

Health Situation Report (SitRep No. 43)

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Reporting Date: 5th November 2011

Highlights and Situational Overview:

- WHO in collaboration with UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to conduct Round VII nationwide polio campaign.
- 5749 outpatient consultations (61.3% refugees) were conducted and 1,084 children immunized during routine and outreach immunization services.

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. WHO in collaboration with UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to successfully conduct round VII nationwide polio immunization campaign targeting over 980,000 children less than five years of age. Refugee children are expected to benefit from the immunization campaign. Data from the campaign is being compiled.
3. 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.
4. A total of 1084 children < 5 yrs of age were vaccinated as protection to vaccine preventable diseases during routine immunization and outreaches immunization services in all Counties hosting refugees. Despite the regular immunization services, 6 suspected cases of measles reported from Grand Gedeh County.
5. 445 condoms distributed to refugees and nationals to promote family planning services and prevent STIs and HIV/AIDS
6. 3,261 refugees and nationals in Grand Gedeh County benefited from community psychosocial sensitization/ awareness campaign. The campaign aims at raising awareness and reducing/preventing stigma among people with mental health related ailments.
7. 32 patients (47% nationals) were referred for secondary care in all counties hosting refugees.
8. One death (national) was reported from Teahplay community in Nimba County

III. Challenges:

- Bad roads in some of the districts affecting access to health services in some of the remote communities.