



**BTOR – Monitoring of SLCS refurbished Facilities – October 2018**

<p><b>Purpose of Mission:</b> to monitor refurbishment of SLCS facilities</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Waterloo, Port Loko, Kambia, Makeni, Mafanta, Kono, Kenema &amp; Bo</p>
<p><b>Mission Member(s)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Walter-Neba, ROL Project Manager</li> <li>2. UNDP Comms Unit</li> <li>3. UNDP Driver</li> </ol>	<p><b>Period and travel dates inclusive:</b></p> <p>9-13 October 2018</p>
<p><b>1. Background</b></p> <p>On 1 October 2016 the Sierra Leone Correctional Service (SLCS) with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the US Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (US/INL) launched their new 27 month ‘From Prisons to Corrections’ project to: (1) Improve institutional capacity of Correctional Facilities in accordance with international human rights standards for inmates and staff, and (2) Strengthen capacity of SLCS staff to improve on the welfare of inmates and ensure the safety and security of society.</p> <p>Within the project, UNDP is supporting the SLCS to refurbish some of the dilapidated infrastructures. The objective of this activity is to ensure that hygienic and detention conditions are improved to limit the spread of diseases in especially overcrowded facilities. The rehabilitation of selected Correctional Facilities started in the mid-2018 covering initially 7 out of the 8 facilities earmarked. By September 2018, 4 out of the 7 facilities have been refurbished and are to be delivered to the SLCS. While 3 more are currently nearing completion, UNDP has also awarded a contract to a firm for the refurbishment of the Bo facility. A contract is also pending signature for the fencing of the Waterloo facility and the erection of a kitchen and water facility.</p> <p>This report captures the monitoring conducted by the ROL Project Manager together with 2 teams from the SLCS and the Consultant Civil Engineer to assess the status of refurbished structures and ongoing work. Specifically, refurbishment works have been completed for facilities in Makeni, Kambia, Mafanta and Kono while renovation works are ongoing for the Port Loko, Waterloo, Kenema and Bo facilities.</p> <p><b>2. Main Objective</b></p> <p>The main objective of the field mission was to assess the status of completed works and to listen to additional comments and potential issues raised by the SLCS to ensure the nature of the work done is satisfactory for all involved.</p> <p><b>3. Findings and Action Points</b></p> <p>Overall, refurbishment works undertaken have been accomplished with support received from the UNDP Consultant Civil Engineer who has served as a link between the contractors and the SLCS and UNDP.</p>	

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- i. **Completed structures:** Four (4) structures were assessed and deemed to be successfully completed with minor observations made. For the Mafanta facility, the Consultant Civil Engineer and the SLCS identified some plumbing defects to be addressed by the contractor. While in Makeni, the position of the septic tank was questioned by the SLCS. It was however revealed that position of the facility was jointly agreed by all parties during the hand-over of the sites to contractors. In Kono, the contractor was required to complete the plastering of the water tower. The provision of additional ventilation and lighting for the Kambia facility was deemed to be successfully completed.
- ii. **Ongoing works:** The Consultant Civil Engineer revealed the challenges his team has faced working with the contractor for the Kenema facility refurbishment. Observations made previously relating to the plastering of the water tower, plumbing work and completion of the soak away tank are yet to be addressed more than 1 month later. In Bo, the newly recruited contractor has made significant progress with the construction of the septic tank and the water tower completed. In Port Loko, the contractor has been requested to demolish and redo the two (2) septic tanks previously erected without due consideration to agreed dimensions. In Waterloo, the installation of pipes and other plumbing accessories in certain areas of the proposed facility was to be redone utilizing specifications of building requiring regular usage. Also, the contractor was advised to expedite the work as the “From prisons to corrections” project is to conclude by December 2018.

The UNDP Comms Unit was part of the monitoring exercise and would be developing an article to capture UNDP and INL’s support to the institution.

#### 4. Recommendations:

- The Comms Unit has recommended a good and long-lasting branding on the facilities especially on buildings, water tanks, generators procured under this project to improve visibility and accountability.

#### 5. Follow up Actions

Actions to be taken	By Whom	Expected Completion Date
Minor comments made on completely refurbished infrastructure to be addressed	By Contractors	Before their final payment by UNDP
Ongoing refurbishment work to be continuously monitored to ensure quality of works	UNDP, SLCS and Consultant Civil Engineer	Throughout refurbishment works

#### 6. Distribution List

- UNDP RR
- UNDP CD
- Governance Programme Specialist
- ROL Team
- Comms Unit
- Files

#### 7. Some pictures from the field



*Block 1 of Mafanta detention facility before refurbishment (visible cracks, no painting, no grills along corridor)*



*Block 1 after refurbishment works that addressed the cracks and enhanced security along the corridor and painting*



*Progress on the refurbishment of the Waterloo Correctional Facility. Up: dilapidated building at the start of the refurbishment work. Down: refurbished building to host at least 150 inmates, contributing to decongest already overcrowded facilities*