



## **HRCSL HOST CORDAID SOUTH SUDAN AND PARTNERS**

The Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) on Tuesday 19th November 2019 played host to a 8 man delegation from Cordaid South Sudan and it partners.

The main purpose of the visit is to share experience with the HRCSL with regards post transformation of its justice and security sector programmes.

The Executive Secretary of the HRCSL Joseph Kamara welcomed the delegation on behalf of the commissioners and staff of the commission. He stated that the choice of visiting Sierra Leone for experience sharing was not a mistake because Sierra Leone is also a country that has moved from war / conflict to transitional justice system, real post conflict situation and now to development.

He informed the delegation that there were challenges in every stage of the process but it was important for the country to have gone through all of those stages so as to develop a mind-set not to return to the circumstances that led to the situation that disturbed the peace of the society.

He further stated that he has been following the conflict of South Sudan and he knows that it is a difficult time in the country. He encourage them that though it will take time but it will one day come to an end. He said he believed that their visit will be worthwhile in consolidating the peace of South Sudan.

Gasper Amule Wani Badi, a member of the team thanked the HRCSL for welcoming them stating that their country have signed 2 peace accords and the latest which was signed in 2018 provides for the security and justice sector reform and the establishment of the Human rights Commission.

He stated that the HRC of South Sudan has already been established but is faced with a lot of challenges including Capacity of the commission, funding, independence including investigating into violations of Human rights involving armed officials.

He stated that they will like to know how the HRCSL have been able to deliver on its mandate; how the commission get its fundings; how are the commissioners appointed; some key achievements in relation to the security sector and challenges in delivering it mandate and the role of the Commission in creating Civic education Awareness in Human Rights issues.

Answers to these questions outlined were provided by the Vice Chairperson of HRCSL; Commissioner Victor I. Lansana, Commissioner Gassan Abess, Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary, Directors and Deputy Director of the different directorates.