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Pillar Working Group-3 Promoting Human Development

Date: 25th August 2006

In attendance:

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
H. Nelson-Williams	MEST	Kirsi Pekuri	EC
Rashid Sesay	DACO	Chiava Bellini	EC
Alfred Barlatt	SALWACO	Bockarie Med Conteh	EC
Francis Moijue	WSD-MEP	Maija Sala	EC
Dr. Moses Lahai	NAS	Adele Khudr	UNICEF
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Fatou Y Kargbo	MSWGCA/CGA	Anthony Acheampong	NAO
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Albert Coker	MODEP	Eugene Sawyerr	DACO
Mohamed K Lebbie	MODEP	Lamin Tarawally	DACO
Mohamed A. Edmond	MODEP	Steven Bonzu	DACO

Agenda

- Prayers
- EC/DfID presentation
- A.O.B

Summary of Proceedings: In the opening, the chairman Mr. H. Nelson Williams thanked and welcomed everyone present to the pillar-3 Working Group meeting. He told members that minutes would not be read as EC and DfID will be doing a joint presentation on their ongoing programmes within pillar 3 and what they intend to do in the next five years.

Comments from the presentation:

Health

- The National Pharmaceutical Procurement Unit (NPPU) that is to be formed should not only consider the issue of drugs but warehousing and skilled personnel in certain areas of the sector should be taken into consideration.

- Traditional herbalists have become very useful in the rural areas and efforts should be made in upgrading their skills as well as providing equipments to facilitate their work.

SALWACO

- The sector has not been effectively represented in the PWG meetings and must do so henceforth.
- There is no adequate data on water in the country and data collected by Donors and the Government must be synchronised and validated for proper reporting.
- Much attention should now be given to small towns and not only the rural and urban areas with regards quality and safe drinking water.
- Linking SALWACO strategies to that of the Private Sector for proper management of the water system without privatising it.

General Coment:

- DACO suggested that since the five-year plan of EC and DfID will fall within the next generation of the PRSP, they should make allowance for absorbing programmes that may not be exhaustively implemented during the present PRSP.