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Minister Austin Demby has, on behalf of the Health Ministry, welcomed the top management team from Mercy Ships International on Wednesday, 5th October 2022.

The purpose of the visit is to kick-start preparatory actions ahead of the upcoming arrival of the largest medical ship to Sierra Leone. The ship will provide free medical services to the people of Sierra Leone for 10 months. The ship contains six operating rooms with trained medical personnel who will be conducting surgical and other medical services.

During the meeting, Minister Demby and other Directors within the Ministry put forward that attention should be directed towards medical training of local health practitioners, the extension of services to cater for women and children, and some Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Health Ministry, through the Extended Programme on Immunization, has on Monday, 3rd October 2022 officially introduced the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine across the country.

In collaboration with the education sector, the vaccination exercise is targeting 153,991 girls (age 10) in and out of schools. The goal is to eradicate cervical cancer by ensuring that by age 15, 90% of girls are fully vaccinated, 70% of women aged 25 and above are screened with a high-performance test and 90% of women identified with the cervical disease receive pre-cancer treatment and manage invasive cases. A team of 1,500 vaccinators and 8,485 teachers will oversee implementation in schools right across the country for seven days.

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Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through the Extended Programme on Immunization, organized a national country platform meeting on Thursday, 6th October 2022 at Sierra Palms, Freetown.

The central theme of the engagement is to garner countrywide actionable contributions and plans towards reducing maternal mortality from 717 per 100,000 to 300 in less than three years. Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, has declared maternal mortality a public health emergency and therefore, urgent and strategic mechanisms are being adopted to prepare, respond and investigate cases of maternal deaths.

Part of the outcome of the meeting will see the establishment of an emergency command center that focuses on monitoring pregnancies across the country and making timely interventions in red zone areas. Relatedly, a pregnancy registration Mobile Application will soon be launched to remotely aid in the monitoring and response process. Partners are also committed to fully supporting the Ministry of Health and Sanitation with relevant drugs, training of medical staff (especially nurses), infrastructure, etc.

The Director of Environmental Health and Sanitation, Mrs. Doris Bah, has carried out an orientation session for newly recruited Public Health Superintendents and Public Health Inspectors on Friday, 7th October 2022 at Cline Town.

Directorate of Environmental Health & Sanitation Orientates Recruits

The 30 recruits were taken through the operational structure of the Ministry including its fundamental mandate of reducing maternal mortality and how they can contribute towards achieving that goal.



The Ministry of Health and Sanitation continues to invest in human resource capacity-building by bringing on board new players and enhancing their capabilities in providing professional and timely care for the population. Achieving Universal Health Coverage requires an adequately trained and qualified health workforce to deliver quality healthcare services for seven and a half million people.

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Health Ministry Alerted to Contaminated Baby Syrup.



years that every syrup registered goes through Diethylene Glycol (DEG) testing before distribution.

Ministry of Health and Sanitation on Wednesday, 5th October 2022 received an alert from WHO on sub-standard (contaminated) paediatric medicines identified in the region of Africa. These medicines include Promethazine Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Syrup, and Magrip N Cold Syrup.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone, has been conducting inspections at private and public pharmaceutical outlets but none of these products have either been registered or found. Furthermore, it has been a policy for over ten

Koinadugu District Health Management Team has on Friday, 7th October 2022 received motorbikes and laptops from Medicos Del Mundo.

Field Coordinator for Medicos Del Mundo Spain Sierra Leone Mission, Hussein Amin, explained during the handing over that the donation is intended for the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit to help in simplifying movement of M & E Officers and safe documentation of records.

During the occasion, the District Medical Officer, Dr. Steven Fonnio, expressed his gratitude to Medicos Del Mundo Spain for their timely intervention and overall efforts in supporting health activities in the Koinadugu District.

Medicos Del Mundo Donates Motorbikes & Laptops to Koinadugu DHMT

