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Introduction cont'

- Sierra Leone is situated in the West Coast of Africa border by Guinea, Liberia and the Atlantic Ocean
- It is a small country with about 7mil people
- Sierra Leone is bless with water and arable lands
- The agricultural sector is the largest employment and job creation body
- International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) is a unique year set apart to promote plant health in countries
- IYPH is significant in ensuring that the plant health sector is recognized internationally



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Previous Status of Plant Health in Sierra Leone



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Sierra Leone has been faced with a lot of natural crisis which has hindered plant health actions and activities in the country

Plant Health in Sierra Leone was faced with a lot of issues affecting export, some of which are:

1. policy
2. laboratory
3. weak research
4. weak systems
5. insufficient capacity building



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IYPH in Sierra Leone

- IYPH had a great influence in upscaling and promoting plant health in Sierra Leone
- IYPH strengthen collaboration and brought in more support to the NPPO
- IYPH gave additional recognition to the NPPO
- IYPH increased the importance of the NPPO within the agricultural and export sector
- IYPH inspired the government and more exporters into production and exportation



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The New Plant Health in Sierra Leone



There has been a new face within the plant health sector and the NPPO

There has been great achievement with the plant health sector as a result of promoting plant health and also in relation to the IYPH

1. with the support of EU/COLEACP/SLACAP we have established our audit system, trained our phytosanitary inspectors, developed our capsicum dossier, develop a registration system for exporters and on our PCE
2. with the support of EU/BAFS we have established the biofactory for producing natural enemies and the bio-pesticide labs
3. with the support of FAO we are reviewing our draft pesticide policy and developing our IPM implementation plan and pest response system for key crops
4. with the support of the Njala University we are currently conducting various research on pesticides and IPM for various pest



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5. with the support of ECOWAS we are about implement the fruit fly project (SYRIMAO), this is also implemented in all West Africa countries

6. with the support of ECOWAS and USDA we have trained phytosanitary inspectors in the West Africa region on plant health modules

7. with the support of WAVE we are establishing the Virology molecular laboratory

8. with the support of CILSS we have established our National Pesticide Management Committee

9. with the support of the government we have established the following committee

One IPM Committee

Fruit fly Committee

Fall Armyworm Committee



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The New Plant Health in Sierra Leone

IYPH has also enhance the recognition of the plant health sector in Sierra Leone by other stakeholders, the sector has been incorporated with the following sectors/platforms nationally:

- One Health
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Biosecurity and biosafety
- Food safety
- Laboratory
- Joint External Evaluation
- National Public Health System (NaPHS)

Staff of the plant health sector has also benefited from the FETP and SORT-IT courses on frontline surveillance and AMR respectively



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Challenges

- Limited personnel
- Limited resource to accomplish more proposed activities and strengthen other weak areas
- The NPPO is yet to be an established division with the Ministry



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Recommendation

- With perseverance we can gradually make changes within our plant health sector in Africa
- With continuous support from our development partners and regional research institutions we can greatly impact our plant health sector in Africa
- With strengthen collaboration and coordination between NPPOs, experts and researchers we can help preserve our plant health sectors from infestation and resolve pest problems
- With support from our governments we can make great impact nationally
- With our regional bloc strengthen collaboration and coordination we can harmonise our systems



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Conclusion

As individual nation we cannot impact our plant health sector in Africa but collectively we can help each other grow and make tremendous changes and impastation

Let work as one family and improve Africa plant health system



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