

MEDICAL IMPACT SIERRA LEONE



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MISL MAY ACTIVITY REPORT, 2025

The mpox outbreak of 2024 is a milestone in public health coordination between MOHS, CDC and the WHO. It is worthwhile having MISL and other partners conducting a coordinated joint response plan.

Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) and regional District Health Management Teams (DHMTs) partnership is stalled by weak engagement and lack of commitment among stakeholders (NGOs, CBOs, CSOs and other actors). Also, health actors' involvement in national healthcare decision-making is fragmented, leading to disintegrated health priorities.

Therefore, May activities looks at improving collaboration with partners for supportable healthcare service delivery; strengthening personnel and financial capacity.

Objectives:

1. Improve partnership with health actors for sustainable healthcare service delivery.
2. Increase MISL awareness and participation in healthcare decision-making and service delivery.
3. Contribute to improve health security by supporting DHMTs strengthening disease surveillance and emergency response systems.

Activity

-MISL participated in Health Security and Emergency Preparedness discussions for Disease Prevention and Promotion of Healthy Behaviors.

- Establish collaborative links to facilitate regular coordination meetings, joint action planning with DHMT and partners for resource sharing.

This was done by:

- Engaging with Kono DHMT on 2025 health priority.

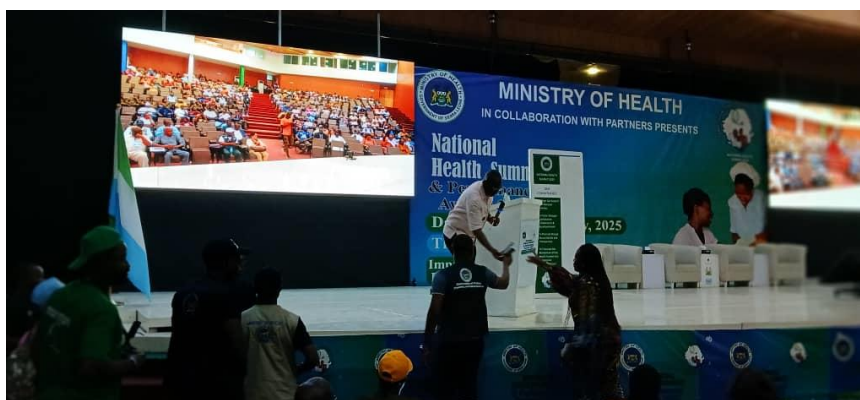


MISL Executive Manager Alieu Badara Sesay presents health priorities to Kono-DMO Dr. Mahamed Sheku





- Participating in meetings that geared towards coordinating Schedule for mpox and National Health Summit 15th -17th May, 2025.



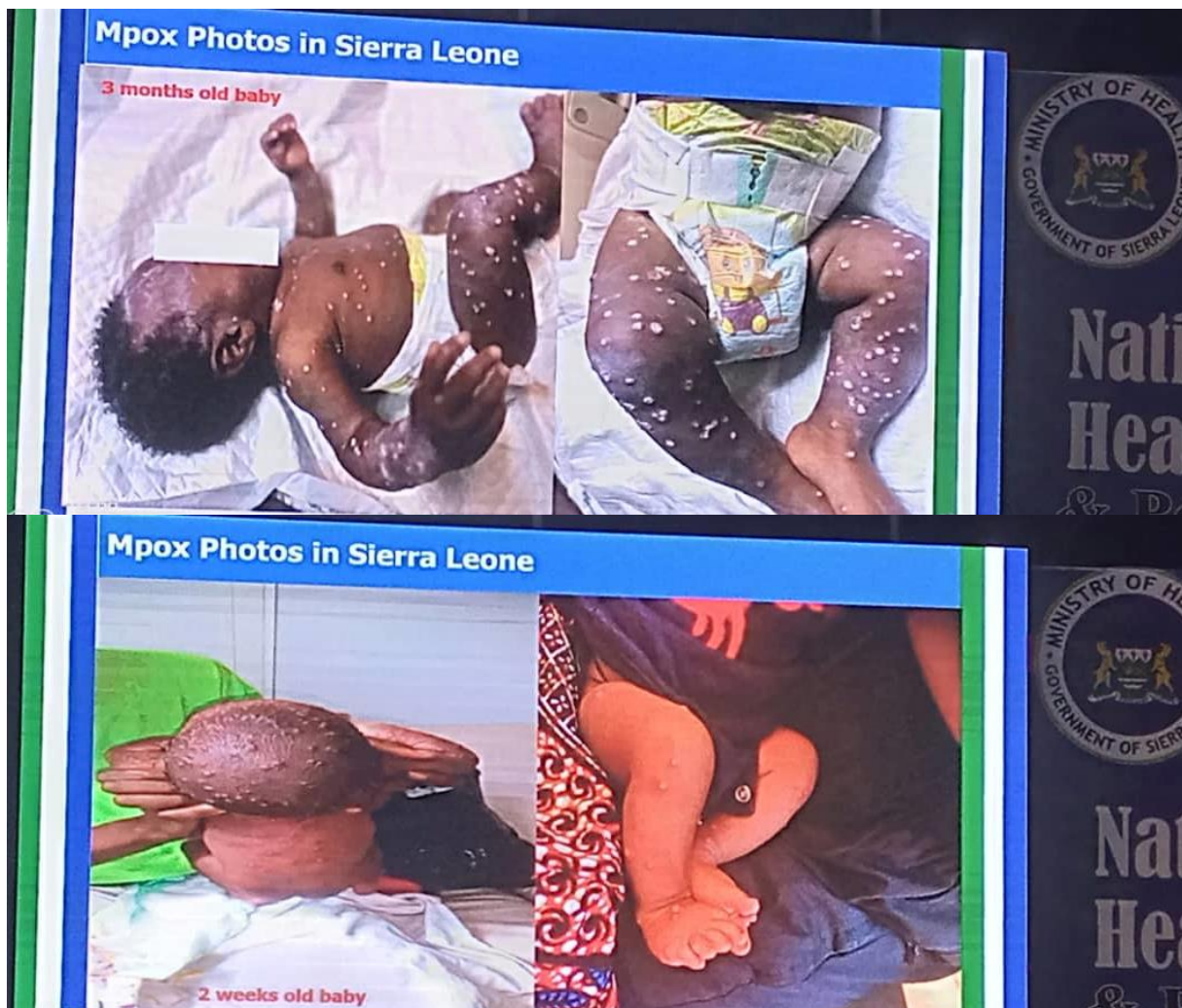


Alieu Badara Sesay- MISL Executive Manager, Mariatu FullahH Bangura Social Communication Officer and Martin Ibrahim Bangura – Project Manager II during the National Health Summit 2025



MISL Executive Manager and Head of National Malaria Control Programme during National Health Summit

- Intensifying resource mobilization activities
- Identifying and initiating new partnership links during the course of the Health Summit and attended meetings with established partners.
- Compiled and submitted World Malaria Day report to NMCP
- Participated in Health Summit Coordination Schedule meetings



Activity Justification

The May activities are pivotal because:

- They figure and reinforce public schools possession of raising awareness on malaria prevalence, cure, control and opportunities that are readily available hence close malaria misconceptions.
- The activities improve MISL joint-decision making capacity by participation in planning and involvement in mapping strategies to halt mpox in Sierra Leone.
- They pave way in establishing and strengthening collaboration with DHMT, and Local Councils.
- Improve national office capacity.

Resource mobilization activities

Medical impact continues to make genuine effort in fostering partnership links by holding routine engagements with individuals and groups to attract funding.

Several meetings attended together with partners that geared towards mobilizing resources to support DHMTs in the fight against mpox, and holding the National Health Summit.

-Medical Impact was represented in the Partners call for mpox, and National Health Summit. Kono DHMT meeting progressed from reading the agenda, Previous action points reviewed followed by matters arising, key among include:

-Planning for National Health Summit 15th -17th May, MISL participated in the planning, and execution of the Health Summit.

MISL team represented by the Executive Manager, Project Manager II and the social communication officer attended the National Health Summit 2025.

By the end of the 3-day summit, over 10 contacts made with heads of MOHS Directorates, representatives of partners organizations, CSOs and chairmen of Local District Councils.

Engagement with DHMT Kono District

MISL Kono district coordinator attended several meetings as partner with Kono DHMT which engagements aim at briefing partners on the collaborative efforts of Kono DHMT with regards mapping strategies appropriate in halting mpox outbreak in Sierra Leone particularly Kono district.

In another engagement on the 13th May, 2025 with Kono DHMT on the district health priorities MISL team of five paid visit.

Dr. Sheku the DMO and team responded to our presentation regarding our primary health interventions in Kono district referencing MISL 2025 project proposal which document was curiously requested but shared vial official email. This followed intensive deliberations on the project proposal concept, emphasizing on what opportunities laid for the district in terms of funding adequacies in specific health interventions.

At this juncture, the Service Level Agreement (SLA) was presented on request. This document gives MISL the mandate to operate in Kono district for the year round 2025.



MISL Kono District Coordinator Mabinty Kamara making a statement during the Mpox intervention planning.



Health priorities discussed; planning and scheduling update was shared regarding the coordination of mpox strategic framework.

At Bintumani Hotel, Aberdeen, Western Area MISL Executive manager, project manager II and Communication Officer attended the 2025 National Health Summit. Marking the 3rd day end of the summit, Mr. Alieu Badara Sesay appended signature with the Sierra Leone Government and MOHS among other partners indicating commitment:

- To align our support with National Priorities
- To foster stronger coordination, collaboration and accomplishment
- To promote mutual accountability and transparency
- To translate the momentum of the health summit to accelerated collective action.

MISL has commenced developing mpox project proposals, and engagement in mpox awareness campaign strides at district level.

-Medical Impact is making effort in acquisition of skills and knowledge, boost the experience of MISL project managers particularly in proposal mapping, designing and resource mobilization. Also, repairs and maintenance of office appliances and gadgets is in progress

The resources used include:

Funding: See budget attached

Materials:

-Vehicle, motto bikes, communication, and office running expenses.

Personnel involved:

MISL Team (9) including executive officers, district coordinators for national office, and two DHMT disease surveillance focal persons field activities not excluding coordinating the engagements

Achievement:

- Attended MOHS National Health Summit, 15th – 17th May, 2025
- Attended 2 potential individual donor engagements during resource mobilization.
- Revived monthly review meetings
- Completed assessment and evaluation forms of two interns' feedback and submit to interns' institution
- Secured the service Level Agreement (SLA) form for renewal.

-Attend partnership meetings (Review and adoption of plans for the National Health Summit and discussions on health priorities in Kono.

- Revived monthly review meetings with the staff of MISL.

It was resolved that MISL Initiate and implement physical activity at chiefdom level games and sport competitions in June.

Outcome:

-Increased MISL participation in both national and district joint-partners planning and execution.

- Improved links with local and international organizations for partnership drive.

- Boost cooperation with Kono DHMT and partners

-Progressive experience in project proposal writing, planning, scheduling and execution of project activities.

Key Challenges include:

-Tight budget constraints especially when periodically based monthly to cover office running cost, activity funding.

-Inadequate staffing strains the expansion of MISL activities and programs leading to missed meetings.

-Government focus on redirecting health interventions to mpox fight requires careful activity review thus affect funding and staffing.

Recommendations:

-Quarterly budgeting is a key financial safety net arrangement being crucial to support MISL project activities and achieve its objectives.

-Recruit district staff coordinators and volunteers on internship.

-Training and mentorship on project proposal writing.

People directly impacted

(DHMT, MISL and partners)

Sustainability Plan

-Expanding partnership and intensifying resource mobilization efforts will improve funding opportunities.

- Facilitating strategic meetings with donors (entrepreneurs, groups and partners) at MISL national office as per partner's convenience will reinforce confidence and improve material and financial support.

-Tapping diverse funding opportunities will boost MISL financial status.

Conclusions and Lessons Learned

May activities focus on expanding partnership and group effort to increase resources needed which has yielded tremendous achievements and brings hope to our team. Much of the activities involved strategic engagements with partners, MOHS heads of directorates, heads of programs, DHMTs and entrepreneurs. Monthly review meetings revived to improve on tracking progress and strengthen weaknesses. Lessons learnt deemed necessary considerations in subsequent activities such as: constraints in expanding MISL activities with limited human and financial resources particularly in outbreak interventions among well-established organizations. Long standing challenges typical of mobility and power supply strains administration and slow down activities. However, MISL had gone a long way for recognition and trust.