

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL HEALTH
AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR JULY 2009 TO MARCH
2010**

The Ministry Paper on the Annual Report of the South East Regional Health Authority for the financial year 2009/2010 is being tabled for information in the Parliament.

1. Introduction

1.1 The South East Regional Health Authority is managed by a Board of Management which is established in keeping with Section 4(1) of the National Health Services Act. Subject to any directions from the Minister, the functions of the Board shall be to plan, administer and control the services of the Authority so as to ensure that the best interests of the Region, in the delivery of public health services, are served.

1.2 The South East Regional Health Authority is comprised of four parishes – Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Catherine and St. Thomas – and provides health care services to approximately 47% of the population. Services were offered from Eighty nine (89) health centres, three (3) health departments, and ten (10) hospitals including seven (7) national referral institutions.

2. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

2.1 TECHNICAL REPORT

2.1.1 Surveillance & Epidemiology Report

During the period under review, three (3) cases of malaria were reported. The Region established the following strategies for malaria control: early case identification, daily syndrome surveillance, hospital surveillance, prompt/presumptive treatment, vector control and public education.

2.1.2 Maternal Health

Maternal death is classified as death of a woman between the age of 15-49 years old who died during pregnancy or had delivered 42 days prior to her death. There were sixteen (16) maternal deaths reported, which represents a doubling of the figure for the previous reporting period.

2.1.3 Infection Control

Methycillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) is one of the multi-drug resistant threats to the health sector; this is usually associated with lengthy hospital stay. During the period under review, there were 52 cases identified, an increase of 40% when compared with the previous year.

The Region confirmed the first imported case of Influenza A H1N1 on May 29, 2009. At the end of the reporting period, a total of 67 cases were confirmed.

2.1.4 Tuberculosis

During the period under review, a total of 50 cases of tuberculosis were confirmed in the Region; improved case investigations resulted in an increase of 83% over the previous reporting period.

2.1.5 Mental Health

Admission to the hospitals averaged 92 per month during the period under review. A total of 60 patients per month were discharged.

2.1.6 Immunization

The Region achieved Bacilli Calmette-Guerin (BCG) coverage of 95.5%, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) 86.8%, Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) 89.0%, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus/ Diphtheria Tetanus (DPT/DT), 89.3% for the period under review.

2.1.7 Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases

Visits to the Health centres totalled 128,950 which represented an increase of approximately 16% over the last corresponding period. Of this total, 32, 226 visits were attributed to patients with diabetic and/or hypertensive.

Curative services to Primary Health Care facilities were 435,358 visits, an increase of 5.9% over the previous year. Visits for Diabetes and\or Hypertension accounted for 30% of the curative visits.

2.1.8 Family Health

The Region achieved Bacilli Calmette-Guerin (BCG) coverage of 120%, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) 93.1%, Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) 95.7%, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus/ Diphtheria Tetanus (DPT/DT), 95.6% for the period under review.

During the period under review, a total of 39,224 antenatal visits were reported in the Region, an increase of 15.0% over the previous reporting period.

During the period under review, 173,105 curative visits were recorded, a decline of 7.2% when compared with the previous reporting period. Diabetes and Hypertension were the most frequent causes for such visits.

2.1.9 Environmental Health

During the period under review, 2,608 applications were received for food establishment certification. Of the applications, 90% were recommended for licensing. Food Handlers Clinics were conducted for 30,704 clients within the stipulated period.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

3.1 The emoluments paid to the Board of Directors and Senior Managers of the South East Regional Health Authority for the period under review, have been included in the Annual Report.

3.2 Total Income to the Region amounted to just over \$7.007B which included:

- i. Government Grants of just over \$6.934B;
- ii. Fees, \$52.6M;
- iii. Other Income, 11.78M; and
- iv. Finance Income at \$1.98M.

Total expenses including finance costs amounted to \$7.144B, resulting in a deficit of just over \$137M.

3.3 The Auditors, PWC, were unable to satisfactorily verify outstanding vacation leave based on required standards. Except for the possible effects of such adjustments, the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the Authority's position as at March 31, 2010.

The Auditors concluded that proper accounting records were kept and the accompanying financial statements are in agreement therewith and give the information in the manner so required by the National Health Services Act.



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