

Investigative Journalism Workshop for Mid-level Journalists
at Bo American Corner
August 27-29, 2012

PAS offered a 2.5-day training to mid-level journalists on investigative reporting. Through IIP, Pulitzer Prize winning reporter Kenneth Cooper came to Sierra Leone to educate journalists on the foundations, ethics and history of investigative journalism. Local journalists were able to discuss potential story ideas and talk about the challenges and solutions to practicing investigative journalism in Sierra Leone.

This topic is of particular interest to Sierra Leoneans because most stories are mostly left hanging as journalists either do not follow through with stories or they are faced with a dead end when parties involved in a story refuse to be interviewed. This workshop supports the SSI theme of democracy and good governance and Post's MSP goal of support for human resource development. In advance of the upcoming elections in Sierra Leone, the training also provided journalists with foundation to do accurate, in-depth stories about political candidates, campaigns, and elected officials.



IIP Speaker Kenneth Cooper talking to the group



A Journalist giving his contribution



Group session in progress