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Ministry of Health and Sanitation and K Lisa Yang Center for Bionics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to significantly improve the orthotic & prosthetics sector.

This collaboration has enabled a four-year programme for the development and distribution of state-of-the-art artificial limbs for thousands of people living with disabilities in Sierra Leone. The programme focuses on data collection & clinical operations, education, supply chain, infrastructure, new

technologies and mobile delivery of services.

A team of scientists, led by Prof. Hugh Herr (a double amputee) will be championing this life-changing project at Sierra Leone's National Rehabilitation Centre in Freetown and Bo clinics over the next four years.

On Monday, 30th January, Health Minister Dr. Austin Demby, with support from LeoneOil & National Petroleum-SL, turned the sod for the construction of a Burns Unit at the Connaught Hospital.

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Additionally, an oxygen plant was officially commissioned at the hospital. This means that premature babies and people with respiratory conditions now have significantly increased chances of survival.

On the same occasion, three new ambulances and medical supplies were provided to Connaught, Ola During and PCMH Government Hospitals. During the ceremony, Dr. Demby re-echoed his administration's unwavering focus on creating an enabling environment for bold transformations in the health sector, especially in reducing maternal mortality.



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On Tuesday, 31/01/2023, the Parliament of Sierra Leone debated intensively and passed into law with some amendments, the Bill entitled, "The Sierra Leone Nursing and Midwifery Council Act, 2023", for the improvement, regulations, and practices of the nursing sector.

The Bill seeks to establish the Sierra Leone Nursing and Midwifery Council, to provide for the education, training, discipline, certification, registration, and licensing of nurses and midwifery throughout Sierra Leone, to provide for the accreditation of nursing and midwifery educational institutions, to provide for the regulation of the practice of nursing

and midwifery generally and to provide for other related matters.

Presenting the Bill to Parliament, prior to enactment, the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Mrs. Princess Dugba said the Bill provides for the training, practices, and regulations for nursing and midwifery, adding that, when the Bill would have been enacted into law, it would create a considerable council for helping the nursing and midwifery to archive their regulations. She said the Bill had a wider consultation with stakeholders in the various regions and inputs were incorporated into the final version.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation has on Wednesday, 1st February 2022 received assorted medical supplies from World Vision International.

The gesture is a continued demonstration of tightened partnership between the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and its health development partners. The items will complement the health ministry's efforts in accelerating quality, timely and accessible healthcare service delivery in the country.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Public Health, Dr. Alie Wurie, received the items on behalf of the ministry and rendered words of appreciation and due diligence. The items included Breathing Circuit, Lead Disposable EKG, Electro Surgical, Photo Therapy Light, Oxygen Cylinder, Surgical Beds etc.

World Visions Makes Life-Saving Donation to MoHS



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Health Ministry Swiftly Responds to Incident at Bo Mini Stadium



On Thursday, 2nd February, 2023, a number of schoolchildren within Bo District were injured after a railing broke at the Bo Mini Stadium where the President and the First Lady were sharing free sanitary pads to schoolchildren.

What could have been a very serious incident turned out to be one of the shining stars of Sierra Leone's capability and capacity to manage incidents. All hands-on-deck including the President were there to manage the chaotic scenes that ensued. The President's ambulance, Health Minister's and numerous private and commercial vehicles, including Okadas on the scene were used to ferry the children to the hospital

Ten new medical doctors who just graduated were deployed to the Bo Government Hospital in December. This is a major increase from only 2 clinicians before. Furthermore, a new oxygen plant, capable of filling fifteen 50L canisters a day, has been installed on the hospital grounds and is fully functional. MoHS also received staff and materiel reinforcements from neighboring Kenema Government Hospital and MSF who sent over 15 emergency staff to support their counterparts. Medical Staff from Bombali, Moyamba, and Pujehun who were in Bo for training joined their counterparts. Importantly, there was manifestation of what the Ministry has been conveying for the past two years: focused, selfless, patient-centered-care on full display as all of the medical staff gave their best, working 48 hours non-stop to manage the cases.