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Health Minister, Dr. Austin Demby, participated in the seventy-second session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Lomé, Togo, on Monday 22 August 2022.

With the burden of cardiovascular disease, mental and neurological disorders and diabetes rising in the region, African Health Ministers endorsed a new strategy known as PEN-PLUS to boost access to the diagnosis, treatment and care of severe non-communicable diseases. The Regional Strategy addresses Severe Non-Communicable Diseases at First-Level Referral Health Facilities and supports capacity building of district hospitals.

Dr. Austin Demby expounded on his Life Stages Approach strategy in reducing maternal mortality and achieving Universal Health Coverage. He stretched further to intimate on the need for solidarity in planning, prevention and response to disease outbreak.

The Directorate of Health Security and Emergencies (DHSE), together with the Initiative for Media Development (IMDev) have on Tuesday, 23 August 2022 at Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) conducted an orientation of journalists on upcoming Rabies Awareness Campaign.

The engagement seeks to provide journalists with right messaging on the risks of dog bites and rabies as well as to increase awareness on the subject matter. As representatives of the general public, it is crucial that media personnel and institutions are well informed and become pioneers of disseminating life-saving messages across the country.

The engagement also touched on transferring prevention and treatment of dog bites including strengthening reporting channels within and between sectors for improved surveillance and response to dog bites.

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Child Fund Donates Medical Supplies to MoHS



Child Fund, on Friday 26th August 2022 at the Ministry's conference room, donated medical and pharmaceutical supplies worth \$110,934 to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

This generous gesture is reflective of strengthened partnership between the Ministry and its health development partners. The donation will ensure access to and availability of quality healthcare services in facilities across the country especially for children.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation recently presented its Aide Memoire Action Plan to health development partners; the plan lays out specific areas of

priority interventions and this donation, which mainly targets wellbeing of children sits at the centre of that plan.

With support from the West African Health Organization (WAHO), the Directorate of Food and Nutrition has from 22-26 August 2022 conducted a training of Clinical Nutritionists and other clinical staff on the nutritional management of patients with burns, Non-Communicable Diseases and other clinical conditions.

The training aimed to improve and strengthen nutrition dietetic services at hospital level following the Wellington Fuel Tanker fire incident of 2021.

The Directorate has clinical nutritionists attached to each government hospital nationwide and they have the responsibility to nutritionally manage in-patients and out-patients. In order to support nutritionists on burns and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) management, they require strengthened capacity in clinical dietetics for effective execution of their responsibilities. The training was led by a Consultant Nutrition Dietitian from Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana - Ms Dede Kwadjo. The content of the training includes nutritional management of burns, oral, enteral and parenteral feeding, food complications, NCDs (diabetics, Hypertension & Stroke) management and the use of hospital/ homemade foods



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Health Ministry Leads Plan for Community Scorecard Training Programme



The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, with support from African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), has on the 25 & 26 August 2022 conducted an inception planning meeting on a Community Score Card (CSC) programme. The CSC is a management and social accountability programme that evolved as a health sector's response to social accountability.

The meeting was called to clearly explain the concept of the Community Score Card, identify indicators, develop tools, and discuss data collection mechanisms as well as to discuss the possibility of interoperating the Community Score Card with the DHIS2.

This will enable community members and health care providers to facilitate collective agreement and action with the goal of improving service delivery. It allows a community to engage with health facility providers in a formal setting and deliberately and positively encourage service quality, efficiency, and accountability.

Participants were drawn from diverse institutions including the Directorate of Primary Health Care, Directorate of Planning, Policy and Information, Directorate of Reproductive and Child Health, UNICEF, CSOs and Community Leaders.

The Extended Programme on Immunization (EPI) has carried out training of COVID-19 Vaccination Champions in various districts including Karene, Moyamba, Kenema, Port Loko, Bo, Western Urban and Rural.

EPI Trains COVID-19 Vaccination Champions in Various Districts



The champions range from religious leaders, youth representatives, tribal heads, chiefs to other influential personalities within a particular community. The training aims to capacitate selected Vaccination Champions who are subsequently more informed about vaccination, such as its benefits, and more confident at promoting vaccination uptake, especially to people who are vaccine hesitant.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has listed vaccine hesitancy as one of the biggest threats to global health. In that light, it is but of utmost significance that people are continually trained and engaged in ensuring popular reception to COVID-19 vaccines. So far, nearly three million people have been partially vaccinated. The Ministry of Health and Sanitation aims to vaccinate 70% of the population by December 2022