

## Weekly Activity Bulletin

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Minister of Health and Sanitation Appreciates Ola During and PCMH Hospitals



Deputy Minister receives 300,000 Chinese COVID19 vaccines



DCMO-Clinicals inspects Kinghaman Road Hospital

#### Minister of Health and Sanitation Pays Appreciation Visit to Ola During and PCMH



capacity building, better conditions of service, and improved infrastructure.

Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022, made a family-work visit to the Ola During Children's Hospital and Princess Christian Maternity Hospital.

Guided by transformative leadership, in less than a year, these facilities have provided over 7000 free healthcare services for women and children and reduced maternal deaths by 60%. These are significant milestones that have been achieved by these two facilities. The Minister warm-heartedly thanked all the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, volunteers, security, etc. who work tirelessly to ensure our women and children are safe. He also assured the hospitals of his administration's unflinching support towards

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the People's Republic of China officially, through the Deputy Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, handed 300,000 COVID-19 vaccines over to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation at the Ministry's conference room.

China was the first country to ever donate COVID-19 vaccines to Sierra Leone. This reaffirms 50 years of friendly bilateral relationship between the two nations

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Princess Dugba, emphasized the relevance of strengthened partnership, especially in times of national need. These donated vaccines will hugely complement ongoing vaccination surge efforts across all districts through the Extended Program on Immunization. The ceremony was chaired by Mr. Prince E O Cole, the MoHS Permanent Secretary

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### Deputy CMO Conducts Facility Inspection at Kingharman Road Hospital



**T**he Deputy Chief Medical Officer Clinical, Dr. Mustapha Kabba, and Director of Hospitals Inspection, Ibrahim Foday-Musa, made an unannounced check at the Kingharman Road Hospital on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The team's drive is aligned with ensuring robust monitoring and problem-solving mechanisms to accelerate and maintain quality service delivery across all health facilities. During the engagement with the management of the hospital, the team succeeded in outlining feasible solutions for ad-

dressing waste management, storage upkeep, and administrative shortcomings, and emphasized the need for partnerships.

**I**n addressing medical wastes generated within the Western Area, the Directorate of Environmental Health and Sanitation on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022, stationed a mobile incinerator at Hastings.

The device will be used to get rid of infectious wastes produced by health facilities within that community. In a related incidence, an international consultant from Inter Aide has trained 44 Incinerator Operators on the safe handling, maintenance, monitoring, and sustainability of this mobile device.

Environmental health and sanitation form significant building blocks in solidifying public health and advancing policies and programmes to reduce chemical and other environmental exposures in air, water, soil, and food to protect people and provide communities with healthier environments.

### Environmental Health Directorate to Tackle Waste Management in Western Rural & Urban Areas





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### Health Ministry Condemns Vicious Acts Against Healthcare Workers



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Yesterday morning, an EMERGENCY vehicle was caught up in a riot near Freetown. A doctor who was on his way to go home after his shift was beaten up, while the driver was stabbed on the arm. Fortunately, neither of them is in a serious condition. The vehicle was set on fire by some of protesters. EMERGENCY cannot accept these actions towards its staff and vehicles. EMERGENCY began working in the country in 2001 to provide care for war victims and continues to provide free surgical care to the Sierra Leonean population. During the period of the Ebola epidemic, from 2014 to 2015, EMERGENCY intensified its efforts by opening two Ebola treatment centres and operating the only dedicated intensive care unit present in any of the countries affected by the epidemic to offer patients care comparable to that available in high-income countries. The work that has been done over the years is testament to EMERGENCY's commitment and dedication to the people of Sierra Leone, which has always come before any consideration of the sustainability of the project, and for this reason EMERGENCY cannot tolerate its staff being put at risk. Should other incidents occur that threaten the safety and security of its staff and facilities, EMERGENCY will be forced to take serious action that will affect the future of the hospital.

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**O**n Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, while returning home, a doctor from the Emergency Hospital was beaten up, his driver stabbed in the arm and the vehicle destroyed. Similar expressions of physical abuse against several healthcare workers were also brought to the attention of the Ministry on that day and even after.

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation strongly condemns violent acts that put the lives of its healthcare workers at grave risk. On the same day of the riot, the Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, visited Connaught Hospital to demonstrate solidarity with frontline health workers and ensure there remained undisrupted service delivery. Remote supervision was also initiated for other specific hospitals including Rokupa Government Hospital, Makeni Government Hospital, Masanga Government Hospital, Kamakwie and Lungi Government Hospitals.

**T**he Ministry of Health and Sanitation and partners has from 9-13, August 2022 conducted a Leadership and Management Training curriculum review in Bo for Mid-Level Managers and Health Partners in Sierra Leone.

### DPPI Reviews Leadership and Management Curriculum in Bo



The training curriculum review is precipitated by the Ministry, together with its health partners' need to adequately intervene in cementing weaknesses at National Level using the Health System Strengthening building blocks for the achievement of Universal Health Coverage in tandem with the World Health Organization (WHO) management strengthening framework.

Crucial components of the training spans from leadership and management, mentorship, integrated supportive supervision, integrated and functional health management systems etc. As a result, reasonable progress in the implementation of interventions are ongoing by respective implementing partners.