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# HEALTH INFORMATION OF KAMBIA DISTRICT

**K**ambia district has only one referral hospital that is owned and run by the Government of Sierra Leone, located in Kambia town in Magbema Chiefdom. There are 57 Peripheral Health Units (PHUs). Some health facilities are located in poorly constructed community houses, others are in a state of disrepair while others are inadequately staffed or lack the basic necessary required medical equipments.

The main causes of morbidity in 2008 in Kambia district is Malaria (33.06%), ARI/Pneumonia (20.74%), STI (6.20%), Malnutrition (6.20%), and Diarrhea (5.41%)

## Population and Health Facilities in the District

Chiefdom	Population	Community Health Centre (CHC)	Community Health Post (CHP)	Maternal Child Health Post (MCHP)	Total
Bramaia	30,642	0	1	5	6
Gbinleh Dixing	27,360	0	2	4	6
Magbema	58,149	1	3	9	13
Mambolo	53,112	1	1	4	6
Masungbala	31,469	0	2	3	5
Samu	55,020	2	4	6	12
Tonko Limba	45,615	1	2	6	9
Total	301,367	5	15	37	57



# Introduction of DHMT members



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# *Introduction of JICA Project*

## **Strengthening District Health Management in Kambia District**

Duration	: May 2008 - April 2011 (3 years)
Target Area	: Kambia District
Target Group	: Kambia District Health Management Team (DHMT)
Beneficiary	: People in the whole district of Kambia

### ***Overall Goal***

The health status of people in Kambia is improved.

### ***Project Purpose***

Quality and equitable health service delivery is strengthened by the management capacities of District Health Management Team (DHMT), Peripheral Health Units (PHUs) and District Council in Kambia District to better address health needs of the community.

### ***Expected Outputs***

1. Management capacities of DHMT are developed.
2. Office environment of DHMT and PHUs is improved and maintained.
3. Health Management Information Systems are strengthened and effectively operated.
4. District Health Planning System is strengthened through a bottom-up approach.
5. Coordination of DHMT with District Council, PHU committees and relevant stakeholders is strengthened.

### ***Introduction of Staffs***



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Successful implementation of any programme activity depends on information sharing. In this respect, the DHMT in Kambia feels it is necessary to produce news letters on quarterly basis to highlight the followings.

1. To enhance the documentation of activities on health programmes
2. To share information with stakeholders in the district
3. To create a forum for correction and meaning contribution on health matters in the district
4. To highlight the successes and challenges faced by the DHMT in Programme implementations
5. To serve as a means of motivation for health care providers.

Although valuable contributions on target information will be encouraged, the editorial wishes to inform readers that this edition is only an introduction to subsequent publications.

However, subsequent publications will primarily focus on the following.

## Proposed Article

- \* Vital statistics on health in the district
- \* Health activities in the district
- \* Health messages from PHU activities
- \* Health messages from communities and patients
- \* Introduction of NGO and stakeholders activities

## Target Readers

- \* Ministry of Health and Sanitation
- \* Kambia District Council
- \* Donor Agencies and partners
- \* Kambia community
- \* Health care providers in the district

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**Well Bodi Na Gentry!**



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