



## MoHS Weekly Activity Bulletin

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The MoHS Weekly Activity Bulletin summarises key activities, including meetings, of the preceding week carried out by the Offices of the Minister and Chief Medical Officer, Directorates, Programmes, and Agencies of the Ministry.

### Office of the Minister of Health and Sanitation



The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 shared Sierra Leone's experience at the launch of Nigeria's Human Capital Strategy and the ECOWAS Integrated Human Capital (2020-2030) in Abuja.

Minister Demby stated that the development needs of the 7.5 million population of Sierra Leone are fundamental priorities of President Julius Maada Bio, as he seeks to fully harness the drivers of development.

Dr. Demby furthered that Sierra Leone has increased its GDP investment in Health from 6% in 2018 to 11.6% with the determination to meet the Abuja declaration of 15% under the current administration of President Julius Maada Bio. He stated that the government has also demonstrated strong commitment to Universal Health Coverage built on the dais of primary health care and in line with meeting goal 3 (three) of Sustainable Development Goals.

### NaCOVERC-MoHS Transition Team

Mandated by the Presidential Task Force to ensure a smooth transition process of NaCOVERC into the Ministry of Health & Sanitation, a transition planning team, headed by the Deputy Minister of Health & Sanitation, is actively engaging management officials at NaCOVERC to ensure prompt closure by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The transition team will ensure all administrative and operational responsibilities of NaCOVERC are speedily relinquished to the Ministry of Health & Sanitation while acutely aware of maintaining no disruption in service delivery.





## Directorate of Policy, Planning and Information

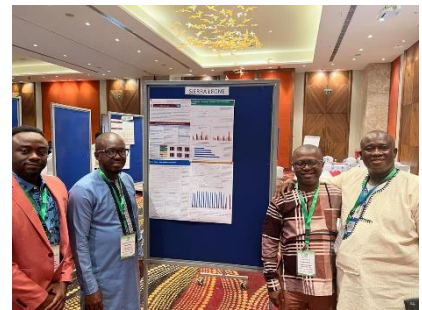


As an outcome of the National Health Summit Aide Memoire, the Directorate of Policy, Planning, and Information has initiated a three-day (23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2022) residential planning workshop with all Directors and associated Program Managers at Occasions Resort, Lakka, Freetown.

As part of the Aide Memoire recommendations, it was agreed that the Ministry of Health and Sanitation develops a one-year Plan of Action to support the implementation of recommendations from the Aide Memoire in line with the NHSSP 2021 - 2025 with clear timelines and responsible persons. The one-year plan of action will be detailed, outlining actions needed to achieve the desired output of the Ministry through integrated implementation.

## Directorate of Reproductive and Child Health

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through RCH, has participated in the Countdown 2030 session in Nairobi, Kenya. The Director of Reproductive and Child Health, Dr. Tom Sesay, flanked by a representative from DPPI, Ibrahim Kamara, was involved in an innovative session on estimating Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) service coverage.



The team employed Stata codes to derive realistic population denominators that can give realistic coverages which could be used for decision-making. These analytics resulted in an impressive country poster presentation while the team will be looking forward to continuing with country capacity building and data analysis sessions to help track the country's progress of RMNCAH indicators as part of the Countdown 2030 that involves 30 African countries.

## Directorate of Food and Nutrition



The National Director for World Vision International, Mr. Thiaw, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 made a symbolic handing-over to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Public Health, Dr. Alie Wurie, having received the items, gracefully thanked World Vision International for this timely and generous intervention.

This gift in kind is to support the Directorate of Food and Nutrition's deworming program for children 12-59 months, which seeks to improve their health and nutritional status. Deworming is a routine programme administered twice a year for all targeted children. This is a routine programme carried out in all health facilities during monthly outreach and intensified twice-yearly as recurring events at the community level to improve and reach all children 12-59 months.