



**CORONA FET**



**Week: 10 – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Big Idea of the Week:**

**It takes a community to stop coronavirus and protect our children – are you doing your part?**

Since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, we have learned more about how it is impacting children and young people.

Children can and do get the virus. Over 260 children under 15 years old in Sierra Leone have tested positive for coronavirus. Education was interrupted for many when schools closed. As families struggle to meet their daily needs, more children may face hunger, abuse, and mental health issues.

Though children are less likely to get seriously sick and die from the virus, they can spread it to others including family members who are older or have other health conditions.

This is why it is important for children to take actions to prevent the virus. And adults need to step up and lead by example – to serve as role models for young people and are to do your part to stop the spread.

The longer coronavirus continues to spread in Sierra Leone, the more families and especially children will suffer the consequences.

Let us take action to protect one another for a better Salone.

**Corona fet na we all fet!**

#### **Suggestions for questions for interviews and panel discussions**

- What is the proper way of wearing face mask?
- Why is it important to stop the spread of the virus to ensure our children are protected?
- How does wearing a face mask help protect us and others from the spread of coronavirus?
- What can we do to play our part and remind others to help in this fight against corona virus?
- What are other things we can do in addition to wearing a face mask to help stop the spread of coronavirus, or things we can do to help our children?

#### **Suggestions for people to interview**

- Teachers and parents/guardians
- Community leaders, including pastors and imams dealing with parents of children
- Students who are elders to little children
- Anyone who interacts with children such as traders, government workers, transport workers, drivers, etc.

#### **Additional messages**

The harmful effects of this coronavirus outbreak will not be felt by all equally. The negative effects are expected to be most damaging for children who are among the poorest and for those in already disadvantaged or vulnerable situations.

As families lose some or all of their sources of income due to coronavirus and the global economy is in a setback, more households are falling into poverty. For the poorest families, including those who do not have access to social protection, the situation is growing desperate.

It's to all of our benefit that we do our part to stop the spread of the virus and help Sierra Leoneans get back to business.

One of the best ways we can support one another and our communities during this corona time is by taking action to bring coronavirus to an end in Sierra Leone.

The more people who take actions every day to stop the spread of coronavirus, the more quickly we can drive the virus out and remaining restrictions can be lifted.

Lead by example and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do their part. If we want to go far, we must go together.

Coronavirus spreads easily from person to person. That is why it is so important to wash our hands frequently with soap and water, keep at least one meter from others, wear a mask over your mouth and nose, and call 117 right away if you get fever, tiredness, and cough.