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PRESS RELEASE

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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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