



SOCFIN CEO Bags meritorious award

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The Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) - Action Yearning for Community Empowerment - has presented a meritorious certificate of award to Mr. Gerben Haringsma, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Socfin Agricultural Company in Sahn Malen Chiefdom, Pujehun District.

According to the NGO, they presented the award to the CEO and the company in recognition of his invaluable contributions to the Sierra Leonean community and the economy.

Receiving the award, Mr. Gerben commented that as the principal shareholder and Country Director of Socfin in Sierra Leone, he felt proud and highly honored.

He disclosed that he started the company in 2010 and 11 years on, he said he was proud that the company is the largest operation in Sierra Leone and with the addition of its state-of-the-art oil processing mill, Socfin is the biggest such operator in the entire Africa.

Mr. Gerben, who attributed the success to staff who helped him build the company, stated: "I am honored when youths honor me because they are the future." "When youths recognize my contribution to the economy of Sierra Leone, I feel proud," he added.

Mr. Gerben, who disclosed that he has never received any award from the Sierra Leonean community, said Socfin has provided many opportunities dedicated to the youths to better themselves in the future.

These, he said, include investments in food security, building of schools including secondary schools that are among the best in the country, provision of microcredit to women and youths, among others.

Mr. Gerben however lamented that there were many people that wanted to destroy the country and treat they should get them out of here.