As the world battles with the COVID-19 pandemic and Sierra Leone is no exception, this has significantly disrupted the airline business and resulted in crisis of the entire aviation industry. Governments together with all aviation stakeholders are joining forces to come up with a common plan for a progressive restart of the operations.

In an effort to prevent further spread of coronavirus, Legallia Foundation a registered youth-led development agency and community-based organization, who over the years have been
embarking on so many grass-root initiatives designed to protect our environment, and improve public health awareness partnered with Phadijah Cleaning Agency, an established cleaning and fumigating company who gained a particular prominence in the advent of the 2014 Ebola outbreak, partnered to clean, disinfects, and fumigate the entire Lungi International Airport terminal in preparedness of the reopening of the Airport.

According to National COVID Responses Team, the cleaning and disinfection procedures are likely to form part of the range of measures required in a restart process. It is likely that improved routine cleaning, disinfecting and fumigation processes is essential to successfully restart and reinstall operations which could provide reassurance to passengers and increase their confidence in the reduced risk of the transmission of the virus in the aviation processes.

I think anything the airport authority can do to reassure the passengers is worthwhile and could help,” said Managing Director, Lungi International Airport “It can at least give passengers and staff more confidence.”

“The safety and wellbeing of the staff and passengers are always our first priority,” the Public Relations Officer of the Airport Authority said in a statement. “Although air traffic has been impacted by the pandemic, the Sierra Leone Air Port Authority spares no effort in ensuring that
the airport is a safe environment for all users. We will continue to look into new measures to enhance our cleaning and disinfection work.” In addition, we carried out a complete cleaning, disinfecting and fumigation that includes shampooing the carpeting and wiping down every hard surface touched by passengers with disinfectants solutions.

Legallia Foundation will continue with our open-ended commitment to Government and People Sierra Leone, partnering with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and other development partners to strengthen the fight and increase the prevention of the current Corona Virus pandemic. This will address and promote public health, boost confidence and ensuring quality and healthy Airport environment.