NON STATE ACTORS PROJECT NEWSLETTER

The Non State Actor project provides an innovative approach of support to electoral processes and consolidation of peace in Sierra Leone. It aims to create an atmosphere of political tolerance and of non-violence by investing in the influence that political parties and other non-state actors have on Sierra Leone’s political process. It also seeks to promote greater political participation in particular by women. It is funded by a 5 million US$ from the UN Peace building Fund.

The Non State Actor Newsletter would like to congratulate the people of Sierra Leone for the dignity and patience, tolerance and democratic maturity displayed during the elections on 17 November. We would also like to thank all Non State Actor partners and friends who have all contributed to this outcome. We will in the coming weeks see how to continue contributing to national unity and reconciliation.

Leading up to the Elections, Priests and Imams hold Interfaith Community Meetings

In all 112 constituencies across the country, in a remarkable display of religious tolerance, priests and imams together met with believers and citizens in community meetings in the week leading up to the elections. The events were organized by the Inter Religious Council, and implemented by the Justice and Peace Commission, and were attended by political parties, women groups and other stakeholders, who all called for and committed to peaceful elections. The events were concluded by three days of prayers and fasting.

Political Party Polling Agents Trained

As part of the NSA project, and partnering with PPRC and the National Democratic Institute, 20,000 political party agents from all registered political parties benefitted from a one day training on polling and tallying procedures. The trainings were delivered in three locations in each district by 150 trainers, who themselves had undergone intensive preparation by NDI. Parties and their agents welcomed the training, as all were on the same level of knowledge on procedures, which helped to minimize disputes.

Thank You!