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## **More bonuses for healthcare workers as 1 year agreement signed**

The Ministry Of Health, through its Performance Base Financing Unit with support from the World Bank has signed a one-year agreement to enhance service delivery in three health facilities.

Under the agreement, the Performance Based Financing Unit will conduct a periodic evaluation of the performance of staff working in those three health facilities and award them some incentives for excellent performance. The one-year deal was consummated on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at a brief ceremony held at the ministry.

The PBF bonuses to health workers are being made possible by support from the World Bank as part of support to help improve health outcomes.

The signing ceremony brought together stakeholders in the Health sector and representatives of the World Bank.

Health Facilities to benefit from the agreement include, Redemption Hospital in the Borough of New Kru Town,, C. B. Dunbar and Phebe Hospital in Gbarnga Bong County.

**As per the agreement, the C.B. Dunbar Hospital will receive US\$ 240,312.00(Two Hundred and forty thousand, three hundred and twelve United States dollars) f, while Phebe Hospital will benefit US\$ 225,951.00 (Two hundred and twenty –five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-One United States Dollars and Redemption Hospital US\$271, 420.00. They will receive the monies for one- year as performance incentives.**

**Speaking at the ceremony, Deputy Health Minister for Administration, Min. Edward Tolbert thanked the World Bank for its continuous support to the health sector and assured it of the ministry’s commitment to ensuring that the value for such money is achieved.**

**World Bank’s Project Implementation Head, Matthew T. K. Flomo remarked in these words, “ My Organization is glad to support such initiative but let me note that base on the performance, additional funding will be made as we are considering reaching out to the health need of our people” Mr. Flomo added**

**Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, Montserrado County Health Officer, Dr. Yatta Sackie Wapoe, lauded the PBF and the World Bank for such initiatives and promised that the funds would be used for the purpose intended.**

**MOH Raise More Awareness on Anta Natal Care (ANC)**

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**The Director of the Family Division at the Ministry of Health is calling on all pregnant women in Liberia to reach out to the various health facilities for regular ANC visits.**

**Dr. Joseph Kerkula made the passionate call on September 12, 2017 when he appeared as guest on the Ministry's Radio program Health Talk on ELBC radio.**

**The Family Health boss however disclosed that the Anta Natal Care visit is a visit plan before delivery and added that it is important that pregnant women make at least four visit before delivery so as to ascertain if the baby and the mother is in good care or condition . "As you may be aware, when a woman is pregnant, initially, she will not know until she's being thoroughly checked by a medical practitioner. So, if confirmed, please go regularly for your ANC visits at various health facilities around the country. The regular you do that, the better chance you and the unborn stand". Says Dr. Kerkula**

**Dr. Kerkula also disclosed that the Ministry Of Health holds maternal and new born deaths at a special place in her heart and is doing everything possible to reduce the risk of mother and child deaths. In addition, he further narrated that apart from sitting on the radio and talking, there's a monthly data collected and reviewed so as to know the number of pregnant women going for ANC visit regularly, those**

who goes once. In furtherance, he said the essence of this is to know the results in order to step up the awareness.

At the same time, the FHD boss wants pregnant women to stop doing home delivery and begin going to health facilities. "Going to the health facilities for delivery is best because doing delivery any abnormal situation can arise, and once you are in a health facility, there are so many professionals to stop those situations but at home, the chances are very slim". He ended

For her part, the coordinator of Maternal and New Born Death, Mrs. Veronica N. Siafa said, it is important for pregnant women to make use of the ANC visits because it helps to save both the baby and the mother. "As a maternal and new born death coordinator, I must tell you the Ministry is greatly trouble over the death rate of pregnant women and newborn baby. So we are kindly encouraging all our pregnant women to constantly visit the hospital.

Mrs. Siafa