



The new National Emergency Medical Services Policy: A Framework for stakeholder engagement

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THE EMS CONTINUUM

1. Response at the scene of emergency

- Lay and advanced 1st first aid responders
- Health professional first responders

2. Transportation with care

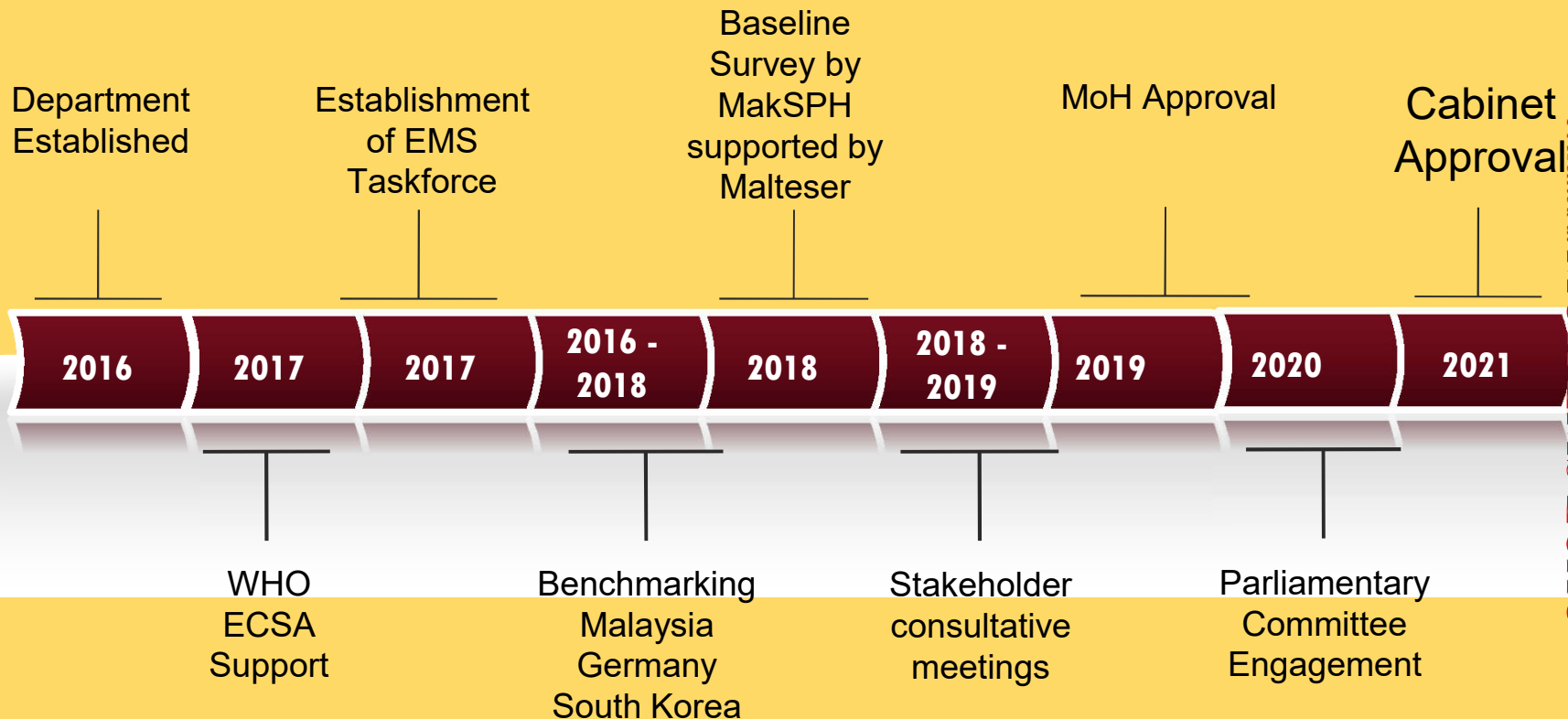
- Professional Ambulance responders

3. Response at the health facility level:

- Handover
- Functional emergency and trauma units
- Triage, treatment, investigations & additional care
- Emergency diagnostic units

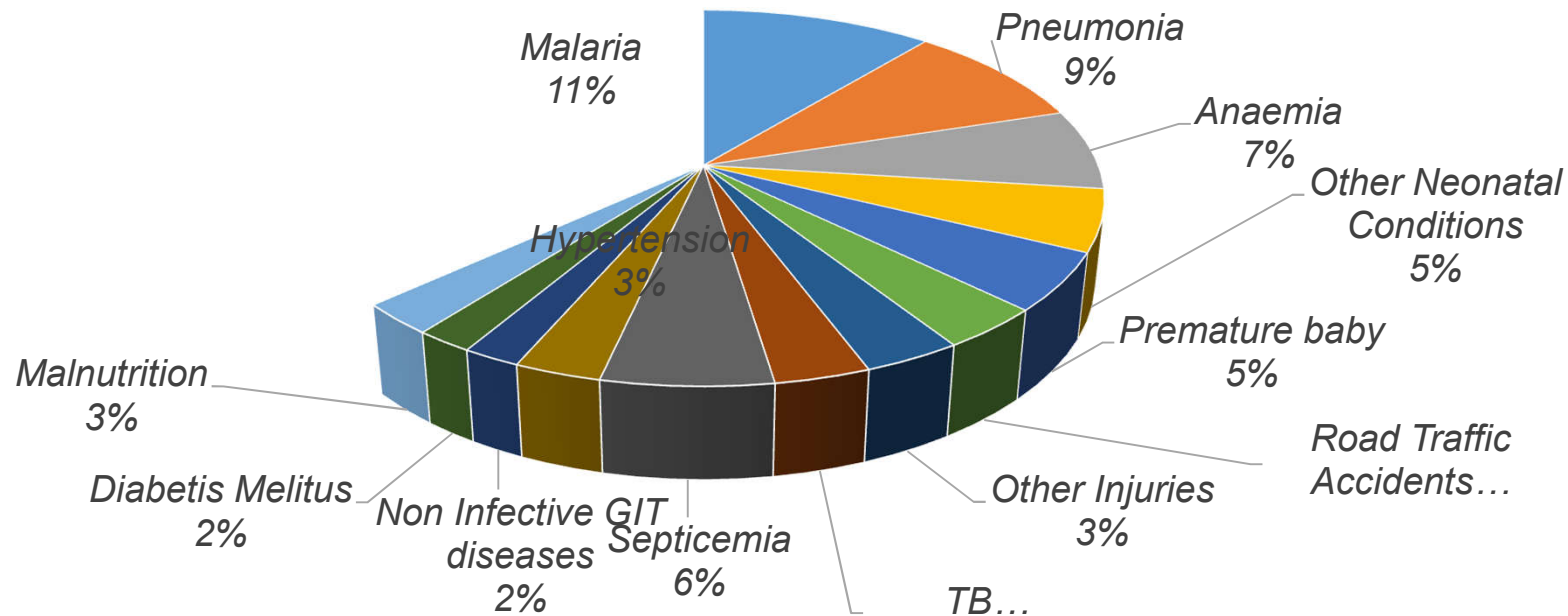
Critical Care: Range of services cutting across many departments

POLICY DEVELOPMENT – A FOUR YEAR JOURNEY





EMERGENCY CONDITIONS DOMINATE THE TOP CAUSES OF MORTALITY IN UGANDA 2018/19 FY



POLICY OBJECTIVES

1. To strengthen leadership and governance structures for EMS across all levels by 2030.
2. To ensure dedicated human resources for emergency care through - training, capacity building and review of the HRH structure by 2025.
3. To develop appropriate infrastructure for the delivery of EMS including a robust call and dispatch system by 2030.
4. To ensure adequate provision of essential medical products & technologies for delivery of emergency care services by 2025.
5. To mainstream emergency care data into existing health information systems by 2021.
6. To mainstream structures for M&E of emergency care services by 2021.

PILLARS

Pillar 1: Leadership and Governance of Emergency Medical Services

Pillar 2: Human Resources for Emergency Medical Service

Pillar 3: Essential Emergency Medicines and Health Supplies

Pillar 4: Emergency Care Health Infrastructure

Pillar 5: Essential Emergency Care Package for Health Facilities

Pillar 6: Ambulance Service Standards

Pillar 7: Emergency Care Data, Monitoring & Evaluation

Pillar 8: Research

Pillar 9: Legal and Regulatory Framework for Emergency Medical Services

Pillar 10: Financing

Pillar 11: Public Private Partnership in Health (PPPH)

Pillar 12: Emergency Referral and Disaster Response System

Pillar 13: Health Education on Prevention, Promotion and Response to Emergencies

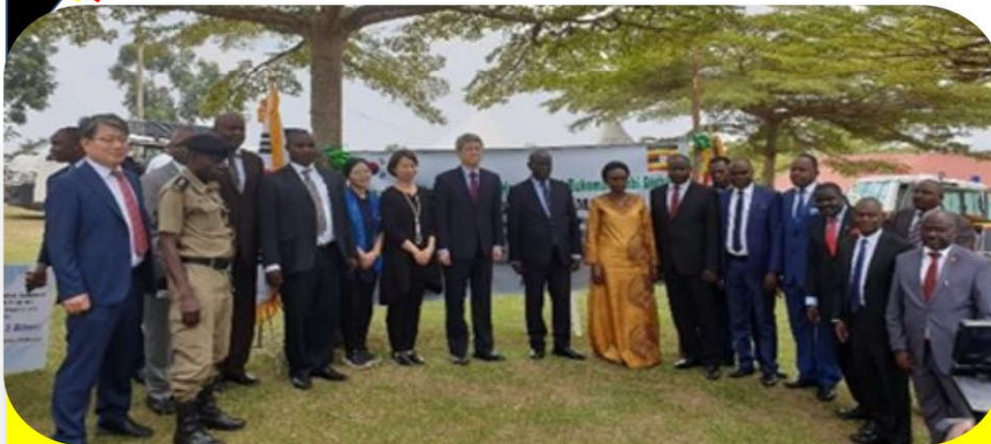
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LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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18TH NOV
2021

Issue: Government recognizes that there is inadequate leadership and coordination of Emergency Medical Services.



Statement:

The government will strengthen leadership and governance of Emergency Medical Services across all levels of the health care delivery. There will be a multi stake holder EMS coordination committee at National and Regional levels. The EMS coordination committee will have members representing key emergency medical services stakeholders

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Issue: Government has recognized that human resources needed for delivery of emergency care services in terms of numbers, skill set and quality is inadequate. There are no specialized emergency care officers and specialists as is practiced internationally.

2021



Government will ensure adequate and competent emergency care officers and specialists are trained, recruited and deployed to offer critical emergency care services at the prehospital and hospital level.

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ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY CARE PACKAGE FOR HEALTH FACILITIES

Issue: The Uganda National Minimum Health Care Package does not include an emergency care package for health facilities and Pre-hospital level. This has affected emergency care service delivery in the country.



Statement:

Government will develop an essential Emergency Care Package for health facilities and prehospital levels and incorporate into UNMHCP.

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LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

COUNT DOWN
5Days
To GO

Issue: Lack of a legal framework, with unregulated and fragmented emergency medical services at all levels of health care



Statement:

Government will review and develop relevant laws and regulations to govern emergency medical services in Uganda.

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EMERGENCY REFERRAL AND DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES

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Issue: Emergency and disaster response and referral services are inadequate leading to patients dying either during transport or immediately on arrival at receiving health facilities.



Statement:

Government will establish a coordinated emergency and disaster response and referral system in line with the national policy for disaster preparedness and management and the national referral guidelines.

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