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The Director of Global Programmes at the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Professor Senait Fisseha and the Director and CEO of Equity Group Holdings, Dr. James Mwangi have paid a two-day visit (29 & 30 August 2022) to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

The visit was warranted by the Minister's engagement with international bodies who have keen interest in investing in the health sector. The team, upon arrival, visited the Office of the First Lady, Her Excellency, Dr. Fatima Bio who led the team on a tour to 34 Military Hospital.

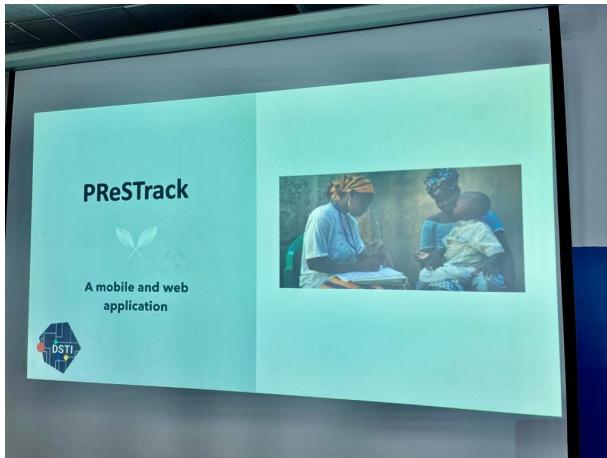
Also, a meeting with leadership of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation was initiated. On the following day, the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS) welcomed the delegation to their campus. The students had the space to constructively outline key challenges and opportunities. A snappy tour was later made to Princess Christian Maternity and Ola During Children's Hospitals before finally climaxing with a visit to His Excellency, Dr. Julius Maada Bio at State House.

Promising discussions were held with the team regarding scaling up post-graduate training, infrastructural development, investment and supporting Ministry's Life Stages Approach to help reduce maternal mortality.

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With request from the Ministry of Health & Sanitation, the Directorate of Science, Technology & Innovation (DSTI) has developed a PReSTrack mobile app and made its presentation to the Ministry on Friday, 2 September 2022.

The application which works both online and offline will create unique identification numbers for pregnant women who are seen by health workers across all health facilities. It will allow the Ministry to track and monitor pregnancies and then respond more strategically in ensuring safe deliveries. This is largely to use measurable and innovative approaches towards reducing maternal mortality. The Ministry is in constant engagement with DSTI to ensure the application is as user-friendly and accurate as possible, bearing in mind the vast digital divide that exists within the population. The goal is to have a remote database that seamlessly shows the Ministry the number of pregnancies registered within a year, successful deliveries, locations that are in dire need of intervention etc .

Ministry of Health and Sanitation, with support from the Global Fund, on 1-2 September 2022 held an actionable meeting on Health Data Review in Bo.

The review meeting assessed the quality of data in the District Health Information System version two (DHIS2) and compares the performance of key programme indicators in the first six months of 2021 to 2022.

Lack of data use at the health facility, district and national levels for policy and operational decision-making was underscored among the reasons for poor routine data quality. This was proven with a presentation showing the last login date into the DHIS2 by some DMOs to be over two years ago. The uncontrolled establishment of new health facilities was also among the factors that vitiates the DHIS2 data quality. The meeting was convened by the Directorate of Policy, Planning and Information

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SLeSHI Team Lead Represents MoHS at West Africa Regional Health Financing Hub in Ghana



Sierra Leone Social Health Insurance (SLeSHI) Team Lead and Principal Health Economist, Dr. Michael M. Amara on 29-31 August 2022 attended a three-day first technical meeting for the West Africa Regional Health Financing Hub (RHFH) in Accra, Ghana.

The meeting is one of the resolutions of the African Leadership Meeting held in February 2019 that grounded on the ALM - investing in health declaration – AU/Decl.4(XXXII): par. 6(v) (Feb 2019) “that requests the creation of regional platforms (Hubs) to support Member States to increase domestic health financing”.

The engagement drew insights from member states on existing health financing structures, programmes and capacity. It outlined the role of the RHFH to ensure that they are context-specific and meet the needs of the member states. At the end of the 3-day engagement, member states developed a roadmap and agreed on the roles of the RHFH for the attention of NEPAD and WAHO for further action. Countries in attendance were: Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal

The Sierra Leone Field Epidemiology Training Programme has **FETP produces 35 Graduates.** on Monday, 29 August 2022 produced 35 graduates.

The Sierra Leone Field Epidemiology Training Programme was established with the frontline level in 2016 and since then, a total of 224 public health professionals have graduated.



FETP-Intermediate level was established in September 2017 and since its inception, a total of 39 public health professionals have been trained and graduated. The trained professionals are practising applied epidemiology in different sectors of the one health framework including human diseases surveillance, animal diseases surveillance, environmental protection agency, public health laboratory, environmental health, and various diseases prevention and control programmes.

The frontline trainees graduated after they took three months of intensive training spanning from May to August 2022, while the Intermediate trainees took nine months from December 2021 to August 2022.



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MoHS, WHO & other Global Health Partners Steer Meeting on Improving Midwifery Education.



Over 80 maternal and child health experts from around the world on Thursday, 1 September 2022, concluded a meeting in Freetown aimed at improving midwifery education.

The body of experts included health authorities of Sierra Leone, Malawi, Bolivia, Pakistan and India, WHO and other global health partners. Their deliberations focused on finding workable strategies that will help strengthen the quality of midwifery education and training to improve standards that will help curb preventable death of

mothers and new born babies. Some of the major outcomes of this meeting will lead to improved midwifery coordination, regulation, capacities and functionality in Sierra Leone and the other participating countries.