

Passed in Parliament this *8th day of July*, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

VICTOR KAMARA,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

VICTOR KAMARA,
Clerk of Parliament.

SIGNED this *21st day of July, 2008.*

DR. ERNEST BAI KOROMA,
President.



No. 8



2008

Sierra Leone

**The National Commission for Social Action (Amendment)
Act, 2008.**

Short title.

**Being an Act to amend the National Commission for Social
Action Act, 2001.**

[31st July, 2008.] Date of com-
mencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this
present Parliament assembled.

Amendment
of Act No. 13
of 2001.

The National Commission for Social Action Act, 2001 is amended—

(a) by the repeal and replacement of section 11 thereof by the following:—

“Functions of
Commission.

11. (1) The object for which the Commission is established is to provide and otherwise engage in social relief programmes and to promote community-based demand-driven and sustainable development activities leading to the alleviation of poverty and improvement in the speed, quality and impact of development initiatives in cooperation with non-governmental organizations, relevant ministries, private sector partners and other interested parties.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Commission shall have responsibility—

- (a) to assume all the functions conferred on the National Commission for Reconstruction, Resettlement and Rehabilitation immediately before the commencement of this Act, including, in particular, the overall planning, programming, coordination, supervision and monitoring of all humanitarian, reintegration, resettlement and reconstruction activities so as to improve the nation’s capacity to absorb and use both relief and development assistance effectively;
- (b) to handle all operational aspects of the protection and assistance to refugees in accordance with the Refugees Protection Act, 2007 and to undertake individual refugee status determination of persons who are seeking recognition as refugees in accordance with that Act;

- (c) for the implementation of war reparation programmes, including the establishment and management of a Trust Fund relating to war reparations and to seek and receive all funding therefor;
- (d) for coordinating the activities of all humanitarian organizations engaged in war reparation activities and to provide guidelines for such activities;
- (e) to serve as recipient and manager of funds for the social protection of disadvantaged families and for liaising with the National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) for the use of the Social Safety Net;
- (f) to source funding for, and implement social development and pro-poor growth programmes to complement the activities of local councils;
- (g) to support Chiefdom Councils through capacity building;
- (h) to maintain itself as a sustainable national institution for the purposes of the object stated in subsection (1);
- (i) to ensure appropriate use of all resources in a transparent manner;
- (j) to undertake public education campaigns on its purposes and proceedings; and
- (k) to do all such things as will contribute to the attainment of the object stated in subsection (1).”;

(b) in section 15 thereof, by the substitution for the word “Fund” appearing in paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of the word “Commission”.