



## **HRCSL ENGAGES GENDER MINISTRY ON THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

In another effort to forge partnership, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) Patricia Narsu Ndanema and staff of the Directorate of Gender and Children's Affairs on Monday January 27th, 2020 engaged the Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs- Madam Manty Tarawally at her Sall Drive Off Aberdeen Road Office.

Stating the purpose of the engagement, the HRCSL Chairperson said it was to foster relationship for effective partnership and collaboration on issues of gender and for the effective implementation of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2019.

In her response, the Minister highlighted five Key priority areas her ministry will be looking into this year and they are as follows:

1. Prevention of SGBV
2. Response to SGBV
3. Economic empowerment for women
4. Street children and
5. Coordination

The Minister also noted that while committees will be set up, she encouraged the HRCSL to be part of these committees especially for priorities 1 & 2.

The Minister also disclosed that her Ministry was presently working on a Male involvement Strategy that will be launched on International Women's Day.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister for her warm welcome and for creating the space for partnership and collaboration.