

## GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

## **Press Release**

## Resumption of Duty by Medical Doctors

Freetown, 5th August, 2022

For Immediate Release

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) and the Sierra Leone Medical and Dental Association (SLMDA) Executive reached consensus and signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the resumption of duty by all SLMDA members who withheld their medical services starting on August 1, 2022.

Both parties agreed to:

Recommence work after the official press release by both parties

Establish a more robust and mutually supportive relationship going forward

 The MoHS and SLMDA share the similar objectives of saving lives, alleviating suffering, and promoting the health of the people of Sierra Leone

## Specific terms of the MOU include:

 Effective July 1, 2022, provision of 45 liters of fuel to all eligible healthcare workers at Grade 9 and above through fuel cards issued directly by selected petroleum companies

 Salary increases to all staff in the Ministry of Health intended to offset the withdrawal of COVID-19 allowances will take effect on September 1, 2022.

The MoHS assures the public of its commitment to addressing the health needs of the population.

Signed,

Dr. Sartie Kennel

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