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Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, has, on behalf of the Ministry, received 79,200 doses of Johnson & Johnson Vaccines from the Government of South Africa on Thursday, 29th September 2022.

The presentation was made at the MoHS conference room by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Co-operation, Candith Mashego-Dlami and her entourage from the South African High Commission to Sierra Leone and Ghana. The motive behind the donation of these African manufactured vaccines is to demonstrate promotion of African solidarity in the fight against COVID-19 and other health emergencies.

Minister Demby expressed warm appreciation to the Government of South Africa and laid out that regardless of the limited supply of these vaccines, Sierra Leone was still considered among 29 other beneficiary countries. He continued that this gesture defines the fuller meaning of the spirit of Ubuntu and will continue to tighten bilateral relations between Sierra Leone and South Africa. Minister Demby implored the Deputy Foreign Minister to consider supporting the Cuban medical Brigade, again, as they once did, ending that the country is badly in need of medical professionals to help reduce the high maternal mortality.

EPI Interfaces with Media Ahead of HPV Vaccine Rollout

The Extended Programme on Immunization (EPI), has held a press conference on Human Papillomavirus vaccination launch set for Monday, 3rd September 2022.

As critical pioneers of health education and promotion, it is crucial that journalists are provided with first-hand information for public dissemination. Sierra Leone is burdened with a high number of Cervical Cancer cases contributing to increased morbidity and mortality for women.

The rollout will set to vaccinate 153,991 girls of the age 10 and will be targeted at school and out of school. Globally, Cervical Cancer accounts for the fourth most common cancer among women with an estimated 266,000 deaths and 528,000 new cases each year.



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to determine the situation of families/households with respect to WASH services and behaviours. The expected meeting outcome is the launch and dissemination of the WASH NORM 2022 report and development of WASH Information Management System.

On Thursday, September 29, 2022, a technical review and validation meeting of WASH National Outcome Routine Mapping (NORM) was held at Radisson Blu Hotel targeting various WASH stakeholders, partners, data, and M&E Specialists geared towards reviewing and validating the findings of the WASH NORM survey.

WASH NORM Services and Behaviours will be a routine assessment of the status of WASH services and behaviours from the users' perspective and will focus on users' perception of service levels, access, participation, satisfaction and sustainability, knowledge and practices. The NORM for WASH Services and Behaviours is designed to collect statistically sound estimates on WASH services level, accessibility, dependability and sustainability using key outcome indicators

The Sierra Leone Midwives Association and USAID MOMENTUM on Friday, 30th September 2022 held the 2nd quarterly debriefing meeting on the Momentum Country and Global Leadership (MCGL) project.

Directorate of Nursing & Midwifery Holds Quarterly Debriefing Meeting

The goal of the project is to strengthen and standardize family planning skills of the existing Ministry of Health and Sanitation and SLMA Master Trainers that will carry out facility-level training on three basic LARC's methods to service at MCGL supported health facilities in four districts in Sierra Leone.

The debriefing meeting shared progress of activities and lessons learnt from district level implementation and records. It also gave the opportunity to participants to share their own views and make contributions and at the end of the meeting, clearly outlined next plan of action.

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MoHS Celebrates World Rabies Day



The Ministry of Health and Sanitation has on Wednesday, 28th September 2022 celebrated World Rabies Day. This year's theme 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths' will highlight the connection of the environment with both people and animals.

Global health observance started in 2007 to raise awareness about the world's deadliest infectious disease and bring together partners to enhance prevention and control efforts worldwide.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, in close ties with Breakthrough Action and IMdev have been mobilizing and sensi-

tizing various groups and individuals in different communities on prevention and treatment of rabies.

Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, has played a significant part in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and UN Resident Coordination Office third quarterly Development Partnership Committee (DEPAC) meeting on Friday, 30 September 2022 at New Brookfields Hotel.

Health Minister Participates in 3rd Ministerial DEPAC Meeting

The Ministerial DEPAC meeting is held quarterly to bring the Government and Development Partners including Civil Society Organizations and the private sector together in a roundtable to hold policy-focused discussions in support of the development process in Sierra Leone.



The theme for this year's meeting is 'Emergency Preparedness and Resilience as Key Strategic components of National Development Efforts'. Health Minister was able to emphasize the relevance of existing partnerships with government agencies, local and international health partners in solidifying prevention, preparedness and response mechanisms in dealing with health emergencies.