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WASH-NET ENGAGES PARLIAMENT ON WATER COORDINATION

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Network (WASH-Net), a local non-governmental organization geared towards coordinating and advocating for water and sanitation to be key in the development of the livelihood of the people, on Thursday 01st December 2016, at the Administrative Building in Parliament, engaged the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Water Resources, chaired by Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma in a one day dialogue forum with the theme “enhancing sector governance and financing”.

Giving an overview to MPs, Managing Director for WASH-Net, Victor Koroma said among other things that their aim is to have a joint parliamentary engagement on how to advocate for an increase in the budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Water Resources. He called on MPs to support this initiative by advocating for the said Ministry to achieve its objectives.

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Water Resources, Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma welcomed the dialogue forum and pledged Parliament’s support to the process. He promised to see that the Committee on Water championed the cause of water related issues with the view of advocating for more resources to be given to the water sector to enhance the livelihood of the people.

Presenting the activities of WASH-Net, Emmanuel Sandy averred that the organization is focused on tracking budgetary allocation to the water sector, advocacy, sector governance, trend of expenditure, and late disbursement of funds.

Representing Water–Aid, Aruna Augustine Kamara spoke on the relationship between the two organizations, whilst noting advocacy for the improvement of water and sanitation in the country. He also called on MPs to kindly support the development of the water sector.

Charting the way forward, MPs appreciated the engagement and promised to raise the issue discussed in the Well of Parliament during the 2017 budget approval process.

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