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- INTERNATIONAL GUESTS



How will the Health Summit be Organized?

The Summit is organized by a diversely represented Planning Committee (MoHS and Partners) with four sub-committees:

- **Logistics Committee**
- **Communications Committee**
- **Programmes Committee**
- **Awards Committee**

It will employ various methods to eke out needed information for the improvement of health outcomes.

- **Panel Discussions**
- **Breakout Sessions**
- **Plenaries**
- **Experience-Sharing**
- **Health Booth Displays**
- **Keynote Addresses**
- **Presentations**
- **Guest Speakers**
- **Interludes**
- **Recognition Awards**



What will be discussed at the Summit?

Generally, the Conference will discuss various topics on health systems strengthening needs. These will be discussed under specific sub-themes



What are the Sub-themes?

1. Human resources improvement
2. Approach to implementing the life stages model of service delivery
3. Partnership and coordination in financing and working in the health system
4. Healthcare Financing - SLeSHI implementation and approach
5. Enhancing Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsiveness
6. Health Security and Emergencies- Preparing for Crises by Building a Resilient Approach in Normal Times and Lessons Learned from COVID-19: The Importance of Data
7. Critical management, functional and infrastructural reforms in the health sector



What Else will be done at the Summit?

In the evening of the last day (April 9), the Ministry of Health and Sanitation will organize a **Recognition Award Ceremony** where individuals, health facilities, and institutions will be awarded for outstanding performance.



What are the Expected Outputs?

- A comprehensive report of all the three-day proceedings
- Communique or Aide Memoire signed by Executive Management Representatives
- Implementation Framework
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Deserving facilities and personnel awarded



Is this a One-off Event?

No, the Ministry intends to host this event on an annual basis. This will be the first of this magnitude



Is the Summit Residential?

No, participants are expected to return home every day and reconvene in the morning.



SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL HEALTH SUMMIT 2022

Theme: Transforming Health Service Delivery towards Universal Health Coverage

Partners



Background

Sierra Leone remains a country with one of the worst health indicators in the world. Over the years, Sierra Leone's health system has received significant financial, technical, and material support from the Government and stakeholders, including national and international partners, in a bid to improve service delivery and uptake. Although there have been some reasonable improvements in the Country's health indicators, there is still a big room for improvement.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) has also been undergoing the deepest reforms in decades, to better respond to the paradigm shift at the heart of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) 2030 Agenda. However, progress has been slow on many SDGs health targets, and the most vulnerable people, especially women, children, and girls continue to suffer the most.



Vision

All people in Sierra Leone have access to affordable quality healthcare services and health security without suffering undue financial hardship

Key Reform Actions

- Introduction of Free Health Care Initiative for pregnant & lactating women, under-fives, Ebola survivors, and disabled
- Internal Management and Functional Reform
- External Management Reform
- Establishment of Directorate of Health Security and Emergencies
- Recruitment of about 4,000 additional health workers
- Formulation or review of key Policy documents including:
 - National Health & Sanitation Policy
 - Roadmap to Universal Health Coverage
 - National Health Sector Strategic Plan
 - Review of the National Health Ordinance

Why the Health Summit

In spite of the tremendous efforts, health outcomes do not match health investments. There is, therefore, the need for a major transformative drive to move faster towards realizing the goals set in the 2030 Agenda. The MoHS, in collaboration with its partners, has identified a health summit as a way to do a deep dive into the issues that impede progress and how to accelerate the achievement of the health-focused SDG targets and better improve service delivery and health outcomes in Sierra Leone.



The Ministry plans to transform the health sector into an adequately resourced and functioning national delivery system that is affordable and accessible to all, especially the vulnerable. To do this, all decision-making actors in the health sector must urgently and collaboratively develop a workable formula to ameliorate the high morbidity and mortality rates, improve accountability and efficiency, increase coverage and uptake of health services, especially during crises. That is why we are convening!



When is the Health Summit?

The Health Summit will take place on **7th, 8th and 9th April, 2022**



Where is the Summit Held?

The Summit will be held at the **Bintumani International Conference Centre** at Aberdeen, in the West end of Freetown.



Who will be at the Health Summit?

The Summit will attract representations from all stakeholders in the country and beyond, including