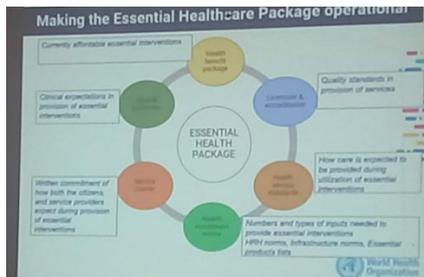


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### Hospitals on Wheels Administer Medical Services in Kono and Kailahun Districts



Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through the Hospitals on Wheels Project, has from 14-17 November, 2022 provided free quality medical care for people in Kono and Kailahun Districts.

Since its maiden operation in August, the Mobile Health Clinics have provided quality medical services (including Eye, ENT, Surgery and Orthopedics, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Psychiatry.) to over 11,000 people in eight districts across the country.

In four days, a total of 2,943 people living in and around the two districts were provided with standard medical care for free. The Ministry of Health and Sanitation will continue to bridge accessibility and affordability gaps in working towards universal health coverage.

Directorate of Policy, Planning and Information, within the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, has put together the Essential Health Services Package for Universal Health Coverage Using the Life Stages Approach.

### DPPI Develops Essential Health Services Package

The meeting enabled internal and external contributions towards the presentation of methodology, processes and feedback in the development of the new package. This upgrade is predicated by the expiration of the 2015-2020 version.

The Sierra Leone Basic Package of Essential Health Services was first developed in 2010 and was a momentous milestone in our country's efforts to improve the health status of our women and children. It was developed in close partnership with all stakeholders in the health sector.



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### Health Minister Speaks on WHO Afro Transformation Agenda



Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby has, in an interview with WHO on Thursday, 17th November 2022, shared success stories related to the implementation of transformation agenda towards health system strengthening.

Introduced in 2015, the Transformation Agenda was launched to ensure various impactful initiatives including project and program implementation to increase operational efficiency and enhance human resource capacity.

Among other things, the Minister expounded on tangible gains made in the health sector and restated the Ministry's vision to largely reduce maternal mortality by the end of 2025 and ascertaining

transformative health care delivery towards universal health coverage. The WHO-AFRO Agenda is a clear manifestation of tightened partnership in strengthening health systems, developing strategic technical guidelines and policies as well as the promoting healthy lifestyles for Sierra Leoneans.

Training for data collectors on Digital Health Landscaping Assessment has been put into action by the Directorate of Policy, Planning and Information from 16-18 November 2022.

### Policy Directorate Initiates Digital Health Landscaping Assessment

Supported by UNICEF, an international consultant has been brought on board to work closely with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to assess the digital health landscape and develop a National Digital Health Roadmap, and following through with its implementation.



Research and Publications Specialist, who also doubles as the Ag. Director of Donor Liaison, Edward Foday laid out the relevance of digitization within the health sector and its substantial impact on health outcomes. The Ministry of Health and Sanitation continues to invest in technology and innovation as crucial markers in transforming health care service delivery.

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### MoHS Distributes Assorted Drugs to Serabu Mission Hospital



**P**arliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday, 17th November ratified the Ministry of Health and Sanitation's "Public Health Bill, 2022"

Key components of the Act will see the establishment of a Public Health Agency that will consolidate prevention, preparedness, early warning systems, and rapid response to public health emergencies such as epidemics and pandemics. It will also capacitate the Min-

istry to declare health emergencies and to designate restriction zones for the management of outbreaks.

Furthermore, it will allow for the establishment of a specified trust fund that makes available financial resources for early and speedy response to public health emergencies.