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Minister of Health and Sanitation Entreats Media, CSOs & Key Stakeholders on Relevance of Vaccination



Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby, has in a keynote statement during an engagement with multiple stakeholders on COVID-19 vaccination, expanded on the need for objective information management and dissemination on the significance of vaccination.

The engagement on Wednesday, 17th August 2022, created an avenue for various pillars within the Ministry to project continual planning, prevention and response mechanisms in dealing with COVID-19 and future outbreaks. The Extended Programme on Immunization within the Ministry has succeeded, so far, in (through nine surges) partially vaccinating nearly 3 million people making up 51% of the eligible population. However, the Ministry hopes to vaccinate 70% of the population by December 2022.

As an outcome of the National Health Summit, the Ministry, through the Directorate of Policy, Planning & Information on Thursday, 18 August, 2022 presented a redefined service delivery roadmap to its partners.

The plan focuses on measurable health outcomes with strategic markers to intended to considerably reduce and measure maternal mortality, strengthen primary health care (while also paying keen attention to supporting hospitals). Minister Demby urged partners to focus on and concert efforts towards answering the question “how can my intervention contribute to reducing maternal mortality from 717 to 300 by 2024?”.

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Standalone Solar Systems to be Installed in 200 Health Facilities Across the Country



The Ministry of Health and Sanitation is in active engagement with the Ministry of Energy and UNOPS to speedily materialize installation of Standalone Solar Systems in 200 healthcare facilities in all districts.

A specialized team, including Deputy Chief Medical Officer Clinical, Special Adviser to the Minister and Health Economist, from the Ministry of Health and Sanitation met with the Deputy Minister of Energy and his technical team on Thursday, 18th August 2022 to devise an actionable implementation strategy ranging from finalization of beneficiary facilities, determining requisite power supply capacity, sustainability plans, and a signed Memorandum of Understanding between both parties.

Ensuring stable electricity, especially in facilities based in remote communities, saves more lives, especially women and children. It also increases access to healthcare, saves substantial amount of service delivery cost and accelerates routine healthcare service delivery in all these 200 facilities.

The Health Partner Coordination Office within the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has, on Wednesday, 17th August 2022 met with Ministry of Finance and other partners to review and validate Standard Operating Procedures for duty waivers.

Recently, applicants for waivers have been experiencing serious delays in obtaining the waivers. These delays are caused by a range of reasons including inadequate public information on the required documentation for the initiation of the process. These delays have caused several institutions and individual applicants to have their goods at the quay not cleared, thereby incurring demurrage and at times damage to the goods.

Therefore, the standard operating procedures clearly spell out step-by-step guidance on the procedures involved in the application process, remove the confusion, holdups and blocks that often lead to delays in the exercise, explains and re-enforces the guidelines for “donations” as set by MoHS and provide insight on the latest issue surrounding the “one percent” waiver at the Ministry of Trade. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Secretary, Mr Prince E O Cole.

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MoHS & ROCHE Develop Cancer Management Framework



The Directorate of Non-Communicable Diseases, in partnership with ROCHE, organized a two-day (17-18 August 2022) workshop at Radisson Blu, Freetown to initiate a framework on cancer management in Sierra Leone.

The predominant cases of cancer in Sierra Leone are breast, prostate, cervix uteri, liver and stomach. To decrease the number of mortality rates associated with cancer, the framework compounds establishment of a cancer registry for cancer diagnosis, treatment and workforce capacitation.

ROCHE is a pharmaceutical company with over 125 years of experience and leads in the oncology, diagnostic and innovative drug technology sector. The company operates in over 140 countries and have implemented similar programmes in Sub-Saharan African countries such as Ghana, Ivory Coast, Togo, Equatorial Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Congo etc.