolidation of peace. Such issues continue to colour the political and social life of the country, and need to be addressed, politically, legally and socially.

Sierra Leone currently operates on the basis of the 1991 Constitution. The Constitution signalled an end to one-party rule and ushered in a new political dispensation of multi-party democracy. However, the Constitution was endorsed three months after the civil war broke out. As part of the process of negotiating the end to the civil war, Article X of the July 1999 Lome Peace Accord provided for a review of the Constitution. Subsequently, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), established in 2002 also urged the Government of Sierra Leone to give “serious consideration” to the creation of a “new constitution”, in order to contribute to human rights. To that end, a broad ranging Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) representing different stakeholders in society, including political parties, democratic institutions, NGOs, the media and key independent bodies has been appointed. The 2013 CRC has been tasked with the reviewing of the 1991 Constitution. As part of its work it is envisaged that CRC will undertake a major civic education and consultation process, which will engage all segments of society in identifying recommendations for constitutional change. In accordance with the 1991 Constitution, at the conclusion of the process, Parliament will need to, pass a Bill after which a referendum will be held to approve the new Constitution.

The project represents an integrated UN initiative in support of the constitutional review process in Sierra Leone. The project serves as the overall substantive framework for the UN, with all actors contributing to the results as articulated in the document. By the project's end, it is expected that the intended project output of Sierra Leone Constitutional Review Committee capacitated to expertly lead an inclusive, transparent, participatory and peaceful process of constitutional reform would have been achieved.

The project is designed to be implemented with the following guiding principles; Ensuring conflict sensitivity; Peace building and reconciliation ; Promoting social cohesion as a key overarching theme; Promoting the core principles of inclusiveness, participation, transparency and national ownership ; Promoting a more educated and empowered citizenry as a key overarching theme; Ensuring a flexible approach to respond to the fluid political environment; Maximising partnerships. In line with the guiding principles outlined above, the project is expected to contribute to the achievement of the overall programme Outcome upon its completion in 2014, namely *Sierra Leone Constitutional Review Committee capacitated to have an expertly-led inclusive, transparent, participatory and peaceful process of constitutional reform*. The six outputs for the project are as follows:


1. Capacity of CRC members enhanced to undertake effective constitutional review process and produce final recommendations;
2. Capacity of CRC secretariat to provide legal and research services to CRC enhanced;
3. CRC communication and messaging strategy designed and implemented;
4. Civil society led inclusive and informative civic education process completed;
5. CRC led inclusive & transparent civic education and public consultation process completed;



6. Capacity of MPs, democratic institutions, political parties and civil society strengthened to effectively support and participate in the review process;



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III Quarter one (Q1) Progress Table

INTENDED OUTPUTS	INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES	PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS
Output 1. Capacity of CRC members developed to undertake effective constitutional review process and produce final recommendations.		
<p>Baseline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRC and CRC Secretariat being set up currently; - legal/technical capacity of CRC members and Secretariat staff is variable. Exact baseline to be established using an anonymous self-assessment survey of knowledge and skills; - No CRC Communication Strategy or activities underway - No CRC Civic Education and Public Consultation Strategy in place or implemented - Limited coverage of constitutional review issues by media - Limited Variable capacity of CSOs, media and MPs to engage with constitutional review process - Citizens ill informed about members of CRC, CR process even after official launch <p><i>Indicators-</i></p>	<p>1.1 Conduct induction training on the goals and principles of constitutional making, the Sierra Leone constitutional process, substantive content issue and messaging /</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Induction workshop was organized for the induction of 80 CRC members and 20 CRC secretariat staff. In this workshop, thorough universal and country specific guiding principles of constitutional review process was highlighted by the UNDP CTA for the constitutional review process. All of the participants showed their level of understanding and usefulness of this aspect of the induction as very well. ▪ In the induction workshop also, substantive thematic areas were presented by various experts in the areas before through sub group and later plenary discussions. The main areas covered in this workshop were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Republic of Sierra Leone Constitutional Review Programme. - Revisiting the Constitution: Enabling Sustainable and Inclusive Natural Resource Management. - Review of the Constitution – Chapter VI, Parliament. - Public Service Reforms in Sierra Leone: Challenges and Opportunities. - Peace and Security – Constitutional Arrangements and Best Practices. - Civil Registration Reform in Sierra Leone and Related Constitutional Issues. - Youth Engagement Strategy, Best Practices, Challenges and Remedies. - Public Finance Issues in the Constitution: Lessons from Other Countries.

<p><i># of capacity development workshops organized</i> <i>- # of Staff trained: Male -----</i> <i>Female -----</i> <i>- % of trained staff (male/ female) satisfied with quality and usefulness of capacity development workshops</i></p>		<p>The CRC members were given the opportunity to evaluate each of the sessions throughout the induction process. The CRC members generally agreed that the sessions were very useful and have equipped them for a good start to the whole CR review process</p> <p>Also as means of capacitating the CRC secretariat, UNDP recruited and deployed 2 national UNV personnel's.</p> <p>Rules of procedures of CRC developed and endorsed by CRC members</p> <p>On the 3rd of December 2013, CRC held its fifth meeting and approved the following sub-committees with their Terms of Reference.</p>
	<p>1.2 Support development of the rule of procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Executive Branch of Government ii. The Legislative Branch iii. The Judiciary Branch
	<p>1.3 ToRs for Sub- Committees: Support development of ToRs for CRS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. The Local Government and other ancillary branches of Government v. The Fundamental Principles of State Policy and Human Rights vi. The Information, Education and Communications vii. The Management of Natural Resources and Climate Change
	<p>Sub-committees. Constitutional Expertise:</p>	

1.4 Conduct training for CRC Sub-Committees on key constitutional issues within their mandate , including specific mediation training with respect to sensitive constitutional issues

During the induction workshop for CRC members and the CRC secretariat personnel's, key topics were covered including the following; Enabling Sustainable and Inclusive Natural Resource Management., Civil Registration Reform in Sierra Leone and Related Constitutional Issues, Public Finance Issues in the Constitution and youth unemployment and, youth development issues and how to address that in constitutional review process. In addition to this the subcommittees participated in extra technical sessions on key constitutional issues.

10 CRC members participated in sessions on mediation and conflict sensitive issues related to constitutional review process

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Expert meeting and workshops conducted for the sub-committees to broaden their understanding and engage them to effectively deal with the thematic issues like the Judiciary, Legislative, Natural Resources, Executive, Local Government, Education and Communications and State policy and Human Rights.

On the 22nd October, Experts training was held for Natural Resources- Land Policy Sub-committee members. The discussion focused on key areas including the following:

- Uneven distribution of land
- The right to own land as a Sierra Leonean
- Land ownership to foreigners over Sierra Leoneans
- Corrupt land practices by senior government officials and politicians

On 10th and 27th Oct 2014 Experts training was held for Information, Education and Communications (IEC) Sub-Committee

- Topics discussed included the dynamics in technology, digital migration from analog to digital
- Position papers from IMC which talks of Criminal libel law of 1965, Chapter twelve of the Constitution of Ghana, Social Media Freedom of Expression and Perceived lapses in Sierra Leone Constitution

On 6th November 2014 Experts training was held for **Local** Government & Other Ancillary Branches of Government

An overview of civil service structure and the different cadres including the Public Service Commission, HRMO etc was made. Some of the contentious issues discussed are as follows:

- The need to verify agencies in the civil service
- Civil service pensions and age of retirement
- Evaluation of performance and promotions
- The need for civil service to be free from political influence
- Reward system
- Performance monitoring, review and auditing

11TH NOVEMBER 2014 Experts training for Executive Sub-Committee

Key issues that were discussed includes:

- overview of the Executive as one of the three arms of government
- functions of the executive branch of Government
- parliamentary system of government

Other issues debated:

- Call for women inclusion in the political process
- The 30% quota for women should be increased
- That the Office of the Attorney-General should be separated from Justice Ministry

12th & 19th November, 2014 Experts training was held for Legislative Sub-Committee

The subcommittee extensively discussed the legislative arms of government and the following questions were discussed:

- Why do we make laws?
- How effective these laws are and how should they be implemented?
- What are the functions of the three arms of government?
- Why it is necessary to separate the three arms of government?

20th Nov 2014 Experts training was held for Research Sub-Committee-

The training tackled the following issues :

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research methods and methodology ▪ Difference between quantitative research qualitative research ▪ Steps to be taken in the research process should be
	<p>1.5 Provide high level constitutional expertise and technical advice to CRC plenary and Sub-Committees as requested</p>	<p>The CTA has been providing ongoing key technical supports using his wealth of experience in constitutional review process gained from other countries. He has also utilised expertise from various other UNDP/UNIPSIL colleagues in relevant thematic areas. In the induction training for instance, experts in the following areas provided useful presentations; public Finance, Natural Resources Governance, peace and Development, journalism and communication, security and conflict resolution, youth development and public sector reform , Gender Mainstreaming in the Constitutional Reform and Constitutional Reform in favour of children</p>
	<p>1.6 Support preparation of draft amendments/proposals and final report</p>	<p>Theme specific template developed Chapters/section specific templates developed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3RD QUARTER</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff have been embedded to CRC to support the preparation of draft amendment and final report ▪ Legal and Technical Associate from the local mission have be trained and provided template to support preparation of drafts amendment and proposal and final report ▪ Five drafters have been identified to provide preparation of drafts
	1.7 Support, conduct and report on national Constitutional Conference	Planned for June-July 2015

Output 2. Capacity of CRC Secretariat to provide legal and research services to CRC developed. Develop organization structure and prepare job description and ToRs for staff

<p>Baselines:</p> <p>Indicators:</p>	<p>2.1 Recruit and conduct induction training for secretariat staff</p>	<p>20 CRC secretariat staff have been given induction trainings. Additionally, UNDP has assigned national UNVs (in the areas of ICT, event and workshop management, multimedia and programme specialist) to support the CRC secretariat.</p>
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Secretariat staff (male/female) provided induction training
 - # of research papers produced
 - % of CRC members (male/female) satisfied with the quality and usefulness of papers
 - % of CRC members (male/female) satisfied with the quality and support provided by the secretariat staff

2.2 Provide ongoing capacity development support to all secretariat staffs, including basic training on dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution

The CTA's ongoing support on the Constitutional Review Process has been remarkable and has also included support from other UNDP/UNIPSIL colleagues to improve knowledge in key areas such as:

- A. Public Finance
- B. Natural Resources Governance
- C. Peace and Development
- D. Journalism and Communication
- E. Security and Conflicts Resolution
- F. Youth Development
- G. Public Sector Reform

2ND QUARTER

- Trainings on public submission forms have been concluded
- Capacity Building for stakeholder consultation, engagement and communication is ongoing
- Distribution of combined documents of the 1991 constitution is ongoing
- CRC staff capacitated to ensure regular updates on website
- Staff fully trained to ensure timely release and publication of newsletters
- Documentation trainings conducted to archive all submissions forms, the 1991 constitution and the Peter Tuckers Report

<p>2.3 Commission papers from national /international experts on topics as requested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International experts have been engaged and have provided substantive review and recommendation to the CRC on the 1991 constitution and Peter Tucker Report ▪ The report includes: ▪ International legal Resource Centre review of 1991 Constituiona dn peter Tucker report including papers on relevant thematic issues requested by the sub-committees. ▪ Review of Constituion and 2008 report including Comparative analysis and recommendations for CRC sub-committee on Executive. ▪ Paper from Senior expert ,Gray Robison, for the Judiciary sub-committee ▪ Series of Papers from UNHCR including 40 position papers from CSO, MDA and Experts have been submitted to the CRC ▪ Position papers have been received from different institutions , individuals, CSOs and Government Institutions ▪ Experts engaged to provide expertise on thematic issues relating to the following committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Legislative ▪ The Judiciary ▪ The Executive ▪ The Local Government and other Ancillary Branches of Government ▪ The State Policy and Fundamental Principles of Human Right ▪ The Natural Resources and Climate Change ▪ The Information, Education and Communication ▪ The Report Writing /Legal Drafting ▪ UN mediation support unit is on board and already shared paper <p style="text-align: center;">4TH QUARTER</p> <p>Due to Ebola this activity will continue during first and Second Quarter of 2015</p>

2.4. Provide quality assurance and technical advice to support secretariat Unit inside CRC to provide CRC members with high quality advice

- Several trainings have been conducted for CRC members on technical issues related to their mandate
- CRC members have demonstrated high level of understanding of issues related to the submission forms and the combined document of the 1991 constitution during stakeholders consultation meetings
- Technical advice given to the secretariat by the CTA has been productive and ongoing

3RD Quarter

- A meetings was held from Monday September 1-16, 2014 at the conference room of the CRC Secretariat in Freetown with all Sub-committees on various dates to update members about the current status of the review process.

Natural Resources and the Environment Sub-committee

- Natural Resource and the Environment subcommittee held a meeting with Secretariat on Monday September 1, 2014. With 8 members present
- Four interns from UNDP-NYCOM and a national consultant, Michael Massaquoi were introduced to the Subcommittee to assist in their work.
- CRC Sub-committees supported to conduct substantive stakeholder consultations with concerned ministries and departments
- During July and September CTA organized meetings with Sub-committee on report writing, analysis and information sharing

Legislative Subcommittee

- A meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee was held on Tuesday 2nd September, 2014 at the Secretariat
- Identification of individuals in the Public Submission Forms is discretionary
- The CTA assured to make available a glossary of entrenched and non-entrenched clause for the edification of CRC members

Information, Education and Communication Sub-committee

- The meeting held on Tuesday September 2, 2014

- The following issues and concerns were deliberated and agreed upon by all present:
- The National Commission Democracy (NCD), with support from UNDP, is producing jingles and other literature in the local languages so it is needless for the IEC committee to develop such.
- The IEC subcommittee could use local languages of communities to communicate to people in the provinces whenever the need arises.
- The Subcommittee was requested to provide progressive report of their prior engagements with stakeholders for inclusion into the September Newsletter and archives

Research Subcommittee

- The Research Subcommittee meet on Wednesday 3rd September, 2014
- The Committee resolved that they the CRC must provide the necessary materials needed for the furtherance of the work of the Research Committee.

Executive Sub-committee

- The meeting was held on Monday September 8, 2014 at the Secretariat of the CRC
- Committee members were encouraged to read a lot of literature on constitutionalism to better equip themselves for the task ahead
- A recommendation was made by one of the committee members for the embossment of the Public Submission Forms into Braille to accord persons with disabilities the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the process

State Policy and Human Right Committee

- The meeting of this subcommittee with 8 members was also held on the 8th September, 2014
- A lot of other issues similar to the concerns expressed by other subcommittees were raised during the meeting

Judiciary subcommittee

- A meeting was held on Tuesday September 16, 2014 at the Secretariat
- Committee members were requested to identify experts in various fields who would be interested in the process to provide legal, administrative and professional consultancies to the CRC
- Additional 40,000 copies of the Public Submission Forms would be printed very soon for distribution nationwide
- Consultations had been done with some institutions already; these included the following, the Judiciary, Law Reform Commission, the Prisons Service and the Sierra Leone Police

Local Government and other ancillary branches of government

- The issue of the Presenters at the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBCTV) was lengthily discussed and it was resolved that discussions be held with SLBC for the provision of seasoned Anchormen to moderate the CRC
- It was also noted that the Local Government Subcommittee had not done enough outreach programmes so they must speedily develop a list of stakeholders for consultations

1st, September 2014 8 members including 6 males and 2 females of the Natural Recourses and the Environment Sub-committee held a meeting at the Secretariat . The purpose of the meeting was to update members about the current status of the review process.

- Members were informed that CRC has allocated 4 Hilux Vans to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation as requested by the Central Government to aid the fight against the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).
- **Also:**

Four interns and an Expert in constitutionalism, Michael Massaquoi were introduced to the Subcommittee

2nd September 2014, Legislative Subcommittee meets with 12 members presents including 4 females and 8 males to discussed issues that were hampering the smooth execution of their duties which includes but not limited to Identification of individuals in the Public Submission Forms is discretionary

- Also, the committee was informed about the relevance of meetings held with senior management staff of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)
- The CTA promised to make available a glossary of entrenched and non entrenched clauses for the edification of CRC members

2nd September 2014 Meeting was also held with the Information, Education and Communication subcommittee and discussed the following:

- The provision of computers, Internet, and other office equipment to aid the work of the CRC members
- The production of jingles and other literature in the local languages by National Commission for Democracy

3rd September, 2014, the Research subcommittee meets and presented their challenges to the Secretariat and the CRC Chairman.

- The CTA informed members that the Ebola outbreak could not permit the CRC to engage in the nationwide consultations as planned

- However the CTA advised for CRC to provide the necessary materials needed for the furtherance of the work of the Research Committee

5th September 2014 Local Government and other Ancillary Branches of Government Subcommittee meets and the following issues were raised:

- Broaden engagement outside their areas of consultations
- Develop a list for stakeholders consultations for substantive outreach

8th September, 2014, a meeting was held for the Executive Committee and the following resolutions were made for the smooth operation of the work of the Executive subcommittee in particular and the CRC in general: sub-committees must choose their panelists for the SLBC TV programmes for better coordination that the CRC members must not dictate to the public of what should be in the revised constitution

- **8th September, 2014** 8 members including 5 males and 3 females of the State Policy & Human Rights Sub-committee meets to resolved a lot of other issues similar to the concerns expressed by other subcommittees
- **16th September 2014** the Judiciary subcommittee meeting was held at the secretariat and the following was discussed:
 - Completion of the distribution of Public Submission Forms to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
 - Consultations with government institutions such as the Judiciary, Law Reform Commission, the Prisons Service and the Sierra Leone Police has been completed

The Judiciary Sub-committee also made the following recommendations:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify experts in various fields who would be interested in the process to provide legal, administrative and professional consultancies to the CRC ▪ Letters be sent to CRC members of the Judiciary Subcommittee who were constantly absenting themselves from the process, to ensure that their institutions are adequately represented ▪ More Subcommittee members to be included in the stakeholders' consultations to give credence to the overall national process
	<p>2.5. Supplemental offices supplies and equipment to complement the contribution of the Government of Sierra Leone</p>	<p>Paper, Photo coy cartridges, printer tonner and stationary supplied to CRC for smooth operation and facility of CRC members.</p>
<p>Output 3: CRC Communication & Messaging Strategy designed and implemented</p>		
<p>Baseline</p> <p>Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication and messaging Strategy developed - % of CRC members (male/female) satisfied with communication and messaging - % of CRC members (male/female) satisfied with secretariat staff role and support -% of CRC members (male/female) satisfied with the content of social media and its timely management - # of Newsletter produced 	<p>3.1 Develop a simple Communication & Messaging Strategy to explain the CRC's work, manage the public's expectations, and ensure regular updates provided to public and key stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Systems are currently developed and used to highlight the CRC work using social media platforms such as face book and twitter. ▪ Regular discussions on issues of CR process are broadcasted on local radios and television stations. ▪ Issues are also highlighted on local and international newsletters <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2ND QUARTER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SLBC's Support to CR process through public outreach by Television and Radio programmes is ongoing ▪ SLBC have provided increase media coverage on the activities of the CRC ▪ Theme songs on SLBC have given unique brand to the CRC and have succeeded in capturing the attention of viewers and listeners ▪ SLBC have featured one-hour TV weekly programme called " Alive with CRC for handling thematic issues of the CRC ▪ SLBC have organized a biweekly 15-minute TV drama series on thematic issues and the work of the commission- mainstreaming youth and women voices on topical issues

<p>Expected Outputs and baseline associated indicators and annual targets</p> <p>Community radio station engaged in disseminating CRC's civic education and public consultation messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - # of media personnel's (male/female) trained - % of media personnel's satisfied with usefulness of training - # of copies of constitution and report produced - % of copies of constitution and report disseminated - Documents highlighting issues of Civic Education (CE) and PC drafted - Types and quantity of CE materials produced 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SLBC have incorporated CRC activities on one of its popular krio programme "We Yus" that handles contemporary national issues targeting the entire population ▪ SLBC have included CRC on an interactive TV programme called "Face to Face with the law" to promote inclusive participation and listen to the voices of the ordinary citizen ▪ For effective dissemination of the CRC , SLBC have produced TV spots messages in 7 national languages for national coverage ▪ SLBC have produced seven radio jingles on the CRC and have been translated in to seven Sierra Leonean languages <p style="text-align: center;">3RD Quarter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8 Radio & 4 TV Drama produced and are repeatedly aired minimum 3 times a day ▪ 4 Jingles have been produced and translated in to 7 local languages ▪ 18 MOU with SLBC & Community Radio Stations signed ▪ 2 TV Commercials produced ▪ 16 TV Discussions Aired excluding bonus repeats ▪ 4 discussions on "WE Yus" telecasted ▪ 17 "Face to Face" hourly program telecasted on SLBC ▪ 3 Text Messages Report sent to CRC - ▪ 6 SMS bulk messages broadcasted
	<p>3.2 Provide ongoing capacity development support to all Secretariat staff, including basic training competencies/responsibilities of Secretariat departments</p>	<p>From his wealth of experience, the CTA have organized workshop with support from other International experts to improve skills related to Record Keeping; Archiving; Workshop and Event Management; Documentation and Research Reporting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2ND QUARTER</p>

- Civic education strategy with implementation plan developed
- # of type of activities to engage youth in review process organized
- # of youth (male/female) engage in the process

- Trainings for secretariat staffs on best practices on constitutional review is ongoing
- Several department ranging from IT to Administration Support Unit has been created within the CRC to divide responsibilities among staffs

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On the 24th -25th September, 20 CRC Staff were trained to improve their performance and develop new skills in their respective roles so that they can support the committee to produce quality work. The training includes:

- Basic use of the Internet , Typing and IT skills
- Archiving and Documentation
- Communication Skills- Reporting, Ethics and Managing the Media
- Publishing & Editing
- Strategic Planning and Project Management
- Leadership

3.3 Support the maintenance of the CRC website, twitter, whatsApp, You-tube and Face book pages

A dedicated and interactive website is designed and set up to facilitate the inclusive contribution from the public to the work of the CRC. The web address www.constitutionalreview.gov.sl and twitter, and face book accounts have proven as useful means of disseminating and sourcing information for the CR process.

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- Maintenance and updates of the CRC website is ongoing
- CRC Face book page have generated 1, 127 members since it was created in 2013
- - Comments, issues and questions relating to the CRC are been discussed daily on twitter
- A whatsApp group have been created where thematic issues on the constitutional review process are been discussed and updates are disseminated to members as well.

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- You-tube channel have been developed to share CRC stories worldwide- <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx34A5PWkN1eJOCgRyVFJwQ>
- A Glossary on Constitutional Terms produced by the CTA
- Glossary on Entrench Clauses developed and shared with CRC members.
- July-August newsletter hard and electronic copy has been produced and disseminated

4TH QUARTER

- 42 CRC workshops , TV programmes , videos, dramas and slide-shows has been uploaded on YouTube Channel to make it accessible not only to viewers who couldn't watch the live programmes but also to Sierra Leoneans in the Diaspora
- The Channel contains videos of the launching ceremony, ,SLBC TV programmes - CRC Hour and Face to Face with the Law, drama episodes, slide-shows, pre-recorded outdoor programmes and many more
- <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx34A5PWkN1eJOCgRyVFJwQ>

3.4 Produce monthly CRC newsletter for website and in print

- Three Newsletter January, February and March produced and disseminated.

2ND QUARTER

- April, May and June Edition of the Newsletter published and printed. Newsletters can be accessed on the CRC website.

4TH QUARTER

- September, October and November published and printed and uploaded on CRC website

3.5 Develop communication programme with community and other radio stations

Request for proposals have been developed and a call for proposal made through advertisement. Various service providers have submitted proposals and four of the request have been reviewed.

2ND QUARTER

- Communication and outreach activities are ongoing on community and radio stations

Regions	Radio Stations
Western Urban and Rural Urban of Sierra Leone	SLBC/Star Radio/Radio
Port Loko	Radio Bosanko/Start Radio
Kambia	Star Radio/Radio Konleleh
Bombali	SLBC/Star Radio
Tonkolili	SLBC/Star Radio
Koinadugu	- Radio Bintumani
Kiss 104 FM/ SLBC	Bo
Kiss 104/ Radio Modca	Moyamba
Radio Wanje	Pujehun
Radio Bothico	Bonthe
Kiss 104/SLBC	Kenema
SLBC	Kono
SLBC	Kailahun

	<p>3.6 Provide constitutional making training to journalist, editors, media house executives with a focus on ethical, objective and</p>	<p>Sixty media (31 males and 29 females) practitioners from radio, television and print media and 20 CRC secretariat staff were trained on various topics related to media in constitutional review process. The topics include; Episodic and thematic media coverage during constitutional review process; the role of the media in human right sensitive constitution making; conflict sensitive reporting for the preservation of peace; the media and the constitutional review process in Sierra Leone-highlighting the challenges and opportunities facing the media in relation to the constitutional review process. The facilitators from the UNDP were experts in media, peace & development and conflict sensitive journalism.</p> <p>3RD QUARTER</p> <p>Affected by Ebola no training done but planned for January- March 2015</p>
	<p>3.7. Print and distribute copies of the 1991 Constitution, 2008 CRC report and CRC process brochure. Produce CD's of same for citizens who cannot read</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The combined document (1991 constitution and Peter Tucker's Report) is already synchronized for easy reading <p>2ND QUARTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10,000 copies of the combined documents have been printed and distributed nationwide by CRC staffs ▪ To accelerate the distribution, four teams from the CRC Secretariat traversed the length and breadth of Sierra Leone to distribute the 1991 constitution and the Peter Tucker Report ▪ Team 1 distributed the documents in Kailahun, Kenema and Bo, Team 2 distributed in Bonthe, Moyamba and Pujehun , Team 3 distributed in Bombali, Kono and Tonkolili and Team 4 distributed in Kambia , Koinadugu and Port Loko respectively ▪ Copies of the documents were presented to all the relevant stakeholders identified by sub-committees including paramount chiefs ▪ Almost all the stakeholders expressed satisfaction about the documents and stressed that they documents will be used s a guiding tool in their consultation process within their various communities, districts , towns and villages <p>3RD QUARTER</p>

3.8 Support CRC to review the 1991 Constitution and 2008 CRC report in order to frame issues for civic education and public consultation

- Working on producing electronic copies of the constitution, public submission forms, and all relevant document
- Relevant activities needs to merged and approved by donors

- Several thematic and technical sessions have been held with the CRC members to review the constitution and the 2008 CRC report.
- A simplified civic education strategy is developed and extensive outreach and public consultation plan developed and under implementation.
- These plans can be found in a comprehensive strategic paper developed by CTA with consultation of CRC Members and staffs

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- Several Technical meetings have been held with sub-committees to review the 1991 constitution
- Framed Issues, questionnaires have been developed and will be used for public consultation
- All the questionnaires have been converted to public submission forms, have been distributed and also available on website

3rd and 4th QUARTER

- Framed issues have been identified and regular discussions and programs are broadcasted on SLBC
- Printed and provided promotional materials including posters, vehicle stickers and handbills to the CRC
- The posters depict the message of patriotism and nationalism whilst simultaneously encouraging the citizenry to speak up to the issues and make meaningful contributions to the review process

3.9 Support CRC to develop a conflict and gender sensitive , human rights based and peace building focused Civic Education materials as well as Civic Education Strategy + programme implementation plan

A Gender Adviser is hired and has already developed gender related civic education materials. In sessions already held with 10 CRC members/staff, several gender sensitive human right issues and means identified and shared.

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- A conflict and gender sensitive civic education program has been designed and under implement
- Review of best practices among other countries to help inform the
- Civic education curriculum have been designed to integrate women’s concerns into the constitution
- Ongoing trainings to develop participant understandings on conflict sensitive gender issues, build their capacity to present and discuss these issues within a variety of forums, including public education and information forums and media interviews, as well as provide them with tools to advocate for the inclusion of the identified issues within the constitution.
- Several trainings have been organized for civil society organizations, media practitioners , and other interested members in the constitutional review process
- Training manual has been developed to educate the CRC and the general public on advocacy around ways to address gaps within the constitution
- Media Strategy together with training manual have been developed

4TH QUARTER

- Gender discriminatory clauses in the constitution identified and CRC Sub-Committee on Human Rights and State Policy has developed consensus recommendation for the CRC plenary.

3.10. Develop and implement a programme to engage youth in the constitutional reform process, including outreach with Universities and through social media

These activities are earmarked to be implemented in the first month of the second quarter. The programme for nationwide consultation has already been developed and ready to be implemented.

2ND QUARTER

- Week long youth consultative meetings has been conducted in Eastern, Southern and Northern part of Sierra Leone targeting youths from various districts Towns and Villages.
- Kenema : 9-10th June 75 youth participants representing different youth organizations including 9 females and 66 males were present and 9 CRC members from all the different committees
- Bo : 11th 12th June 95 youth participants also gathered including 76 males and 19 females were present with 9 CRC members from all the sub-committees
- Makeni: 12- 13th June 64 youth participants consisting of 13 females and 51males together with 7 CRC members from different sub-committees were present to discuss key issues relating to the 1991 constitution of Sierra Leone
- Freetown: 24 -25 June 2014. 100 youth from various social sector participated and presented their recommendation to the CRC.
- - This workshop brought together youths from various works of life raging from:
- The workshop focused on positive issues on youth development and how their voce can be represented in the constitution that is to be reviewed
- Key thematic issued discussed during the workshop were:
 - i. Youth Engagements in Constitutional review process-Best Practices
 - ii. The Constitutional Amendments- Youth Perspective
 - iii. Affirmative Action for Youth Democratic Practices
 - iv. Fulfilling Constitutional objectives that promote increased investments in the development of young people

		<p>v. Securing Youth Participation in the Constitutional Review Process</p> <p>3RD QUARTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed in Quarter 2 of 2014.
<p>Output 4: Civil Society led inclusive and informative civic education process completed</p>		
<p>Indicators - Baseline survey on civic and legal awareness produced and issues identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSO engagement strategy and proposal developed - # of CSO representatives (male/ female) trained - % of CSO representatives (male/ female) satisfied with the quality and usefulness of training - # of national and Sub-national civic education campaigns organized - Type of National and Sub-national civic education campaigns organized - # of National and Sub-national stakeholder consultations organized - Type of National and Sub-national stakeholder consultations organized - “What the people say” report published and disseminated # of Coordination and 	<p>4.1 Conduct a civic and legal awareness baseline survey, including integrating questions to identify potential conflict triggers</p> <p>4.2 Prepare detailed proposals pertaining to CSO involvement in the constitutional review process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A national expert has developed baseline survey forms Teams were sent to regions to complete the survey <p>3RD QUARTER</p> <p>Due to the length and time of survey it was agreed with partners to use already available resources and surveys. Funds redirected to media and printing.</p> <p>CSO’s submitted proposals and work on processing the grants including preparation of the Micro Capital Grant (MCG) have been finalized with inputs from partners.</p> <p>3RD QUARTER</p> <p>Request for proposal for CSO engagement in the CRC process was launched in February 2014. Qualified CSOs shortlisted and finalized in March 2014. CSOs that are currently partnered with UNDP-CRC are listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen for Constitutional Change is engaged to organize series of CSO and NGO representative meetings to discuss option and opportunities in the CRC process. SLBC is tasked to focus on media and communication needs of CRC. SLBC is further partnered with 18 community radio stations to transmit CRC discussion and messages in all over Sierra Leone. OXFAM is partnered to focus on project “Facilitating Development through Constitutional Review Project (FADCORP)” campaigning on civic education, focused group discussion & print and dissemination of advocacy materials, media discussion, training for trainers and awareness raising on the Constitutional Review Process in remote districts of Sierra Leone.

Consensus building workshops between CRC and CSOs organized
- % of participants (male/female) satisfied with coordination and consensus building workshops

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WANEP focus on; Land use, Education, Health, Gender equality and Natural Resources management. ▪ Other CSO partners include Campaign for Good Governance, Society for Democratic Initiative and National Commission for Democracy. <i>(Activity details are available on CRC website)</i>
<p>4.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Research & Capacity Building for CSOs and Media. ii. Research on specific issues especially by interest and marginalized groups. iii. CSOs Capacity Building & Mentoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategy has been developed to Complement and support the work of Constitutional Review Committee in incorporating civil society interests into the process ▪ Ongoing documentation and coordination of civil society efforts and perspectives for constitutional reform ▪ Research on specific issues will be jointly implemented with SDI to foster sustained civil society engagements in the Sierra Leone constitutional review process <p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th QUARTER</p> <p>Remaining funds from this activity reallocated for Media Component.</p>
<p>4.4 Prepare conflict and gender sensitive focused civic education strategy and programme implementation plan.</p>	<p>The Gender Adviser has already developed gender related civic education materials. In sessions already held with 10 CRC members/staff, several gender sensitive human right issues which includes but not limited to Women’s Rights to land and property and, access to justice has been mapped out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2ND QUARTER</p> <p>SLBC have organized TV & Radio programmes to include the voices of women, youths, disability groups, political parties and civil society at regional and national levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A framework has been provided by 50/50 group for ensuring that gender and gender-related conflict concerns are taken into account in the constitution

4. 5 Conduct national and sub-national civic education campaigns and stakeholders consultations before and after the various stages of constitutional review process i.e. After the first CRC draft is produced, after the Bill of Constitutional Amendments is tabled to Parliament, and in the run up to the referendum.

- Conflict sensitive gender issues in Sierra Leone has been identified including the 1991 constitution, customary practices, and other barriers women face in receiving equal treatment in theory and practice
- A training curriculum has been developed to put in place mechanisms for participants to understand the gendered issues facing women in Sierra Leone as well as provide a platform around which they can articulate and campaign for the inclusion of these issues in the constitutional review process

- Various proposals of CSOs were reviewed and discussion with CSOs with regards the implementation of activities has been held
- Civic Education campaigns have been schedule to start in April
- The four CSO proposals reviewed are now awaiting decision by the CTA in consultation with CRS Members and staffs

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- Ongoing engagement on the CR with CGG , WANEP , OXFAM and SDI in this second quarter
- - CGG is focus on :
 - Civic Education and Consultative Meeting for Village tribal heads
 - Civic Education and Consultations for Western Area Tribal heads
 - Civic Education and Consultative Meeting with Ward committee members
 - An extensive media program has been designed to build on existing discussions around the process.
 - Ongoing printing and distribution of the 1991 constitution and summarized version
- SDI have implemented programmes to foster sustained civil society engagements in the Sierra Leone constitutional review process
- - Have promoted the documentation and coordinate civil society contribution and perspectives for constitutional reform

- SDI have implemented a mechanism to bring together members of the Constitutional Review Committee and civil society in sustainable engagements

WANEP focus on :

Support to Civic Education, Dialogue Sessions, Campaign & Advocacy materials and Awareness raising on the Constitutional Review Process

- WANEP have ended it " Make yu Constitution" Road Show and public consultation on the constitutional review process in Kono on the
- Over 350 in Kono including marginalized women/ youth and disabled attended the above programmes
- Participants discussed issues relating to:
 - a) Land use
 - b) Education
 - c) Health
 - d) Gender equality
 - e) Natural Resources and some others issues bothering on the various arms of government
- Donations were made and the inscription- " I AM PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CR PROCESS" was boldly written on each item that was donated

OXFAM focus on :

- Civic Education, Dialogue Sessions, Campaign & Advocacy materials and Awareness raising on the Constitutional Review Process
- Oxfam has launched a programme titled: Facilitating Development through Constitutional Review Project (FADCORP) in Pujehu Districts on 16th May, 2014
- The programme was witnessed by over 100 community participants including paramount chiefs , section chiefs, teachers, youths, and women.

		<p>On 24th 2014, OXFAM organized a conference in Bo for paramount chiefs in collaboration with Green Scenery and Action for Legal-Scale Land Acquisition on land investment title: "OUR LAND , OUR CONSTITUTION. OR COUNTRY"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over 120 paramount chiefs attended the programme . ▪ The conference was held primarily to enlighten PCs on issues of land deals and investment and, to recognize the rights of women and other vulnerable groups thereby reducing conflict in land acquisition <p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th QUARTER</p> <p>Due to the Ebola outbreak this activity has been stalled</p>
	<p>4.6 Produce findings of consultations process, print and distribute to public and share with the CRC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th QUARTER</p> <p>This activity affected due to public health emergency and will be implemented in 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2015.</p>
	<p>4.7 Conduct consensus building, coordination meetings and workshops between the CRC and key civil society</p>	<p>This activity is covered under sub-activity 4.3. Reallocation of funds has been agreed by the partners.</p>
<p>Output 5 : CRC led inclusive and transparent civic education and public consultation process completed.</p>		
<p>INDICATORS - # of public consultation forms published and disseminated - # of trainees (male/female)</p>	<p>5.1 Prepare, print and disseminate public consultation materials (including non-written materials)</p>	<p>Ongoing process – Public consultation materials already developed and disseminated during the Technical Workshop for CRC members, Media Training, Women Advocacy Workshop and Workshop for Parliamentarians</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2ND QUARTER</p> <p>i. 2,000 Public consultation forms initially printed for Sub-committees and tested during workshop and meetings with stakeholders. Public Submission forms has</p>

<p>trained on dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution - % of trainers (male/female) satisfied with usefulness of trainings - # of transparent and inclusive consultations held - # of inclusive constitutional dialogue with focus on peace building and nation-building topic held - # and types of participants(male/female) participated in constitutional dialogue - # and types of civic education materials published - # of MP's (male/female) satisfied with the usefulness and quality of training - Public feedback submitted on CRC website collated, reviewed systematically and included in the main report - # of CRC led on draft recommendations NOT CLEAR - # of consultations led by MP's on draft amendments bill</p>		<p>already been disseminated and tested during the youth workshop held in the Eastern, Southern and Northern province of Sierra Leone in June 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd and 3rd QUARTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 45,000 combined document published and delivered to CRC ▪ Samples have been shared with donors
	<p>5.2 Conduct training of trainers on public consultation for CRC, media and civil society, incl. training on dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRC members are trained on Civic education and public consultation process, stakeholder identification and thematic issues. <p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th QUARTER</p> <p>Plan was underway to train media and CSOs but due Ebola outbreak and public health emergency it will be implemented during first and second quarters of 2015.</p>
	<p>5.3 Support the CRC to undertake civic education throughout the country at ward level</p>	<p>This activity has been affected due to the Ebola outbreak</p>
	<p>5.4 Support organization of constitutional dialogue conferences, including for MPs, traditional chiefs, CSOs (including women and youth groups) and public at large, with a focus on supporting peace-building and nation-building goals</p>	<p>This activity has been stalled due to the Ebola crisis</p>
	<p>5.5 Work with Secretariat to distribute civic education materials (brochures, posters, CDs, radio spots, illustrations, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stickers and poster highlights has been developed and distributed by CRC secretariat ▪ TV and Radio sports/jingles aired on SLBC and community radio stations ▪ Civic education materials have been developed and will be produced and disseminated after the Ebola crisis ▪ Work on the process has been installed due to the Ebola outbreak

<p>5. 6 Conduct training of trainers on civic education and public for CRC, MPs, media and civil society, including training on dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sixty media (31 males and 29 females) practitioners have been trained on Conflict Sensitive Reporting for the Preservation of peace ▪ The facilitators from the UNDP were experts in Media, Peace and Development and, Conflict Sensitive Journalism ▪ The Peace and Development Advisor for the UNCT-Elizabeth Solomon took the CRC members through conflict sensitivity, dialogue and negotiation <p style="text-align: center;">3RD QUARTER</p> <p>This activity has been stalled due to the Ebola outbreak and will be carried out after the Ebola crisis subsides -</p>
<p>5. 7 Produce recordings / transcripts of all relevant public discussions and dialogue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRC have created an archive documentation unit within the secretariat ▪ All transcripts and recordings have been produced and uploaded on website and will be updated from time to time
<p>5.8 Support the design of web site interface to receive public inputs. Analyse public consultation data and prepare report – collate and synthesize views and draft reports from public consultations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNV assigned to provide update on CRC website ▪ Update about ongoing activities and online forms on website ▪ Update on replies and response on Public questions found on website
<p>5.9 Support the CRC to undertake additional public consultations on the CRC’s Draft Recommendations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th RD QUARTER</p> <p>Due to the Ebola outbreak, this activity has been stalled and will be carried out after the situation subsides</p>
<p>5.10 Support the Government and Parliament to undertake additional public consultations on the draft Constitutional Amendment Bill</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th RD QUARTER</p> <p>Due to the Ebola outbreak, this activity has been affected and will be carried out after situation subsides</p>

Output 6: Enhance capacity of MP's, political parties and traditional leaders to effectively support and participate in the review process

6.1 Share best practices on key constitutional issues through information exchange

- International Organizations have been contacted/engaged to provide substantive information on best practices on the constitutional issues
- Following best practices , the following Resource booklets and papers centered around the constitution have been printed and distributed among CRC members:
 1. Children Rights- explores the definition of a child ; Child Rights and the International agreement to promote the Right of a Child
 2. Child Right Constitution -Methods and Principles to follow when dealing with Child Rights in the Constitution
 3. Legislative Reforms in Relation to the Convention of the Right of the Child in Diverse Legal Systems
 4. Constitutional Support in favor of Children
 5. Gender and Constitutional building from paper to practice
 6. Kenya Constitutional Documents: A comprehensive Analysis
 7. A Long Constitution is a (Positively) Bad Constitution : Evidence from OECD Countries
 8. New Constructional Environmental Law in Kenya :Changes in 2010
 9. Natural Resources

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Resource booklet which includes but not limited to the following:

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2. Child Right Constitution -Methods and Principles to follow when dealing with Child Rights in the Constitution
3. Legislative Reforms in Relation to the Convention of the Right of the Child in Diverse Legal Systems

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRC members have demonstrated high level of understanding of these resource booklet as new ways have now been adopted towards the revisiting of the 1991 constitution ▪ Groceries have been developed and shared among CRC Members
	<p>6.2 Providing training on dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution to MPs in support of constitutional outreach, as well as issues-based training</p>	<p>A workshop was held in the Parliament house on the 31st march 2014 which comprise of CRC members from two sub committees (Executive and Legislative) and 46 MP's of which 4 were females and 44 were males respectively. Other groups that graced the occasion were representatives from the media and Academic Institutions.</p> <p>Five thematic issues were deliberated upon during the workshop which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentarians and Constitutional Making Process • Causes of Conflicts in Africa and role of National Constitution • Root causes, Impacts and Post Conflicts Experiences and Critical Issues for the CRC • Conflict Handling Style/Mechanism- Consensus Building, Mediation and Peace Promotion in the CRC Process • Role of the Parliamentarians in Promoting the CRC <p>Another significant matter that came out during the workshop was made by one of the Presenters: Dr. Henry Mbawa, who clearly advised that changing the Constitution alone is not enough to produce a peaceful and democratic society hoped for in SL, but changing the culture is also of paramount importance in other to sustain it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd and 4th QUARTER</p> <p>This activity has been affected due to Ebola outbreak and will be carried out when situation subsides</p>
	<p>6 .3 Support specific dialogues and outreach work between the CRC and (i) MPs and (ii) political parties.</p>	<p>Implemented under activity 6.2. Further engagement meeting and dialogue will be organized during first and second quarter of 2015.</p> <p>Affected due to Ebola Crisis</p>

6.4 Conduct consensus building meetings and workshops between the CRC and MPs and political parties on the CRC draft recommendations, as necessary

- UNDP-CRC closely worked with PPRC to collate and consolidate views of political parties and build consensus on their recommendations to be presented to the Constitutional Review Committee of Sierra Leone
- UNDP-CRC developed a strategy to explore opportunities for collaboration with political parties, enabling information sharing in regard to lessons learnt from the 1991 constitution and the Peter Tuckers Recommendations and to advocate and lobby for the inclusion in the reviewed Constitution Political Parties have individually come up with their Party's position paper on the Constitutional Review Process
- A one day national dialogue was proposed to strategies, and advocate for issues of common interest, gender equality, peace, human rights and build consensus on issues to be lobbied for inclusion in the reviewed constitution

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- On the 24th June 2014 participants representing various political parties converged at the Miatta Conference Auditorium to get heads of political parties to hold up and pledge their cooperation to the Constitutional Review Process and get political parties to understand their role in the Constitutional Review Process in Sierra Leone.
- The Theme of the conference was : “THE ROLE OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY”
- Over two hundred (200) participants attended the conference (40 from the region, 110 from Freetown, 20 CRC members and 30 from other stakeholders and the PPRC. 15% were women and 85% were men. 10 among the female participants were mainly youth, whilst over 20 were male youth including persons with Disability.
- Political Parties have developed and signed a Declaration of Commitment and support to the Constitutional Review Process.
- Political Parties Position papers presented to the PPRC for onward submission to the CRC on suggestions and anticipation of the political parties.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Political parties pledged their true commitment to the CRC Process. Effectiveness of the Constitutional Review Committee enhanced
	<p>6.5 Work with the Ministry for Local Government and other stakeholders to develop outreach and consultation activities with chiefs and other local officials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This activity has been affected as a result of Ebola outbreak ▪ Plan has been developed and will be implemented in first and second quarter of 2015.
	<p>6.6 Share best practices on key constitutional issues through information exchange</p>	<p>International organizations and experts have been engaged to provide substantive information on best practices on the constitutional issues these includes: CRC members have demonstrated high level of understanding of these resource booklet as new ways have now been adopted towards the revisiting of the 1991 constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UN mediation support unit is on board and committed to send experts as requested ▪ International experts have been engaged and have provided substantive review and recommendation to the CRC on the 1991 constitution and Peter Tucker Report ▪ Series of Papers from UNHCR coupled with position papers around 40 experts ▪ Over 30 Position papers have been received from different institutions, individuals, religious organization, CSOs and Government Institutions ▪ American bar Association, Oxford University Law Faculty and senior internationals have shared valuable resources and review to the process.
	<p>6.7 Develop and implement a programme to promote gender equality issues throughout the</p>	<p>In order to ensure that issues of gender and non-discrimination are prioritized in the process, UNDP, with collaboration from the Ministry of Gender, Social</p>

constitutional process and content, including providing capacity support and technical advice to women's advocates (e.g. the Ministry of Women and women's NGOs)

Welfare and Children organized a two day national "Women's Voices Conference on gender-mainstreaming in the Constitutional Review Process" in Bo in March 2014. 120 women activists and leaders participated in the conference and developed plans to promote gender equality issues throughout the constitutional review process. Participants included Government Officials; women from parliaments; Local Council; CBO's, CSO's, Rural Women etc.

The workshop focussed on gender equality including the rights of women and girls to be inclusive in the constitutional review process and promotion of equal right for both men and women in Sierra Leone. Focussed areas include; women access to education, land, women economic empowerment, improving access to justice for women and separation of the office of the attorney General and that of the Minister of Justice to ensure fair play. Based on the Bo conference on gender equality including rights of women and girls are now been taken into account by committees members to be crafted into the review constitution

Women groups have presented a position paper on issues related to the rights of women to be considered I the review constitution.

- This activity is an ongoing process
- Based on the Bo conference on Gender Equality, gender rights , including the rights of women and girls issues are now been taken into account by committees members to be crafted into the review constitution
- Gender Equality issues has been identified
- Women groups have presented a position paper on issues related to the rights of women to be considered I the review constitution



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