

Health Situation Report (SitRep No. 40)

Week: 24th to 29th Oct. 2011

Reporting Date: 29th October 2011

Highlights and Situational Overview:

- The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare with support from WHO and UNICEF will conduct nationwide polio campaign from 28th October to 1st November 2011.
- Merlin has delivered a 6-month consignment of drugs and medical supplies to assist refugees and host population in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties
- Mentor donated 10,000 Raid Diagnostic Test (RDT) kits to the Nimba County Health System
- A total of 6,599 outpatient consultations were conducted in Nimba, Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties with 52.2% being refugees. Out of this total, 1887 (28.6%) refugee consultations were reported from all the camps.

I. Health Needs

- Expansion of health delivery space in Little Wlebo refugee camp.
- Bad roads affecting access to health services in the remote areas.
- Interruption of outreach services due to frequent breakdown of vehicles

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 Ministry of Health and Social Welfare with support from WHO and UNICEF will conduct nationwide polio campaign from 28th October to 1st November 2011. The vaccination campaign will benefit nationals and refugees.
3. Merlin has received a 6-month consignment of drugs and medical supplies to assist refugees and nationals in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties. The drugs will be used in the camps, community outreaches and in the existing health facilities.
4. Mentor donated 10,000 Raid Diagnostic Test (RDT) kits to Nimba County Health Team to improve malaria case management.
5. A total of 6,599 outpatient consultations were conducted in the camps, outreaches and existing health facilities with 52.2% being refugees. Out of this total, 1887 (28.6%) refugee consultations were reported from all the camps.
6. 854 children were immunized during outreaches and in the camps during the week.
7. 80 sessions of community psychosocial sensitization that benefited 3,164 people were conducted in Grand Gedeh county
8. 15 delivery kits distributed to refugees and nationals in Grand Gedeh County. As a result of the kits, 25 clean deliveries were conducted
9. 66 unsafe or spontaneous abortions were also managed in Grand Gedeh County
10. 1,229 condoms distributed to promote Family planning services and prevent HIV and STIs in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties
11. 58 patients referred for secondary care with (49%) being refugees
12. One refugee death was reported from Nimba County during the reporting period.

III. Challenges:

- Bad roads in some of the districts affecting provision of health services especially mobile clinics to remote communities during the rainy season.
- Shortage of adequate space for service provision in Little Wlebo camp.