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Press Release

Health Officials Investigate Cluster of Severe Diarrheal Illnesses in Falaba District

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For Immediate Release

The National Public Health Agency (NPHA) is investigating a cluster of severe diarrheal illnesses in Falaba District. Fourteen cases, including two deaths, have been reported from Yiraiyah Community Health Post between March 15th and 24th, 2024, primarily affecting children under five years. The cause is yet to be confirmed by the laboratory. We will keep the public informed as events unfold.

Public Health Response:

- The cause of the illness is under investigation.
- A rapid response team is on the ground in Falaba District. Cases have been isolated, and infection prevention measures are in place.
- Emergency medications and supplies are being deployed to the affected communities and facilities.
- A team of public health officers from Freetown have joined the district efforts to investigate the cause of the occurrence.

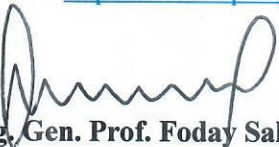
Public Advisory:

- Remain calm and vigilant.
- Practice good hygiene, including frequent handwashing and proper sanitation.
- Go to the nearest health facility for diarrhea or dehydration.

About the National Public Health Agency (NPHA):

The NPHA is the lead agency for public health surveillance, prevention, and control in Sierra Leone. The NPHA works closely with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders to safeguard the health of the nation.

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