

## Weekly Activity Bulletin

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Office of the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation Supervises Drugs and Medical Supplies Distribution



Office of the Deputy CMO for Clinical Services Releases Health on Wheels

### Minister, Winged by World Bank Country Manager and Financial Secretary undertakes Joint Supervision Visit.

Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, together with World Bank Country Manager, Abdul Muwonge and Financial Secretary, Sahr Jusu, all put boots on ground at the Basic Emergency and Obstetrics Centre (BEmOC) Facility in Jojoima on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.



The “unfriendly” visit is as a result of the need to strongly monitor contractors for timely completion of health infrastructural projects in order to achieve timely service delivery and realise value for money. The team also made a quick stop at the Nixon Memorial Hospital, Segbwema, where the Minister led a facility tour for his guests. Joint

ventures of this nature also give the opportunity for fiduciary agents (World Bank, MoF) to get a practical feel of the implementation of funded projects and the need to again intervene where possible.

### Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation Supervises Medical Supplies to Three District Hospitals

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Madam Princess Dugba, coupled with other officials from the Ministry, between 27-29 July 2022, monitored the distribution of medical equipment and assorted drugs estimated around \$4 Million to Moyamba, Bo and Kenema Government Hospitals.

Being a year of prompt and ambitious delivery for the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, investments in infrastructure and robust supply chain remain consistent with achieving Universal Health Coverage.

These supplies (Mobile Ultra-Sound Scanner, Oxygen Concentrators, Resuscitators, Bed Screens, Motorola Digital Radios etc.) will, in a great way, help cement gaps and accelerate service delivery in these facilities. The Deputy Minister and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Clinical Services, emphasized the need for careful, effective and diligent use of these items by the respective beneficiary hospital manage-



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### Health on Wheels Busses Administer Vaccines and other Medical Services in 4 Districts



**O**n Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Public Health, after some period of diligent planning, operationalized the Mobile Health Clinic Buses with the provision of vaccination and free essential healthcare services for the people of Bo, Port Loko, Western Area & Urban Districts.

Due to the fact that the uptake of vaccines has plateaued, there is a need for vaccination to be taken right to the doorsteps of our people. The Mobile Medical Clinics provide an added inducement for the general population, as people who are sick and are willing to take the vac-

cines will be able to benefit from free medical services including Maternal and Child Health Services, general internal medicine including NCDs (Hypertension, Diabetes and Mental Health) teams, health education and disease prevention Vaccine provision eye care services (integrated approach with the Eye Care Team) and Provision of required tests using haematology and biochemistry machines on the Mobile Health Clinic.

**T**he Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through the Directorate of Food and Nutrition, in collaboration with UNICEF, on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 organized a Stakeholder Consultative Workshop on Nutrition Information Strategy at Radisson Blu, Freetown.

### Directorate of Food and Nutrition Undertakes Nutrition Information Strategy

Access to timely, quality and reliable nutrition-related data are essential to support planning, management and decision-making. A robust nutrition information system designed to continuously collect and interpret quality and reliable data on food, health, nutrition, and economic performance proves timely to guide decisions on improving the nutrition situation of the population.



The workshop provided participants an overview of the nutrition related information needs. Group work sessions were organized to discuss in detail the various parameters required by the technical team for the development of the Nutrition Information Strategy and at the end of workshop, a list of existing nutrition-related information systems were identified to inform data collection for the strategy development.

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### Directorate of Food and Nutrition Holds World Breastfeeding Week Press Conference.



**A**head of World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August 2022), Directorate of Food and Nutrition, on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, interfaced with the fourth estate at the Ministry of Health and Sanitation Conference Room.

As partners in public education, the Directorate used this opportunity with the press to provide essential life-saving information about breastfeeding. The theme for this year's celebration, "STEP UP FOR BREASTFEEDING-EDUCATE AND SUPPORT" connotes the need for heightened solidarity and knowledge for mothers and caregivers. It stresses on the need to strengthen the WARM CHAIN

(various actors that support breastfeeding) in providing a mother-friendly environment from ante-natal through post-natal and beyond.

**T**wo trained, qualified and experienced Midwives, through the Seed Global Initiative, were on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 presented to the School of Midwifery, Bo.

### Seed Global Health Presents Midwife Educators to Bo School of Midwifery

Seed Global Health, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, remains keen on expanding midwifery training in the country and improve key areas in clinical practice with the fundamental goal of drastically reducing maternal mortality.

Madam Adelaide Debrah from the Republic of Ghana and Madam Jennifer Neczypor from America will support and strengthen midwifery students' training through 30% classroom teaching and mentorship and 70% bedside modeling and training at clinical placement sites.





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### National Quality Management Programme Trains Programme Leads



**N**ational Quality Management Programme, under the Reproductive and Child Health Directorate, on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 trained national and district level programme leads or focal points on Quality Improvement strategies and methodologies.

The rationale for the engagement revolves around orientating technical leads on the National Quality and Patient Safety Policy, Roadmap, Strategies and Milestones to facilitate their inclusion into their various districts, facilities and project plans.

Since the establishment of the National Quality Management Programme

in 2019, several milestones have been recorded by the country in improving quality of care across the four (4) strategic objectives of Leadership, Action, Learning and Accountability. Effective leadership is a critical component for any organization seeking to drive improvements in health care quality and patient safety.

