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**UNAMSIL CHIEF MILITARY OBSERVER DONATES FOOD AND
EQUIPMENT DISABLED IN KONO DISTRICT**

Freetown - The Chief Military Observer of the United Nation Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Maj. Gen. Syed Athar Ali, presented more than three tons of rice and equipment to disabled persons in the eastern district of Kono over the weekend. Two Pakistani non-governmental organizations, EDHI Foundation and FAUJI Foundation of Pakistan, provided the donations.

At a ceremony held in the town of Koidu and attended by hundreds of local residents, Maj. Gen. Athar commended the NGOs for their gesture, pointing out that since its deployment in the area, the Pakistani contingent has made immense contributions to the people of Kono district. Its presence has restored peace in the area and confidence among local communities, which has resulted in the return of many refugees and displaced persons, he said.

The Chief Military Observer welcomed the new Pakistani contingent and advised the peacekeepers to work closely with the people of Kono District in the reconstruction and resettlement process. He also expressed his appreciation for the performance of military observers, particularly their role during the period of disarmament.