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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF DIRECTOR

Dear colleagues and readers,

Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas

Welcome to issue no.3 of the MOI Newsletter!

Over the last few years, the Ministry has been able to effectively centralized Government's communications through programmes such as Minister's Press Briefings, Nation Building Updates, and Mass Media Campaigns. These programmes have provided clarity on public misconceptions about some Government activities and operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted a lot of conventional activities and as a Ministry, we were not left out.

However, through the efforts of able leadership, we have facilitated stakeholder engagements in providing timely and accurate information with regards to the pandemic and socio-economic activities.

This year, the Ministry has continued to effectively update citizens on Government's policies and programmes through the bi-weekly Minister's Press Briefings and other programmes.

During the period under review, the Ministry organised 58 sessions of the Minister's Press briefings. The briefings focused on status of Government developmental projects, digitalization agenda of Government and regular updates on Ghana's COVID-19 status.

The Ministry also undertook a Corporate Social Responsibility project to support the National Blood Bank and a couple of stakeholder engagements and campaigns on Back to School, Wear a Mask, Covid-19 vaccine and Green Ghana Project.

The Ministry will continue to facilitate free flow of adequate, timely and reliable information and feedback between Government and the public for socio-economic empowerment and enhanced democratic citizenship.

I wish you all a prosperous and a better 2022.



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# STAFF OF MOI SENSITIZED ON FIRST AID



*Resource person making a presentation*



*Facilitators demonstrating basic first aid techniques*

The Management and Staff of the Ministry of Information (MOI) have been sensitized on basic knowledge in First Aid and workplace safety.

The two days training which was organized by the Human Resource Management Directorate (HRMD) of the Ministry of Information and facilitated by officers of the Ghana Ambulance Service sought to improve the safety of staff at the workplace and help manage health situations more rapidly and efficiently.

The training employed both theory and practical ways of administering First Aid interventions.



*A section of staff following proceedings*



*Director for F&A being supported to check her pulse*



# MOI HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR 2021/2022 NSS



Group photograph with consultant, staff and Personnel

The Human Resource Directorate of the Ministry of Information (MOI) has organised an orientation session for all newly recruited National Service Personnel at the Ministry's Press Centre.

The session focused on equipping the personnel with the necessary education needed to comfortably and effectively function in the organization. The National Service Personnel were educated on the roles and functions of the various units and directorates and how they fit into the overall vision of the Ministry.

As part of the orientation, a training workshop which was facilitated by A-League Consult was also held on the following topics; how to be an outstanding employee, professionalism, office politics and its management.

The Chief Director, Mrs. Mamle Andrews in her opening remark reiterated the need for open mindedness of all service personnel and the relevance of the Ministry of Information in formulating government policies.

She advised them to approach work with the willingness to learn new things from their supervisors.

The Ministry wishes all Service Personnel a great and fruitful learning year.



Chief Director, Mrs. Mamle Andrews addressing participants



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# STAFF OF MOI BENEFIT FROM A FREE BREAST CANCER SCREENING EXERCISE

The month of October is an annual campaign to raise awareness about Breast Cancer globally.

In view of this, the Gender and Disability Desk of the Ministry of Information with support from the Human Resource Directorate in collaboration with the Ussher Polyclinic Reproductive Unit and the Greater Accra Regional Hospital organised a Breast Cancer Awareness Talk and a free screening session for staff of the Ministry of Information.

The event was observed under the theme "Your Breast Your Pride"

The resource person for the event Mrs. Doris Adjei, who is also the head of Reproductive Health Unit at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital revealed that breast cancer was the second leading cause of death in the world.



*Mrs. Doris Adjei, the resource person making a presentation*



*a section of Staff of MOI at the event*

She added that breast cancer does not only affect women but can affect men as well. According to statistics, 1% of men in the world develop breast cancer.

The resource person mentioned that the causes of breast cancer is unknown. However, there are risk factors associated with breast cancer such as Obesity, Family History, Unhealthy Eating Habits among others.

She assured staff that breast cancer can be prevented through change of lifestyle such as exercising, eating healthy meals including fruits and vegetables.

Staff were educated on how to self-screen their breasts. A total of 31 staff made up of 25 females and 6 males were screened.



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The Minister for Information, Honourable Kojo Oppong Nkrumah has handed over two new 15-seater Toyota buses to facilitate the work of the Ministry and its press pool.

Presenting the vehicles at the forecourt of the Ministry, the Minister said the buses could not have come at a better time than now as it would help ease the daily hustle staff go through in getting to and from work.

"The Ministry for some time now has been working on procuring buses to meet the transportation needs of our staff. Thankfully, we have been able to secure some resources to procure these buses. So at a primary stage, we are of the view that the Ministry can start solving some of

the transportation needs of its staff with these new 15-seater buses and also assist our press pool in its work," he announced.

He expressed gratitude to the Directors of the Ministry for their speedy execution of tasks associated with the procurement of the buses.

He was optimistic the buses would ensure journalists are ferried safely and comfortably to and from national assignments.

Hon. Oppong Nkrumah urged the Transport Unit of the Ministry to inculcate serious maintenance regimes into their operations to enable staff derive value for money.

The Minister also mentioned that plans were underway to procure two additional buses to support the work of the Ministry and improve the welfare of staff and journalists.

The Chief Director, Mrs. Mamle Andrews on her part, said that the Ministry would continue with efforts to create a conducive environment for work.

Meanwhile, two additional motorbikes for dispatch were also handed over with the vehicles to the Transport Unit of the Ministry.



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# FEATURE STORIES

## THE MISINFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINES MUST STOP!

What should be done with all the bad content on our social media landscape concerning COVID-19? The approved and available vaccines, which are intended to contain the spread and severity of the impact of the disease are seen by some people as deadly.

Although the World Health Organization recognizes vaccine indecision as the world's top risk to public health safety, particularly in low middle-income countries, vaccine indecision can also be due to lack of knowledge, religious beliefs, or anti-vaccine misinformation.

The fight against the Covid-19 disease in Ghana has and continues to suffer indecision largely driven by

lack of knowledge, religious beliefs, and anti-vaccine misinformation.

The current situation regarding anti-vaccine beliefs in some parts of the country is aiming towards awful outcomes. It is very sad that some people are saying that their political affiliations will be changed when they take the jab. This excuse may seem hilarious indeed! but has certainly not changed or prevented the worrying amount of vaccines going bad and thrown away.

The pathetic news on how some health officials are reported to be taking money in exchange for the vaccination cards without vaccination is another worrying trend and a big challenge to the

fight against the disease.

It is time people stopped spreading misinformation on vaccination in the fight against COVID-19 because it is detrimental to the country and the world as a whole.

It is up to you and I to help spread the right information to stop the misinformation on the vaccines!

## FAKE KIDNAPPINGS! A GREAT CONCERN FOR ALL GHANAIS!

The recent acts of fake kidnappings must be a major concern to the police and all stakeholders in the country's fight against crime.

Kidnapping remains one of the most dangerous forms of lawlessness in some parts of the country. It has become the most pervasive and intractable violent crime in some countries and Ghana has had its fair share and continues to experience pockets of kidnappings.

Generally, the main target of kidnappings is to get ransom from wealthy folks but in this era blood and body parts of kidnapped people are used for money rituals.

Kidnapping remains a worry to the

nation in spite of measures put in place by the government. The fight has become more difficult for authorities considering the rate of fake kidnappings being recorded in recent weeks.

Kidnapping mostly thrives in an environment where people think they can get away with any crime, where people are exposed to ritual murders which were not properly solved.

The recent six-year jail term slapped on the Takoradi woman who faked her kidnapping has in no way deterred others because fake kidnapping cases are still being recorded in some parts of the country.

Jail sentences alone cannot be enough in tackling fake kidnappings. These people must be subjected to psychological counselling before and after their prison sentence.



# PICTURE GALLERY



*Facilitator demonstrating basic first aid techniques*



*hands on training for staff of MOI*



*Staff of MOI demonstrates the skills acquired whiles other staff follow the demonstration*



*A consultant addressing the National Service Persons*



*A staff from Public Relations Unit explains the role of the unit*



# PICTURE GALLERY



*A National Service Person asking a question*



*A section of the National Service Persons*



*The head of RSIM Mr. Benning making a contribution*



*A National Service Person asking a question*



*The Resource Person making her presentation*



*A nurse explaining the process for breast examination*



# PICTURE GALLERY



*A service person asking a question*



*Group picture of resource persons and staff of MOI*



*Chief Director (MOI) briefing the Hon. Minister*



*Staff clapping as Management present the buses*



*Hon. Oppong Nkrumah and Chief Director clapping after presenting the buses to staff*



*Hon. Minister shows off his bike riding skills while transport officer looks on*