



World Health Organization Lesotho

PICTORIAL NEWSBRIEF ON THE WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA'S VISIT TO LESOTHO

Dr. Luis Gomes Sambo visits the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho

The World Health Organization Director for Africa, Dr. Luis Gomes Sambo said the WHO is willing and ready to work with United Nations Agencies and other health development partners to support the Government of Lesotho (GoL) in addressing the issue of Human Resource for Health (HRH) in the Mountain Kingdom.

Dr. Sambo was on a three-day visit (June 17-19) to the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. The Regional Director, accompanied by the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Mphu Ramatlapeng, was warmly received by the Right Hon Prime Minister (PM), Mr. Pakalitha Mosisili, in his office where they had discussions on the overall health situation, including challenges facing Lesotho. Both agreed that the HIV scourge, high Maternal Mortality Ratio and Human Resource for Health are the main Health challenges facing the country. Dr. Sambo told the PM that he was aware of the efforts being undertaken by government to improve the health of the people in general and to address the HIV scourge and high maternal mortality in particular. The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister promised that the government will continue to step up efforts to address these challenges.



Dr. Sambo chatting with a mother at the MCH unit, Mafeteng District Hospital

On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, Dr. Sambo visited the National University of Lesotho where he had fruitful deliberations with the Pro-vice Chancellor, and amongst other issues discussed the creation of a Medical School for the training of doctors in Lesotho.

Dr Sambo in company of the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Welfare visited Mafeteng District where he interacted with the district Administrator and the Mafeteng District Health Management Team.

The Regional Director had working sessions with the United Nations Country Team and other health development partners on issues, relating to their joint collaboration and cooperation with the government of Lesotho.

Addressing the Press conference, on the third day of his visits, Dr. Sambo, acknowledged and commended the efforts made by the government of Lesotho in the areas of child health interventions, such as high immunization coverage for polio and DPT: progress on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission and infrastructural development. He also praised government on the attainment of certification for polio eradication.

The Regional Director further reiterated the commitment of WHO to continue to advocate for improved resource allocation to health sector, joint UN and other health partners support to the country within the context of the Paris declaration on harmonization, alignment and ownership as well as strong partnership support for addressing the human resource for health crisis. He promised that WHO will strengthen the technical assistance to the country through integrated technical support and expertise available at the Inter-country support teams, the Regional Office and the Headquarters.

Pictorial Section



Upon arrival the Regional Director for Africa, Dr Luis Gomes Sambo was received by P.S Health Mr. Teleko Ramotsoari and WHO Representative Dr. Angela Benson.



Dr. Sambo is seen with The Hon. Minister of Health & Social Welfare Dr. Mphu Ramatlapeng and Dr. Benson during a courtesy call



The WHO Representative greets The Right Hon. The Prime Minister in the presence of the Regional Director, Dr Luis G. Sambo.



Dr. Sambo receives a warm welcome from The Right Hon. The Prime Minister Mr. Pakalitha Mosisili.



Dr Sambo and WHO Representative on a courtesy call to the Right Hon. Prime Minister



Dr. Sambo listens to a presentation made at the WCO Lesotho by the WHO Representative.



The Regional Director participates in a group photo session with UN heads of Agencies in front of the UN house



Dr. Sambo paid a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor in the National University of Lesotho



From left, Hon. Minister of Health and Social welfare takes Dr. Sambo on a tour around domiciliary ART centre in Maseru



Dr. Sambo is taken on a tour by the Hon. Minister of Health and Social Welfare Dr. Mphu Ramatlapeng in Domiciliary ART centre in Maseru



The Regional Director plants a tree as a landmark of his official visit to Lesotho



The Hon. Minister of Health and Social Welfare Dr. Mphu Ramatlapeng also plants a tree during The Regional Director's visit to Domiciliary ART Centre



From left, Hon. Minister of Health and Social welfare takes Dr. Sambo on a tour around domiciliary ART centre in Maseru



WHO Team and MOHSW senior officials are witnessing an important occasion of tree planting during The Regional Director's to Lesotho



Dr. Sambo Flanked by Hon. Minister (left) and WHO Representative, Dr. Angela Benson (right) while he addressed staff in Domiciliary ART centre in Maseru



Domiciliary ART center staff listen attentively to the Regional Director remarks on the importance of HIV prevention, care treatment and support



On arrival in Mafeteng District Hospital, Dr. Sambo in the middle and Hon. Minister (left) are welcomed by the matron (right)



Hon. Minister introduces HIV/AIDS orphans to the Regional Director in Karabong ART centre in Mafeteng



The Regional Director is Flanked by the Hon. Minister of Health & Social Welfare from left and the District Administrator seated next to Him, far right is the Medical Superintendent of Mafeteng



WHO AFRO team and WR engage in a discussion during the regional Director's field visit to Mafeteng Hospital



WHO Regional Director is seen interacting with children and Mothers in MCH clinic in Mafeteng.



Hon. Minister gives an over view of health services rendered by Scott hospital, on her left is the Hospital Administrator



Dr. Sambo together with the WHO AFRO Team and WHO Representative listen attentively to presentation made about Services rendered by Scott Hospital in Morija.



Director General Health Services Dr. Moteetee (right), with WHO Regional Director (far right) and WHO team receiving a briefing on Health System Delivery in Scott Hospital



The Regional Director is taken on a guided tour around the School of Nursing in Scott Hospital



The Regional Director is taken on a guided tour in Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Centre and School of Nursing in Scott Hospital



A tour on ART Centre in Scott Hospital in Morija



The Morija Traditional group performs a cultural dance as a token of appreciation for Dr. Sambo's visit to Lesotho



Dr Sambo and Hon. Minister of Health and Social Welfare participate in a joint interview by Lesotho Television in Morija about the purpose and scope of his visit to Lesotho





Dr. Sambo addresses the media during the press conference held at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare



The Regional Director speaking on an interview by Lesotho Television at Scott Hospital in Morija



UN HOUSE IN THE MOUNTAIN KINGDOM OF LESOTHO



A convoy comprising Hon. Minister of Health & Social Welfare during the departure of the Regional director