

MEDICAL **IMPACT** SIERRA LEONE



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Representation at the Health Sector coordinating Committee Meeting conducted by the Ministry Of Health Directorate of Donor on the 23rd January 2025, Youyi Buildin, the Executive Manager and project manager II attended among 200 partners in the health sector. The meeting last over 3hrs, composed/dominated with statements from the minister of Health and Sanitation.

What is spectacular is the speech of the Hon. Minister Dr. Austin Demby. He mentioned the guiding principles of partnership with the health sector, laying emphasis on partners putting in place a clear health annual intervention plan:

- *Alignment of partners' intervention plan with the health priorities of MOHS

- *Partners accountability to donors and the government of Sierra Leone is pivotal to confident both the beneficiaries and the patrons, in which case the government assures renewal of mandate to operate.



In an engagement with the matron Brima of Kissy psychiatric Hospital mid-January 2025, key challenges were disclosed and verified on spot visit not excluding: limited healthcare infrastructure, typical of the psychiatrist Hospital lacking the necessary equipment and medicines which strains the healthcare delivery. The engagement with the matron saw the need to hold meeting with the hospital management.





Strengthening the capacity of the Kissy Psychiatric Health facility to improve healthcare management and accountability; promote physical activity, and substance abuse prevention MISL held a stakeholder engagement meeting with the facility's staff. On Wednesday the 29th January 2024 MISL held meeting with Kissy psychiatric Hospital management. Calling the meeting to order, attendees were introduced by Matron Brima (Host) and project manager II (MISL).

The country Manager, Alieu Badara Sesay had this to say. Sierra Leone faces significant challenges in mental health issues, stemming from a history of conflict trauma, and limited resources.

In a bid to address HIV/AIDS lunatic patients, substance abuse and environmental health risks MISL bids to donate reasonable quantity of Psychiatrist drugs to Kissy Mental hospital, Sierra Leone.

Mr. Martin I Bangura, Project manager II statement referred to the establishment of a national mental health taskforce, launch on the 6th of May, 2023, MISL as well acknowledge the governments strive in dealing with mental health particularly the repeal and placement of the outdated 1902.Lunacy Act with modern legislation that prioritizes people's health practices, supposing global standards.

Mental disorders affect 1 in 10 people at any given time, in any given place and their lifetime, 9 out of 10 people living with mental disorders do not receive basic treatment and the scale of the problem goes beyond just mental disorders, impacting family members in care giving roles. Therefore MISL is taking steps in the following areas:

- Enhance funding and resource allocation to support Kissy Psychiatrist hospital in Freetown Municipality with drugs.
- Stigma reduction and public Awareness of a community-based interventions.

The medical superintendent attested to many observations done by MISL and she had this to say:

Indeed, the mental health challenges that Sierra Leone faces requires urgency for robust mental health services that matches with the major gaps.

We are aware that the major gaps holding progress for mental health aligns very well with policy and regulatory deficits he emphasized.

Next, the team tours the facility and had discussions with the head of HIV/AIDS Unit and the Pharmaceutical staff.



Attending the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) partnership meeting held on Friday the 31st January, 2025 the country manager and two project officials represented MISL. Meeting courtesies were observed upon commencing.



The meeting was rescheduled to a later date in February 12th in consent with attendees haven observed time constraint couple with poor attendance. However, MISL team had a spade work plan discussions with the partnership focal Unit for the world Malaria week, April 19th-25th 2025. Plan proposals drafted capturing:

- i. Conducts a TV panel discussions
- ii. Regional and national inter-secondary schools competition on malaria as key intervention activities to collaborate with National Malaria Control Program.
- iii. Medical Brigade in operational districts. (Portloko, Kambia, Moyamba, Kono and Western Area Urban.)



NO	ACTIVITY	DIRECT BENEFICIARY	INDIRECT BENEFICIARY	TOTAL
1	Representation at the Health Sector coordinating Committee Meeting conducted by the Ministry Of Health Directorate of Donor	200	500	700
2	Engagement with the matron Brima and Drugs Donated to Kissy psychiatric Hospital (Inpatients = 130 Absent = 5	15	530	545
3	Roll Back Malaria (RBM) partnership meeting	22	66	88
		237	1,096	

Direct Beneficiary = 237

Indirect Beneficiary = 1,096