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The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, together with Save the Children has on Tuesday, 1st November 2022, launched the National Project Steering Committee on Strengthening Adolescent Girls' Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

Supported by the Government of Canada, the CAD \$47 million project will enhance the empowerment of adolescent girls, particularly the most marginalized and vulnerable, to exercise their sexual and reproductive health rights in Mali, Niger and Sierra Leone. The project will target over 128,000 adolescent girls

across 40 communities in Kailahun District until 2027.

The Project Steering Committee was formally initiated by the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation. In her statement, she conveyed words of appreciation for strengthened and impactful partnership in saving the lives of adolescent girls.

Directorate of Food & Nutrition has engaged parliamentarians on Stronger with Breast Feeding Only (SWBO) campaign on Monday, 31st October 2022.

The objectives of the SWBO policymaker engagement leaned towards increasing knowledge on exclusive breastfeeding, community participation in breastfeeding promotion and uptake, generating evidence on the effectiveness of SWBO communication.

A total of 35 Parliamentarians across various constituencies were targeted to intensify advocacy for exclusive breastfeeding. The foundational guideline of such engagement is anchored on enabling policy and fiscal environment for effective and efficient delivery of breastfeeding services in the country.

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and environmental health as well as other pertinent areas.

November 3, 2022 marked the seventh Annual One Health Day, a global campaign that celebrates and brings attention to the need for a One Health approach to address shared health threats at the human-animal-environment interface.

Ministry of Health and Sanitation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, has commemorated the occasion with the banner theme “One Health Collaboration for a Healthier Sierra Leone”.

The celebration provides an opportunity for experts and relevant community stakeholders to harmonize efforts in coordination and collaboration among partners working in animal, human,

Directorate of Reproductive and Child Health has followed through with Special Care Baby Units (SCBU) and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (PDSR) Quarterly Review Meeting on 2 & 3 November 2022.

Special Care Baby Units have been established in Ola During Children’s Hospital as well as other regional and district hospitals, where specialized equipment such as incubators, phototherapy machines, resuscitators, oxygen concentrators have been positioned to provide for the immediate special care of babies who are born too soon or those who are born sick.

The Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (MDSR) model is a surveillance system that tracks the numbers of maternal deaths and provides information about the underlying contributing factors and how they can be tackled.

The central objective of the meeting was to review processes, shared lessons learnt and devised an even better pathway to improving the health and reducing mortality of newborns in Sierra Leone.

### Reproductive and Child Health Directorate Undertakes Quarterly Review



#### Notable achievements Jan - Sep 2022

- Three (3) Medical Oxygen Plants - Bo, Malawi and Kereku - www.mohs.gov.sl
- IMIS assessment of five District Government Hospitals - Kaila, Malawi, Port Loko, Bo and Kereku - was conducted with a view to improving their systems beyond the current support at CDCI.
- Three additional hospitals (Jai Hospital, Kaila Hospital, and King Karamah Hospital) enrolled in Continuum & Action process and initiated evidence-based transformation process toward improving quality of care.
- A team of senior officials from the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) led by the Director of Reproductive and Child Health, together with a team from UNICEF completed the past quarterly supportive supervision of Malawi and Magburika hospitals and assessment of the maternal and newborn services of Kereku and Malawi Hospitals.

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### MoHS Distributes Assorted Drugs to Serabu Mission Hospital



**A**s part of efforts to equip health facilities with essential drugs and other medical supplies, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has made available assorted medicines and beds to Serabu Mission Hospital.

During the distribution process, His Excellency, Dr. Julius Maada Bio and First Lady, Dr. Fatima Bio joined the team from the Ministry and handed over the items to the hospital.

For the past few months, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has been engaged in nationwide supply of items including Oxygen Concentrations, Ultrasound Scanners, beds, and personal protective equipment.