



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.



Minister of Health and Sanitation Holds Family Talk with SLMDA

The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, had a hearty and candid engagement with the Sierra Leone Medical and Dental Association on Monday, 18th July 2022 at the Ministry's conference room.

The deliberation focused on paying keen attention to concerns raised by the association regarding enhanced welfare of doctors, and in response, galvanizing efforts with other line ministries to ensure these concerns are promptly actioned.

The Minister also used this opportunity to again re-echo the vision of the Ministry and how pivotal doctors are in accomplishing these set goals. He encouraged them to be ambitious, innovative and resourceful, bearing in mind the endless opportunities the Minister continues to advocate for on global platforms.

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation Oversees Supplies to PCMH

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Princess Dugba, on Thursday 20th July 2022, made available assorted supplies to the Princess Christian Maternity Hospital (PCMH).

In accordance with the Ministry's goal to drastically reduce maternal mortality and provide quality essential health services, it is critical that gaps in medical supply chain are identified, addressed and monitored. Accounting for the largest maternity hospital in the country, continuous assessments and interventions will be conducted by the Ministry in ensuring maternal mortality takes a downward trend to 300/100,000 by 2023 and hopefully better.



Concerted efforts were derived from Dr. Lawrence Sandy, Managing Director, National Medical Supply Agency, Director of Hospitals Inspection, Ibrahim Foday Musa, and the Director of Hospital & Ambulance Services, Dr. Mathew Vandy.

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Ministry of Health & Sanitation and Partners Commission Clinical Laboratory in Makeni

The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, in partnership with Child Health And Mortality Prevention (CHAMPS) and CDC Foundation, on Thursday, 21st July 2022 commissioned a Clinical Research Laboratory at Makeni Government Hospital.

The modern facility will support empirical policy development to boost clinical services including,

diagnosis, treatment and monitoring, tracking causes of under-five mortality and stillbirths, outbreak responses and boost surveillance capacity in the country.

Infrastructure forms a great component of strengthening health systems. The Minister, since his inception in office, has always taken into serious consideration the need to build, capacitate and sustain health establishments that will put the nation in a capable position, at any time, to provide quality healthcare services.

Ahead of Commissioning, MoHS Officials Pay Assessment Visit to Masanga Emergency Services Facility

Deputy Chief Medical Officers (Clinical & Public Health), Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer and the Director of Hospitals and Ambulance Services, all made an unannounced visit to Masanga Emergency Services facility on Thursday, 21st July, 2022.

The check is to assess the level of preparedness for the forthcoming opening of the Masanga Emergency facility, discuss challenges and explore opportunities to addressing them before commissioning.

The emergency unit is part of the Masanga Hospital Rehabilitation Project which aims to improve national healthcare provision in Sierra Leone, by providing treatment at Masanga Hospital and training healthcare professionals at the adjoining Tonkolili District College of Health Sciences and Technology. MHRP's goals are to upscale capacity and strengthen local healthcare capabilities, thereby increasing resilience and health sector self-sufficiency.





Seed Global Health Orientates Midwife Educators

Seed Global Health, in collaboration with the Directorate of Nursing and Midwifery of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, has concluded a five-day country orientation for midwife educators. The educators will provide mentoring and teaching services to the midwifery students at the SoMBo and clinical training and mentorship at the Bo Government hospital.

It can be recalled that Seed Global Health, in collaboration with MoHS, launched a midwifery clinical training program partnership at the School of Midwifery in Makeni. Following a year of successful programme implementation, Seed Global Health is expanding its programme to Bo. Seed Global Health will aid the Government in their efforts to decrease preventable maternal and child mortality through strengthening midwifery training, guaranteeing quality, affordable and accessible healthcare towards Universal Health Coverage for every Sierra Leonean.

Directorate of Environmental Health and Sanitation and DPPI Conduct Training on Routine Mapping

The WASH Programme, within the Directorate of Environmental Health and Sanitation, in collaboration with the Directorate of Policy Planning and Information (DPPI) and Statistics Sierra Leone, have conducted a four-day (21-24 July 2022) Supervisors and Enumerators' training in Bo on the WASH National Outcome Routine Mapping (NORM) survey tools.

The rationale for implementing this maiden survey is to train Supervisors and Enumerators on the survey methodology, survey tools, coupled with practical hands on application on effective and efficient data collection process nationwide.

