

Health Situation Report (SitRep No. 44)

Week: 7th to 12th Nov. 2011

Reporting Date: 12th November 2011

Highlights and Situational Overview:

- The 7th national polio campaign supported by UNICEF and WHO in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare was conducted from October 28- November 2nd in all 15 counties where 968,830 children including 16,980 refugees were vaccinated.
- A nationwide measles campaign including emergency counties is has been scheduled to take place November 25th to December 1st and will target 577,030 children 6-59 months of age.
- UNHCR has donated drugs and medical supplies worth US\$ 50,000 to health facilities in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties.
- UNICEF in collaboration with partners distributed 600 baby kits in 3 refugee camps in Grand Gedeh County
- MSF Holland and MSF Belgium will hand over delivery of health services in Grand Gedeh County to IRC and Merlin, and in Nimba County to AHA by 30th November 2011 and 31st December 2011 respectively.
- A total of 4,620 outpatient consultations (56.2% refugees) were conducted in camps, outreaches and public facilities accessed by refugees.

I. Health Needs

- Nothing specific

II. Response and Coordination

A. Health Coordination

1. Coordination meetings are led by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in collaboration with partners.

B. Health Response

2. The 7th national polio campaign supported by UNICEF and WHO in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare was conducted from October 28- November 2nd in all 15 counties where 968,830 children including 16,980 refugees were vaccinated. The campaign targeted 631,301 children under 5 years and vaccinated a total of 968,830 children including 16,980 refugees. Coverage as assessed through independent monitors was found to be 94%.
3. A nationwide measles campaign including emergency counties is has been scheduled to take place November 25th to December 1st and will target 577,030 children 6-59 months of age. The campaign will be integrated with polio vaccine, Mebendazole and Vitamin A supplementation. Social mobilization activities in the form of posters, banners, fact sheets and radio announcements are being developed by UNICEF.
4. UNHCR has donated drugs and medical supplies worth US\$ 50,000 to health facilities in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties. Some of the drugs and medical supplies will be used to assist the referral hospitals.
5. MSF Holland will hand over delivery of health services in Duogee and PTP camps to IRC, and Solo camp to Merlin by 30th November 2011. In Nimba County, MSF Belgium will hand over delivery of health services in Bahn camp to AHA by 31st December 2011.
6. UNHCR is reviewing its Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS strategy with focus on UNHCR global strategy, UNHCR Branch Office objectives 2012, and government of Liberia refugee relocation strategy
7. As part of preparation for refugee repatriation health actions, UNHCR has discussed and disseminated guidelines and protocols to implementing partners and the County Health Teams.
8. A total 4,620 outpatient consultations (56.2% refugees) were conducted in camps, outreaches and public facilities accessed by refugees. It is noted that overall outpatient/day is decreasing, however, the number of consultations during outreaches remain high. Malaria is still the main cause of OPD visits.
9. As part of the Minimum Initial Services package (MISP) to improve reproductive health services, four delivery kits were distributed to benefit 250 women (refugees and nationals) in Grand Gedeh County.
10. 456 women of child bearing age accessed antenatal care services, 128 received family planning services and 3,685 condoms were distributed to clients to promote family planning services and prevent STIs and HIV/AIDS.
11. A total of 1,477 children < 5 yrs of age were vaccinated during routine immunization and outreaches immunization services in all Counties hosting refugees.
12. UNICEF, IRD, Tiyatien Health, NRC and Grand Gedeh CHT worked together last week to distribute nearly 600 baby kits (tub, quilt, diapers, soap, blanket, clothes, etc) in 3 refugee camps and 8 health facilities in Grand

Gedeh County (Dougee Camp-72, Ziah Camp-50, Solo Camp-56, Martha Tubman Hospital-70, Ziah Town Health Center-20, Toffoi Clinic-27, Gbarzon Health Center-30, Zai Town Clinic-15, Gboloken Clinic-23, Jarzon Clinic-20 and Tuozon Clinic-30). 180 kits were left on stock in the camps for future deliveries while kits delivered at the health facilities will be used as incentives for mothers giving birth in health facilities.

13. 22 patients (20% nationals) were referred for secondary care in all counties hosting refugees.

III. Challenges:

- Temporary shelter for delivery of health services in Little Wlebo camp requires expansion and improvement
- Disruption of outreach services in Maryland County due to breakdown of utility vehicles.