

# Mary Robinson Sierra Leone Visit

27-29 July 2010

## Objectives

- Advance a holistic and human rights based approach to addressing maternal health
- Recognize the progress that Sierra Leone has made in establishing free health care to address maternal mortality
- Give visibility to continuing challenges and priorities in addressing maternal mortality and expanding access to reproductive health care
- Recognize the collaboration that Realizing Rights, through the Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health (MLI), has with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation
- Recognize the work of Concern Worldwide in Sierra Leone, particularly related to Gender-Based Violence, nutrition, food security, and maternal and reproductive health.

## Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, 27 July 2010

5.45pm (TBC)

#### **Courtesy Calls (*Foreign Ministry and Office of the Vice President*)**

Honorable Alhaji Ibrahim Ben Kargbo (Minister of Information and Communications), the Honorable Sulaiman Turay (Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation), and H.E. Alhaji Chief Samuel Sam Sumana (Vice President) will meet with Hon. Mary Robinson at the start of her visit.

7.00pm – 9.00pm

#### **Dinner Meeting (*UNIPSIL*)**

Hon. Mary Robinson will attend a dinner meeting with the Vice President. Other notable guests include the Deputy Minister of Health, Minister of State, UN Head, Minister of Social Welfare, Mayor of Freetown City Council, and Head of Human Rights Commission.

### Wednesday, 28 July 2010

8.30am – 12:00pm

#### **Site Visits (*Grey Bush Health Clinic and Princess Christian Maternity Hospital*)**

Dr. SAS Kargbo, Head of the Reproductive and Child Health from the Minister of Health and Sanitation, will lead the visit at the Grey Bush Health Clinic. The Second Lady, H.E. Khadija Sam Sumana will lead the visit at PCMH.

1.00pm – 2.30pm

#### **Lunch Meeting (*Country Lodge*)**

Hon. Mary Robinson and guests will discuss the wider political scenario in Sierra Leone. This lunch will be hosted by the Embassy of Ireland.

3.00pm – 5.00pm

#### **Promising Practices and Ongoing Challenges: A Roundtable (*Taia Resort*)**

Chaired by Hon. Mary Robinson, this roundtable will focus on positive developments and ongoing challenges related to maternal and child health.

7.00pm – 9.00pm      **Reception (*Country Lodge*)**  
Hon. Mary Robinson will launch a preliminary report on School Related Gender Based Violence (SRGBV), a national study jointly undertaken by Concern Worldwide, Plan International, Catholic Relief Services and IBIS highlighting incidences of GBV across schools in seven districts of Sierra Leone, as well as a report entitled “The Road to Gender Equality: Status of Women and Children in Sierra Leone, 2007-2008” produced by the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone with support from Concern Worldwide.

Thursday, 29 July 2010

8.30am – 11.30pm      **Regional Conference on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the Mano River Union**

Hon. Mary Robinson will join representatives of governments and civil society organizations to discuss issues of women, peace, and security, specifically the implementation of UNSCR 1325.

12.00pm – 1.00pm      **Meeting with H.E. President Koroma (*State House*)**

Hon. Mary Robinson will meet H.E. President Ernest Bai Koroma.

2.00pm – 4.30pm      **Regional Conference on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the Mano River Union**

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7.00pm – 9.00pm      **Dinner Hosted by H.E. Mrs. Sia Nyama Koroma (*Presidential Lodge*)**

H.E. Mrs. Sia Nyama Koroma will host a dinner for delegates to the Regional Conference on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325.

Friday, 30 July 2010

8.00am – 9.00am      **Breakfast Meeting with U.N. Executive Representative of the Secretary General (*UNIPSIL*)**

This meeting will give the Hon. Mary Robinson the opportunity to discuss ERSG's perspective on key issues relevant to the visit and to discuss strategies for moving forward following the visit.

9.30am – 10:00am      **Courtesy Call with Her Excellency Mrs. Sia Nyama Koroma (*First Lady's Office*)**

Hon. Mary Robinson will meet Her Excellency Mrs. Sia Nyama Koroma.

11.00am – 12:00pm **Meeting with the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (*Country Lodge*)**

The Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone, an independent national human rights institution, is organizing a one-day meeting to bring together key stakeholders from the human rights community and government so as to initiate and plan for coherent national dialogue on the future of Human Rights in Sierra Leone and to elaborate a work plan for participatory process for development of a national action plan for human rights. Hon. Mary Robinson has been asked to provide brief remarks at this meeting.