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Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Princess Dugba, together with other MoHS officials, have on Thursday, 8th December 2022 presented two new ambulances and tonnes of medical supplies to the Bonthe Government Hospital.

The ambulances will guarantee access and accelerate effective referral systems to the Bonthe Government Hospital and other health facilities especially for those living in hard-to-reach communities within the district. In that same vein of enhanced service delivery, assorted medical items were also made available to the hospital totalling around \$1 million.

Mobile ultra-sound scanners, oxygen concentrators, resuscitators, bed screens, standard hospital beds with mattresses, bedside cabinets, Motorola digital radios, stretchers, infusion stands, anesthetic drugs etc. formed part of multiple items that were supplied to the hospital.

In continuing efforts to take free and standardized healthcare to the doorsteps of people, the Mobile Health Clinic busses have administered zero cost medical care services to the people of Bandajuma Sowa, Pujehun District.

The services provided by the busses ranged from electrocardiography (testing of the heart), otoscope devices, laboratory testing services, maternal and child care services, COVID-19 vaccination etc.

Protection from financial consequences of out-of-pocket spending for health services reduces the risk that people will be pushed into poverty because unexpected illnesses require them to use their life savings, sell assets and even destroy their futures and often those of their children.

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The Directorate of Food and Nutrition, with support from UNICEF, has intensified engagement on the “STRONGER with BREAST MILK ONLY” Campaign for Health Professionals at the Atlantic Lumley Hotel.

The main objectives were to strengthen capacity of the health workforce to provide quality lactation management support to caregivers, improve adoption of optimal breastfeeding practices among health professionals and generate evidence on the effectiveness of SWBO communication materials and engagement for resource mobilization for scale up.

The engagement was chaired and objectives of the engagement presented by the Director of Food and Nutrition- Madam Aminata Shamit Koroma, while the overview of SWBO was done by the UNICEF Nutrition Specialist- Katherine Faigao. The keynote address was delivered by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer Clinical - Dr. Mustapha Kabba.

### National Quality of Care Organises Collaborative Conference

The National Quality of Care Program of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has from the 28-30 November 2022 has organized a collaborative conference at Freetown International Conference Centre.

The overarching objective of the meeting focused on taking stock of progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Quality Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Children and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) strategy. Furthermore, it touched on continued mobilization and renewal of government and stakeholders’ commitment to breaking barriers or bottlenecks affecting quality services in the health system.

The engagement brought together a wide range of stakeholders including medical doctors, nurses, civil society organizations, regulatory bodies and partners who contributed their ideas towards improving the Quality of Care agenda.



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### Gender Mainstreaming and Diaspora Engagement Advisor Pays Working Visit to the Kabala Government Hospital



**S**pecial Advisor to the Minister of Health and Sanitation, on Gender Mainstreaming and Diaspora Engagement,

Mariam Sow, has on Thursday, 8th December 2022, paid a visit to volunteer doctors from International Surgical Health Initiative (ISHI) at the Kabala Government Hospital.

Over 40 hydrocele and hernia surgeries have been performed by the volunteer specialist doctors with no cost attached. Nadia Sohan (RN) Says the most common case is hernia, as most of the patients are farmers and are more liable

to develop Hernia.