



## MoHS Weekly Activity Bulletin

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The MoHS Weekly Activity Bulletin summarises key activities, including meetings, of the preceding week carried out by the Offices of the Minister and Chief Medical Officer, Directorates, Programmes, and Agencies of the Ministry.

### Office of the Minister of Health and Sanitation



The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, has officially hosted and welcomed the new World Bank Technical Team Lead, Yohan Dukhan to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Yohan Dukhan is an international Health Economist with substantial experience in designing, evaluating and improving effectiveness and efficiency of health interventions in developing countries through applied research and analytical work.

The Minister, during the familiarization meeting, entreated the Team Lead to clearly outline specific targets and interventions that speak to enhancing service delivery in the country, guided by recommendations entrenched in the National Health Summit Aide Memoire.

### Office of the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Princess Dugba and the Director of Hospitals Inspection, Ibrahim Foday-Musa on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, made a spot check at the Princess Christian Maternity Hospital (PCMH).

The visit was in connection with the ongoing baseline assessment of healthcare facilities and in the process, identify gaps and recommend prompt responses. During the visit, they examined registers to ensure doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers are present, as well as to discuss unforeseen challenges.

The Deputy Minister's spontaneous assessment approach sends an encouraging signal to healthcare workers across the country to ensure round-the-clock service delivery is provided in government health facilities. It will also provide the space for candid and familial discussions between leadership and the health workforce in fostering collaboration and teamwork.





## Office of the Deputy Chief Medical Officers (Public Health & Clinical)



Roche, a 125-year old Swiss-based International pharmaceutical company and leading in Oncology that focuses on innovative drugs and diagnostics in over 140 countries, has presented a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Roche already has multiple MoUs, of similar nature, at the implementation phase with countries in Sub-Saharan Africa such as Ghana, Ivory Coast,

Togo, Equatorial Guinea, and Democratic Republic of Congo

The institution has developed a business model that will ensure patients in low- and middle-income level benefit from their innovative products and central to that plan is the willingness to establish an MoHS-led project to fight against cancer. This will further include detection programs, diagnosis and treatment, cancer registry, training and capacitation.

## Directorate of Food and Nutrition

As part of consistent and concerted efforts to reduce maternal, infant and young child morbidity and mortality, the Directorate of Food and Nutrition, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022, ended a three-day mid-year review meeting and leadership capacity building at Njala University, Mokonde Campus.

The fundamental objectives of the engagement were to provide updates on their work including key achievements, review the types and scope of nutrition interventions implemented at all levels, identify gaps and facilitate due recommendations, build capacity on leadership and governance, and finalise an 18-month annual work plan for the Directorate (July 2022- Dec 2023).





## Directorate of Health Security and Emergencies



The Directorate of Health Security and Emergencies (DHSE) formally launched the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Grand Challenges Grant Awards at the Radisson Blu Hotel on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

In May 2022, Sierra Leone was awarded a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Grand Challenges Grant to facilitate planning for the development of a robust and efficient integrated national disease surveillance system. The planning phase aims at developing a plan for improvement of the disease surveillance system

to make it more efficient to prevent, promptly detect and respond to emerging and re-emerging diseases of public health importance of local and international concern.