



# 75 PUPILS JOIN HUMAN RIGHTS & PEACE CLUBS

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Port Loko, Koinadugu and Kono district are the latest to join the Human Rights and Peace Clubs established by the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) with funds from UNDP and Irish Aid. This adds to the existing Human Rights & Peace Clubs in Western area (urban/rural), Kenema, Bo and Bombali districts.

HRCSL's vision to extend human rights outreach campaign to schools anchors within the 'catch them young' phrase, to imbibe human rights awareness in pupils and make them ambassadors for human rights in their schools, homes and communities.

Addressing pupils, Vice Chairman of HRCSL Victor I. Lansana said, the Commission's key mandate is to protect and promote human rights of all in Sierra Leone, adding that this task is done through "public education, advise to government on human rights issues, monitoring and to inquire into human rights complaints. He added that school pupils also have a role to play in ensuring that human rights are enjoyed by all; he therefore informed them of their responsibilities to make the right to education as promoted under the Free Quality Education Program a success for them all.

He encouraged the pupils and their teachers who serve as coordinators to keep the clubs alive by embarking on activities in their schools and communities that will promote human rights among their peers and the country as a whole.

The pupils and their teachers were quite excited about the training and promised to be great ambassadors of human rights and individual responsibilities in their schools and communities going forward.