

Press release

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UNOPS delivers 15 Ambulances to Ministry of Health, Liberia

\$870,222 worth of funding was mobilized by the World Bank for delivering 15 ambulances to the Ministry of Health, Liberia.

On 23 October 2020, UNOPS delivered 15 units of ambulances donated by the World Bank to the Ministry of Health to equip the Ministry of Health with the needed logistics to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 in a country.

The first case of COVID-19 in Liberia was reported on March 16 2020 and the Ministry of Health, Government of Liberia obtained funds from the World Bank to support Liberia's COVID-19 Emergency Response Project. The Ministry of Health requested UNOPS to handle the procurement and delivery of the 15 ambulances. The ambulances have contributed to the government's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery by ensuring continuous health services amidst the pandemic. It will also improve access to health and socio-economic support for vulnerable groups, including women and children.

Quote from MoH:

In a brief statement, Liberia's Minister of Health, Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah, lauded the World Bank for continuously contributing to the country's health sector: "On behalf of the President of the Republic of Liberia, and the Ministry of Health and the IMS and all those who have been participating in the Covid-19. I want to say thanks for this donation. We will ensure that these ambulances will be used for their intended purpose which is to service our people. So we accept, and we want to thank UNOPS for the delivery and even taking up the responsibility to procure these ambulances under the World Bank Project. We also want to thank the World Bank and our local team for all the work that they do together to collaborate and coordinate to make sure that these ambulances reach." [MOH Receives 15 Ambulances from World Bank To Fight COVID -19](#)

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Delivery of 15 Toyota Hardtop Ambulance Units



Handover of 15 Ambulance Units to Ministry of Health, Government of Liberia

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The Ministry of Health in Liberia was established on January 26, 2017 under An Act to Establish The Ministry of Health 2015. Before its establishment, the MoH was previously known as the Ministry of Health and Welfare Service (MoHWS). The mandate of the MoH is to Formulate, Implement, Monitor and Evaluate Health Policies, Plans, and Standards. To Deliver and Coordinate the Delivery of Decentralized Medical Care in Public Facilities. To Develop Health Manpower. To Undertake Preventive Services and Health Services, including Specific Health Interventions to primary health care at regional, district and sub-district levels in accordance with approved national policies.

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