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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: MISINFORMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

The attention of the Ministry of Health (MoH) has been drawn to publications on various media platforms with the caption: "Misinformation from the President of the Republic of Ghana". In the said publications, some Nurse Assistants (Clinical and Preventive) are insinuating that the statement made by H.E. President Nana Akufo-Addo in his State-of-the-Nation Address on the issues of financial clearance for the 2016 Nurse Assistants and the recruitment process is inaccurate.

The President, in his State-of-the-Nation Address said, "to deliver healthcare to Ghanaians more efficiently, in 2018, government granted financial clearance for the recruitment of eleven thousand and eighteen (11,018) health personnel to increase existing clinical staff. To augment the efforts of clinical staff, in September, 2018, the Ministry of Health received further financial clearance to employ fourteen thousand, two hundred and fifty-four (14,254) Nurse Assistants (Clinical and Preventive). These nurse assistants belong to the tranche that passed their exams in 2016 from Government Health Training Institutions, and have commenced work by 1st February, 2019. The Ministry of Health is working to obtain financial clearance for the recruitment of the 2017 and 2018 graduates.

The Ministry of Health wishes to reiterate the President's statement that it has received financial clearance from the Ministry of Finance to employ fourteen thousand, two hundred and fifty-four (14,254) Nurse Assistants (Clinical and Preventive) from government nursing training institutions and the names have been verified by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. This clearance takes effect from 1st February, 2019. Please find attached, documents from Ministry of Finance on the financial clearance.

In furtherance to the financial clearance, the Ministry has issued the number of Nurse Assistants (Clinical and Preventive) for allocation to each agency for posting to their respective health facilities. The agencies have also commenced the recruitment processes, and it is ongoing. Prospective Nurse Assistants (Clinical) and Nurse Assistants (Preventive) applicants should contact the Ministry of Health agencies for details of the ongoing recruitment process.

In addition to the above, the Ministry of Health has received financial clearance from the Ministry of Finance to begin the recruitment process for five thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven (5,787) for the 2016 batch of the bonded nurses and midwives who have completed their national service. Their financial clearance takes effect on 1st April, 2019.

The Ministry of Health wishes to state that the President did not err in his statement to Ghanaians. It wants to assure the public that it is making frantic efforts to ensure that all health workers in this category are in service to ensure efficient health care delivery.



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REPUBLIC OF GHANA

4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

FINANCIAL CLEARANCE

Please refer to letter No. letter No. HRHD/FC/18/08 from the Ministry of Health on the above subject (copy attached).

2. The Ministry of Health is hereby granted financial clearance to engage fourteen thousand, two hundred and fifty-four (14,254) Nurse Assistants (Clinical and Preventive) who have passed their examination in 2016 from Government Nursing Training Institutions and have been verified by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

3. Approval is also granted for their emoluments to be charged against the Compensation of Employees vote of the Ministry of Health in the 2019 Annual Estimates.

4. The Ministry of Health is to ensure that the Nurse Assistants (Clinical and Preventive), have their documents processed in time and placed on the Mechanized Payroll to enable the CAGD effect payment of their salaries, this will reduce the incidence of arrears to be paid to staff.

5. **The effective date of this appointment should not be earlier than 1st February, 2019.**

6. By a copy of this letter, the Controller and Accountant-General is requested to effect the payment of their salaries and make appropriate deductions of Social Security and Income Tax to SSNIT and the Domestic Tax Revenue Division of Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) respectively, with effect from the date of assumption of duty.

7. Please note that the financial clearance expires on the 31st December, 2019 and cannot be used thereafter.

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2019

FINANCIAL CLEARANCE – MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Please refer to letter Nos. HRHD/DIR/10/18/74 from the Ministry of Health on the above subject (copy attached).

2. The Ministry of Health is hereby granted financial clearance to enable the Ministry appoint five thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven (5,787) bonded Nurses and Midwives who have completed their National Service and are already on the payroll.
3. The emoluments of the personnel should be charged against the Compensation of Employees vote of the Ministry of Health in the 2019 Annual Estimates.
4. The Ministry of Health is to ensure all Human Resource Managers at various facilities across the country process documents of the Nurses and Midwives and ensure that their salaries are paid on time to avoid unwarranted salary arrears.
5. The effective date of the appointed Nurses and Midwives should not be earlier than **1st April, 2019**.
6. By a copy of this letter, the Controller and Accountant-General is requested to effect the payment of their salaries and make appropriate deductions of Social Security and Income Tax to SSNIT and the Domestic Tax Division of Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) respectively.
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