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inistry of Health and Sanitation has partnered with the Global Financing Facility to enhance the impact of the Health Ministry's Governance and Leadership Agenda.

The Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) is a multi-stakeholder global partnership housed at the World Bank that is committed to ensuring that all women, children and adolescents can survive and thrive. The GFF is squarely focused on prioritizing and scaling up evidence-driven investments to improve reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health and nutri-

tion through targeted strengthening of primary health care systems.

The team arrived on the 16th January 2023 and spent about five days, working with Directors and Programme Managers using Country Leadership Programme to convene a space for them to exhaustively find collective and innovative responses to their current challenges.

inister of Health & Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, has on Tuesday, 17th January 2022 been paid a courtesy visit by UNAIDS' Berthilde Gahongayire, Director, Regional Support Team for West and Central Africa.

In the meeting, Dr. Demby put forward the current AIDS situation in the country, as well as the challenges and opportunities for ramping up testing and treatment.

Dr. Gahongayire commended the Minister for his contribution towards refining the health system in Sierra Leone and promised to render pertinent support towards helping the country accelerate improvements in tackling HIV/AIDS.

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he Communications Unit of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, with support from UNICEF, has started shooting a documentary on improved healthcare service delivery in Sierra Leone.

Under the leadership of Dr. Austin Demby, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has witnessed significant transformation especially in the areas of health infrastructure, hospitals on wheels project, public emergency response, human resource, medical training, innovation etc. through the Life Stages Approach, he has outlined a comprehensive approach and galvanized tangible efforts towards considerably reducing maternal mortality to from 717 out of 100,000 deaths to 300 in less than two years and has successfully rolled out the human papillomavirus vaccination in the elimination of cervical cancer.

The team has already sourced footages at health facilities in Makeni, Magburka, Kono, Kabala, Bo and Kenema and set to cover more grounds. The activity aims to increase public awareness on transformative healthcare service delivery and widen accessibility to these services. The final product is scheduled to be available and largely disseminated by the end of January 2023.

fficials within the Ministry of Health and Sanitation have on Saturday, 21st January, 2023 benefited from a "Screen and Treat for Cervical Cancer Prevention" master class by professor Groesbeck Parham.

Dr. Groesbeck Parham, MD is Co-Director of the Centre for Infectious Disease Research Zambia (CIDRZ) Cervical Cancer Prevention Program and the African Centre for Excellence for Women's Cancer Control, and Professor of Gynaecologic Oncology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The class was curated for training of trainers in relation to the expansion of cervical

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cancer management services. Fundamental objective centers around increasing "see and treat" services to all regional centres for treatment of early cervical cancer in Sierra Leone

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Environmental Health & Sanitation Directorate Conducts Healthcare Waste Management Supervision.



ith support from UNICEF, the Directorate of Environmental Health & Sanitation

(DHSE) has, at the start of the year, conducted a compliance monitoring and supportive supervision on health care waste management best practices.

The activity was carried out in 16 District Health Management Teams (DHMTs), District and Regional hospitals and 30 Peripheral Health Units (PHUs) nationwide.

The national monitoring team proffered solutions, on-the-spot action points and immediate or short term control mechanisms to these healthcare facilities as

well quick fix recommendations to improve health care waste management. This will guarantee the safety of healthcare workers, patients, community stakeholders and their environment.