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Appendix 4: Project Team / Organizational Partners

ScilnnovTec Research (Scientific Innovation and Technology Research)	
Brief Profile / Background	
<p>Established in 2019, ScilnnovTec (Scientific Innovation and Technology Research) is a female owned and led non-profit research entity aimed at contributing to national and economic development through strong strategic, rigorous scientific research initiatives in Sierra Leone. The entity has a small staff and partners or collaborates in joint venture activities. We are located on Lightfoot Boston Street in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Our core activities are in value-addition research, innovative and technology initiatives adaptable to Sierra Leone and the world at large.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our <u>Values</u></p> <p>Our values define our mentality. It's who we are and how we work. These include Research & Development, Independence, Strategic Initiative, Collaboration, Continuous Improvement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our <u>Vision</u></p> <p>To be the leading and recognized scientific research center in Sierra Leone through our outstanding quality of research, contribution to scientific innovations, and commitment to professional and public education initiatives. Our vision defines our path. It's what we aspire to be. It's how we want to get there through innovative science and technology development. We aspire to achieve this by continuously applying science, utilizing standard systems and technologies, improving our performance, and respecting our values.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our <u>Mission</u></p> <p>Our mission defines us. It's what we do and that is promoting development through science, innovation, research and education.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our <u>Philosophy</u></p> <p>Our philosophy is to attain our mission through the work of the Center's dedicated staff of researchers, technical support personnel, and generous funding or donor assistance by utilizing educated, proactive, and rational decision-making practices and upholding the ideals of ethical scientific and administrative conduct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our <u>Aim & Goals</u></p> <p>1) To become a greater force for national and economic development in Sierra Leone; 2) To promote the education aspect of ScilnnovTec Research's mission, 3) To be recognized as a leading scientific research institution in Sierra Leone and globally.</p> <p><u>Our Products & Services:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific Innovation & Technology Development (R&D) - Research activities including consultancy services primarily across the Pure & Applied, and Social Sciences field - Intellectual Property (IP) Management - Strategic Research & Development Partnerships in R&D activities <p>The background, knowledge and experience embodied in our team for this project is based on the diversity of the activities and the expertise of each member / partner. ScilnnovTec Research is the project initiator and applicant that will lead the project implementation/execution as well as its monitoring and evaluation. We will facilitate communication and organization among team members/partners in order to coordinate team activities. ScilnnovTec Research will also coordinate the preparation of all reports and will support the activities of all partners in the proposed project.</p>	
Operational capacity: Skills and expertise of members involved in the RUTF project	
Name of Research Team Member / Entity	Summary of Relevant Capacity, Skills and Experience
Prof. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul (Overall Supervisor and team Member) Lecturer & Researcher	Dr. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul is a professor of Food Science at Louisiana State University (LSU) and LSU Agricultural Center, USA. His research has been focused on sensory sciences, consumer research, and value-added/healthier product development. He oversees the Sensory Services Lab, and actively collaborates with researchers worldwide. He has published 270 refereed articles (an h-index of 58; an i10-index of 183) and is an author/co-author of 2 book edited and 5 book chapters. His publications have been cited nearly 1,021, 418, and 335 times for the top 3 articles (as of 10-13-2023). He is the fellow of Institute of Food Technologists, USA. He has served as the Scientific Editor, Section Editor, Academic Editor, Guest Editor, and an editorial board member for prestigious journals, including Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety, USA (Impact Factor: 14.4).
Dr. Janette Saidu Lead or Principal Investigator (ScilnnovTec Research - Executive Director)	Dr. Saidu is a Food-Nutrition and Healthcare Scientist with over 25 years' work experience spanning across government, NGO, academic, and the food industry sectors. She has worked both at national and international level. She has four (4) refereed publications, eight (8) consultancy reports, and twelve (12) published scientific abstracts. Her publications have been cited over 400 times as reported by Academia.edu.

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J. Saidu (Continue)	<p>In various positions she has served as nutritionist - government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), as Consumer and Senior Scientist in the Food Manufacturing Industry in the USA; Consulting Scientist (Cadbury's) in South Africa, Extraordinary Lecturer and Consultant (University of Pretoria), Internal and External Examiner (University of South Africa (UNISA)) - South Africa; Lecturer - Njala University, and volunteer Lecturer and consultant - COMAHS, as consultant - Helen Keller International, Adam Smith International, World Health Organization (WHO) etc. Ms. Saidu brings with her enormous experience across these sectors, strong leadership values to nurturing and growth of any organization.</p> <p>Functional expertise in: Food Science (a. Product Development, b) Sensory Product testing / research with Difference Testing and Descriptive Analysis, c) Consumer Research—Quantitative and Qualitative and d) Market research with Consumer Insight working knowledge of advertising, e) market and brand image tracking research, f) simulated market testing and forecasting etc.); Agro-foods processing, Nutrition, Education & Training.</p>
Dr. Mohammed Sherrif Associate Analytical Chemist - ScilInnovTec Research, and Owner/Director - Esters of Nature Company - USA	Dr. Sherriff holds a Ph.D. and Master's degree in organic Chemistry from Louisiana State University and Illinois Institute of Technology, respectively. Dr Sherrif brings on board over 15 years of physico-chemical analytical skills and experience, skin care product formulation experience as well as teaching and supervisory experience from academics and industry. Although he is presently in and out of Sierra Leone, but his role at ScilInnovtec in overseeing analytical activities is an added value to the entity and the team.
Mr. Moses Ndomahina (Project Coordinator -ScilInnovTec Research)	Moses Ndapie Ndomahina: LLB (Hons), Njala University; B.Sc. Administration; Post Graduate Diploma Business and Finance; Master's - Leadership and Governance Master's - Rural Development Studies. His background and work experience in proposal development and project management in combination with his recent legal background, makes him an asset to advise on legal project framework (Local & International) and above all shall develop, design and review all partnership agreement. Shall monitor and evaluate risks, and project timelines over the 21 months period.
Mr. Dauda Saffa (Research Coordinator - ScilInnovTec Research)	Mr. Saffa is a research coordinator at ScilInnovtec Research and brings on board teaching and research supervision and related experience from the University of Sierra Leone, and from the Statistics Sierra Leone department. He is a prospective M.Phil. graduate student awaiting graduation. He has worked as field enumerator and supervisor at Statistics Sierra Leone. Mr. Saffa is passionate about research and moving into the scientific research realm and looking forward to broadening his knowledge, skills and experience.
Mr. Omar Alghali (Owner and Director -Debar Group Ltd -Sierra Leone)	Mr. Alghali is an Agricultural Agronomist with over 25 years extensive work experience in agricultural cooperatives development, value chain development in Sierra Leone. He is presently the owner and Executive Director for DEBAR Group Limited, an Agriculture based consultancy entity. His expertise deals with Agricultural Production, Agronomic practices for increased crop yield, Value and Supply Chain (VSC) development & analysis, Rural Agricultural Development, Agricultural Environmental Vulnerability and Social effects. Mr. Alghali holds a B.Sc. and other certificates in Agricultural Sciences. He will be responsible for the development of RUTF Value and Supply Chain analysis in conjunction with ScilInnovTec Research.
Chemistry Department (Fourah Bay College - University of Sierra Leone)	The department of Chemistry at Fourah Bay College is one of the oldest departments within the University of Sierra Leone's academic system. Though limited in analytical capabilities, we hope to partner with them based on available resource and any applicable analytical capabilities for the project.