NEC, LMDI By-elections CVE Launch in Bong County

The National Elections Commission, NEC in collaboration with the Liberia Media Democracy Initiative, LMDA has officially launched its Civic and Voter Education exercises, leading to the conduct of two separate By-Elections in Montserrado and Bong Counties slated for Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

The first ever collaborating CVE program by the NEC and LMDI was launched under a heavy done pool of rain on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the Bong Public High School in Fouama District in Bong County.

Speaking at the program, the head of LMDI John Kollie said, the CVE launch in Bong County was the first in a series of a month long sustained Public Information activities for the two By-Elections in Montserrat and Bong Counties respectively.

Mr. Kollie said, the CVE and LMDI programs witnessed by the first of the five Senatorial Candidates Fairnho Theo Gbilah, will also bring together the 15 Senatorial Candidates from Bong and Montserratode face to face with the electorate to explain their platforms and to answer questions from the electorate through interactive dialogues.

Speaking for the National Elections Commission, the Director of Civic and Voter Education Senesse Freeman said, the sustained CVE exercise will witness the spreading of CVE Messages by Civic Educators and the distributions of CVE materials, including frequently ask questions, know your candidates posters, fliers, radio jingles and dramas, both in Montserrat and Bong Counties.

Freeman used the occasion to encourage the nearly one million registered voters in Montserrat and Bong to turnout in their numbers to participate in the by-elections by casting their ballots for the candidate they want to represent them in the 54th National Legislature on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

The CVE Director, backed by the Assistant Elections Magistrate for Lower Bong County, Gognkpa Blackie Krah, discussed several topics, including the joint resolution by the 54th National Legislature, the cause for the two By-Elections, Elections Day Voting, frequently ask questions, participation in the elections by the most vulnerable groups as persons with disabilities, women, as well as first time voters. Residents of Fouma District turnout in their numbers and well organized.