

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL HEALTH
AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR APRIL 2010 TO MARCH
2011**

The Ministry Paper on the Annual Report of the South East Regional Health Authority for the financial year 2010/2011 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 Hospital Visits

Visits to the Accident and Emergency Departments (Casualty) totalled 236,349 which represented a decline of 12% over the previous year. Of this figure, 76,875 patients or 33% were admitted. During the review period, a total of 237,651 patients were seen in Outpatient Speciality Clinics, a decrease of 3% when compared with the previous year.

2.1.2 Visits to Health Centres

Curative services offered at Primary Health Care facilities amounted to 413,700, a decrease of 5% when compared with the previous year. Diabetes and/or Hypertension accounted for 30.7% of all curative visits.

2.1.3 Immunization

The Region achieved Bacilli Calmette-Guerin (BCG) coverage of 96.4%, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) 85.0%, Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) 93.1%, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus/ Diphtheria Tetanus (DPT/DT), 93.5% for the period under review.

2.1.4 Oral Health

A total of 4,277 cases were seen in the specialist secondary care facilities – Kingston Public Hospital. During the period under review, a total of 93,148 visits were made to primary care facilities, an increase of 11% over the previous year.

2.1.5 HIV/STI/AIDS

A total of 62,384 persons were tested for HIV during review period. Of this figure, 2,020 persons or 3% tested positive.

During the review period, the Region conducted 14 Men's Health workshops and 7 focus group discussions.

2.1.6 Environmental Health

A total of 3,486 applications were received for food establishment certification; 3,431 applications were processed.

The region reported that 1,436 food handlers' clinics were held, an increase of 12% over last year.

2.1.7 Nutrition

A total of 42 nutrition clinics were held during the period review. The Region reported that over 774 children attended the clinics.

During the period under review, over 2,000 clients were seen and counselled at Adult Nutrition Clinics. Cabinet is asked to note that the staff complement of the Region has not been able to adequately meet the demands for nutrition services.

2.2 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

2.2.1 During the period under review, 273 officers were recruited including technical, medical and non-medical staff.

2.3 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

2.3.1 Some of the major achievements of the Region included: rehabilitation of sewerage treatment plant at the Spanish Town Hospital, installation of water softener system at the Kingston Public Hospital, electrical upgrading in the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department, installation of medical gases lines and repairs to Operating Theatre at the Bustamante Hospital for Children.

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 \$11.078B which included:

- i. Government Grants of just over \$10.966B;
- ii. Fees, \$109.6M;
- iii. Other Income, 1.27M; and
- iv. Finance Income at \$1.59M.

Total expenses including finance costs amounted to \$11.428B, resulting in a deficit of \$350M.

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, 2011.

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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