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WARDS VILLAGE COMPETITION WINNERS

Malen Chiefdom, Health Sanitation and Environment Manager, Celine Schmitz, explained that the Village Health Competition started on Saturday January 3rd 2015 to Tuesday 13th January 2015 during which seven independent judges made on unannounced visits to all of the 54 villages in question.

Celine Schmitz further stated as to how the evaluation exercise was conducted by the seven judges who in turn presented their evaluation list to the HSE Office during which the scores were imputed with average marks registered.

Announcing the results with Fakaba village taken the lead closely followed by Banalleh village while the third position went to Tisana village, the HSE Manager, Celine Schmitz read outlined the list of prizes including bundles of zinc, set of pick axe , shovels , will barrows, cutlasses , bags of rice totaling seven million three hundred and twenty thousand Leones for the first position, second prize amounted to four million Six hundred and fifteen thou-



From left to right, General Manager Mr. Philip Tonks and HSE Manager, Celine Schmitz next to Plantation Manager, Gordon Paterson





From left to right: HSE Officer, Mr. Solomon Sogbeh, Chiefs of the three winners and HSE Manager Celine Schmitz.

By Easmon Moiguah

Banalleh, Fakaba and Tisana Villages in the Malen Chiefdom, Pujehun District were on Saturday 14th February 2015 awarded set of prizes totaling fourteen million, nine hundred and eighty thousand Leones as part of Socfin's ongoing drive to eradicate Ebola and raise awareness with the view of promoting health for all and to educate the community people on the all important subject of sanitation as good health is wealth.



Some of the prizes displayed outside

The weekend award ceremony formed part of the Village Health Competition exercise organized by the Health, Sanitation and Environment unit of Socfin Agricultural Company Sierra Leone Limited in collaboration with the Environment department of Malen Chiefdom and Pujehun District under the watchful guidance of independent committee of judges and other stakeholders, respectively.

The village Health Competition has been described as a huge success and first of its kind and 54 villages exclusively drawn from Malen Chiefdom participated in the competition.

Speaking at the award ceremony held at the Malen Chiefdom Local Administrative Court Building, the General Manager of Socfin Agricultural Company, Mr. Philip Tonks commended the organizers and all who in one way or the other contributed to the historic success of the competition and further reminded the community people to continue to observe the medical protocols with a view of eradicating the killer Ebola Virus Disease and above all promote health for all.

The General Manager further reassured the people of Malen Chiefdom, of Socfin's goodwill gesture besides living up to the company's Corporate Social Responsibility. Giving an overview of the village health competition in

twenty thousand Leones for the first position, second prize amounted to four million Six hundred and fifteen thousand Leones while Tisana village received items worth three million and forty five thousand Leones, respectively. Addressing all and sundry, the Chiefdom Speaker of Malen Chiefdom, SR Moiguah lavished praises on Socfin for adding value to land and for living up to their Corporate Social Responsibility and therefore warned all to help Socfin realize their dream which the Chief stated has just started with a major success story registered.

Chief Moiguah urged the company to stay on course and always abide by Government regulations particularly in the case of wages and salaries as against doing anything negative for fear of playing into the hands of their detractors.

Chief Moiguah condemned the recent shooting incident and warned all to refrain from such dastardly act and to engage concerned authorities in the event of any problem.

Similar statements were made by the Deputy Chairman, Pujehun District Council, Mr. Moses Kalilu Fofana and members of the Sierra Leone Police who encouraged the people to be law abiding and allow development to come to Malen Chiefdom as already started by Socfin. The Police further called on all to continue to observe the medical protocols with the view to finally eradicating Ebola. Earlier in his address, the chairman Edwin Fonnies of World Vision spoke of the gradual development unfolding and encouraged all to see reason to comply for the betterment of the children who are the future leaders.

Mr. Fonnies referred to Socfin as development oriented noting that the issue of cannibalism scarce has no basis as he has always lived in Malen for the past four year going.

Other Speakers included Solomon Sogbeh of HSE Unit,



From left to right: HSE Manager Celine Schmitz, Liaison Officer Patrick Alpha (Socfin Agricultural Company)



First Winner of the Village Health Competition: Fakaba

Mr Patrick Alpha, Liaison Officer, also present were Plantation Manager, Gordon Patterson, Finance Officer, Mr. Tian, Human Resource Manager Mr. Abu Amara and others.

Special certificates were distributed by Socfin's General Manager, Mr Philip Tonks while the recipients mostly local Chiefs thanked Socfin and promised to do more and to make proper use of the prizes won.

The distribution of prizes climaxed the impressive ceremony.

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