



Ministry of Health Validates 2013 Central and Districts Annual Operational Plans



Dr Daoh, Chief Medical Officer making a statement



Dr Alemu urging partners to support implementation of the set targets



Cross section of the participants



The draft plan being presented to partners

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) validated its central and districts level 2013 annual operational plans in Freetown from 8-9 November 2012. The plans were validated in a 2 day workshop held for the health sector partners including the MoHS national level officials, District Health Management Teams, the local councils authorities and development partners including the UN, donor and Non-Governmental Organizations to contribute in the finalization of the plans that will guide operations of the sector.

Dr Sheku Kisito Daoh, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation commended the Ministry and partners for their commitment in supporting development of the set targets. He praised the quality of the 2013 targets and the process that led to their development. He said the validation of the plans was critical to actualize effective service delivery at central and district levels. Meanwhile Dr Alemu WHO Representation in addressing the participants at the function acknowledged the Ministry for the work done noting that the plans would guide partners support to the government in improving the sector. He said implementation of the plans is a "miles stone that must be supported". He urged the partners that the document should be reflective of all aspects to enable the sector to be better prepared in 2013.

The 2013 planning process has been a bottom-up approach. The process started at District level and continues at national level. The process was informed by targets of the National Health Sector Strategic Plan, the Joint Programme of Work and Funding, the Millennium Development Goals and the resource envelope from the government and donors. The next step is to consolidate the Local Health Plans and central level health plans to develop the health Sector Annual Operational Plan.

The meeting was facilitated by the Directorate of Planning and a planning taskforce. The process was conducted with technical and financial support of the World Health Organization.



Participants discussing the document in groups

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