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Ministry of Health and Sanitation, in collaboration with Partners in Health (PIH) and Doctors with Africa CUAMM have recently launched PEN-plus Non-Communicable Diseases Project at the Ministry's conference room.

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Residential Advisor on Mental Health within the Ministry, Dr. Carol Labor, and other participants from Sierra Leone have participated and soared in the World Bank Health System Flag Course: "Building Health System for the Future".

The Program is designed for policy dialogue and capacity building and aims to facilitate a strategic and systematic approach to planning health system reforms that will move countries to Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Dr. Labor, on behalf of the team, made a presentation on the topic "Mental Health in Youths" which won second place amid 68 other countries. The presentation identified performance challenges, causes and contributing factors as well as inclusive multisector approach towards strengthening mental health in Sierra Leone.



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### Deputy Health Minister Attends Cancer Summit in Ghana



Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Princess Dugba, has attended the Annual Cancer Summit in Accra, Ghana on Thursday, 28th October 2022.

In her statement, the Deputy Minister conveyed to the delegation efforts the Ministry of Health and Sanitation is making in addressing the cancer situation in the country. She added that the Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Roche and developed a cancer management framework in the country.

According to the German Cancer Research Center, Cancer represents a major disease burden for our society. By 2040, the number of new cancer cases worldwide is expected to almost double to about 30 million per year. With the primary

prevention measures already known, 40% of all new cancer cases could be prevented today. By implementing both prevention and early detection, mortality could be reduced by up to 70%. However, the enormous potential of cancer prevention is not exploited to the necessary extent

Directorate of Environmental Health and Sanitation, in partnership with UNICEF, has on 25 & 29 October 2022 conducted a refresher training on Waste Management in Kenema and Bo Districts.

Globally, waste Management in health care facilities is of a major concern. According to WHO & UNICEF Global Progress Report on WASH in Health Care Facilities, one in three health care facilities do not segregate waste safely.

The Director of Environmental Health and Sanitation, Doris Bah spoke extensively on the need to protect the environment and prevent transmission of infectious diseases through standardized waste management practices within healthcare facilities.

### Environmental Health Directorate Enhances Knowledge on Waste Management.



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### MoHS Promotes Medication Safety



Ministry of Health and Sanitation, alongside key health partners, has carried out heightened workshops on patient safety with the key message “medication without harm”

Medication errors occur when weak medication systems and/or human factors such as fatigue, poor environmental conditions or staff shortages affect prescribing, transcribing, dispensing, administration and monitoring practices, which can

then result in severe harm, disability and even death.

The engagement was geared towards raising awareness on the high burden of medication-related harm due to medication errors and unsafe practices, and advocate urgent action to improve medication safety