

## Weekly Activity Bulletin

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Minister Demby Brings Doctors Back to Work, as Government Meets Doctors' Demands



Deputy Minister Delivers More Drugs and Medical supplies to the People of Port Loko District



Health on Wheels completes First Week of Free Health Service Delivery to Four Districts

## Minister of Health and Sanitation Succeeds in Getting Doctors Back to Work



withdrawal of the COVID-19 allowances. Furthermore, both parties have re-established a mutually stronger understanding relationship going forward. This agreement does not only benefit medical doctors, but all health workers across the country

The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, after several engagements with the Sierra Leone Medical and Dental Association (SLMDA), on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 made headway with doctors in the resumption of their duties. This consensus was sealed a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Ministry and executive of SLMDA.

In the MoU, specific terms (provision of 45 litres of fuel to all eligible healthcare workers at grade 9 and above and salary increase of medical practitioners intended to offset the

As a bolster to the free, quality and accessible healthcare through the supply of quality drugs and medical supplies, the people of Port Loko, Makeni and Magburuka, through the Ministry of Health & Sanitation, led by the Deputy Minister and team on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022, received five truck-loads of medical equipment and assorted drugs worth over \$3 Million.

## Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation Delivers Medical Equipment to Port Loko



Equitable distribution of medical supplies across all regions is an important indicator of working towards achieving Universal Health Coverage. The Ministry of Health and Sanitation is keenly aware of the need to cement supply chain gaps in health facilities across the country in order to foster accelerated healthcare delivery to its people.

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### Mobile Health Clinic Busses Complete Seven-Day Free Medical Service Delivery to Four Districts



**T**he Health on Wheels Initiative is bent on bringing standard medical services to the doorsteps of people who mostly cannot access or afford healthcare services at the regular health facilities.

Thus, the Ministry of Health & Sanitation, from 1-7 August 2022, facilitated the provision of free healthcare for thousands of Sierra Leoneans through the Mobile Health Clinic Busses in Bo, Port Loko, Western Rural and Urban Districts. These services ranged from maternal & child health services, general internal medicine, eye & ear care services, laboratory testing to vaccination, health education & disease prevention.

Due to the fact that the uptake of vaccines had waned, there was a need for them to be taken to the people. The Mobile Medical Clinics complemented the Vaccination Surge 9 in these districts and served as a station where people could fully protect themselves from COVID-19 and at the same time foster their wellbeing

**T**he World Breastfeeding Celebration (1-7 August 2022), mainly projected the need to strengthen the capacity of players along the “Warm Chain” to protect, promote and support breastfeeding at all society levels through education, nourishment and active participation.

In that regard, the Food & Nutrition Directorate, together with other members of the Warm Chain have engaged pregnant women and lactating mothers on relevance of exclusive breastfeeding at Kingharman Road Hospital. In addition, a grass-root breastfeeding launch in Wara Bafodia Chiefdom, Siaray Chiefdom (Bombali District), and Kailahun District where significant number of lactating mothers and pregnant women were thoroughly informed about the essence of exclusive breastfeeding and also provided with assorted essential supplies to aid them during the breastfeeding process.

### Food & Nutrition Directorate Embarks on Various Community Activities in Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week



Radio and television engagements, counselling at multiple health facilities, press conference and other outreach mechanisms all formed part of efforts towards escalating the need for adequate knowledge on breastfeeding



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### National Malaria Control Programme Holds Malaria Review Meeting



The National Malaria Control Programme concluded a three-day National Malaria Review Meeting at the Gallines Hotel in Bo on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The key objective of the engagement included review of programme performance indicators that measured the effectiveness of interventions in January-December 2021.

Review implementation of programme activities at district and national levels within the period January - June 2022 and also share experiences, lessons learnt and gaps identified during programme

implementation and share with stakeholders and development partners the 2021 Malaria Indicator Survey

In a bid to promote access to safe drinking water and sanitation services, GOAL commissioned 130 water points to community stakeholders at Blama, the Chiefdom headquarters of Small Bo Chiefdom, Kenema District.

At the ceremony, the Director of Environmental Health and Sanitation, Doris Bah, emphasized the intrinsic link between water and sanitation and the health consequences associated with drinking contaminated water, thereby imploring stakeholders to safely handle these WASH facilities.

Several personalities including the Minister and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources, Member of Parliament-Water Committee, Paramount Chiefs, Director - NGO Desk, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, attended the commissioning

### Environmental Health and Sanitation Oversees Commissioning of 130 Water Points in Blama Town

