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89 Health Extension Workers Graduates in Omusati Region

The Ministry of Health and Social Services trained 89 Health Extension Workers with support from USAID, UNICEF, EU and WHO. This group will be joining 1649 community health workers who are currently deployed in 14 regions.

This marks the 3rd graduation for the region and the students will be deployed in 2 districts to bring health closer to the people.

In his speech at the graduation ceremony, WHO Country Representative Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses said that *'the Health Extension Programme is a critical component of health service delivery in the country, ensuring a continuum of care from the household and community level to the health facility. This programme activates individuals, families and communities to play a greater role in the improvement of their own health status and to contribute significantly towards the attainment of the national health and health related goals'*.



Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses having a chat with Omusati Regional Governor, Honorable Erginus Endjala



Regional Health Director for Omusati Region Mr. Kadhila Amooma and Director of Primary Health Care at the 3rd Health Extension Workers Graduation Ceremony in Outapi



Ms Veronica Hiveluah delivering a speech on behalf of



Opuwo Health District will get a Maternity Waiting Home

The European Union supported Programme for Accelerating the Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality in Namibia (PARMaCM) had to be extended to February 2018 to accommodate the construction of a Maternity Waiting Home in Opuwo.

This region has the highest rates of teenage pregnancies and the lowest rates of delivery at health facilities.

During a visit to Opuwo to inspect the land allocated by the Town Council, the WHO Representative expressed his gratitude to the European Union for funding the construction of the home, and also thanked the Governor, and the Mayor of Opuwo Town Council for availing the land. *“The partnership between EU, WHO and the Ministry of Health and Social Services cannot be overemphasised in making this project a success, I would therefore like to express my deepest appreciation to the Minister and his team for their tireless effort in this process ”* Dr Sagoe-Moses said.

Through the EU's financial support, the PARMaCM project in the initial four years of implementation, has contributed significantly towards the improvement of maternal and child health services. These include the procurement and distribution of medical equipment worth N\$34 million to hospitals, health centres and clinics to upgrade maternal and child care



A mother at the the Opuwo Maternity Ward with her newborn baby



Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses visits the Opuwo Maternity Ward and encourages new mothers to breastfeed.

services; construction of Maternity Waiting Homes worth N\$8.5 million, donation of 9 ambulances and 6 utility vehicles worth N\$ 14.6 Million; and capacity building of health workers including doctors, nurses, health extension workers to improve the health of women and children.



Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses pays a courtesy call to the the Governor of Kunene Region Hon Angelika Muharukua



His Worship the Mayor of Opuwo Town Mr Alfred Tjuma in front, talking to his team and WHO Representative Dr Sagoe-Moses and Mr Shapumba, Regional Health Director



A health worker giving medication to one of the teenage mothers



Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses holding a newborn baby while the mother looks on



The land donated by the Opuwo Town Council for the construction of the Maternity Waiting Home



WHO trains 25 Health Workers on Mental Health

With support from WHO, the Ministry of Health and Social Services trained 25 health workers in the Karas Region on mental health. The training was based on WHO

Figure 1: Participants role playing Doctor patient scenario

Mental Health Gap Action Programme Intervention Guide for mental, neurological and substance use disorders in non-specialised settings.

The aim of the training was to facilitate the integration of mental health care services into primary health care ensuring that all who need this services can access quality and affordable services.

The workshop was delivered in two parts: a theoretical presentation with role plays and case studies followed by practical sessions with patients at the Keetmanshoop State Hospital.

Namibia Continues to Invest in Polio Eradication

Epidemiology Division within the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) supported by WHO, conducted Integrated active-case search in Oshana region from 21-25 August 2017. This activity is essential to maintain and sustain the requirements for polio eradication. Health facilities are required to report and investigate all Acute Flaccid Paralysis cases following WHO standards to rule out any possibility of Poliomyelitis.

The team visited six public health facilities and one private hospital in the region.

The support visit included Integrated Disease Surveillance, Active case search, monitoring immunization coverage and data quality review.

Clinician sensitization meetings were also held to ensure maximum participation of public and private health practitioners.

Similar exercises have been conducted in 7 of regions and the aim is to visit all regions by December 2017. The exercise will be repeated annually.



Health Worker taking a sample from a baby during routine follow-up at the Ondangwa Health Center



Health Worker weighing the baby at the Ondangwa Health Center



Participants at the Clinician Sensitization Training at the Oshakati State Hospital



The visiting team from National Level with health workers from Eheke clinic reviewing case files

