Country Fact Card – Sierra Leone

2018
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Sierra Leone: macro context

Political landscape

• President: Julius Mada Bio
• Recently transitioned to a stable democratic government: For the first time in 2018, SL ran its first election fully run by the authorities since UN’s departure in 2012. After a hotly contested race, the opposition party won by 51.81%
• Next elections in 2023

• Until the outbreak of 2014, SL was on track towards attaining the middle income status by 2035. However, currently there are high levels of youth unemployment, corruption and weak governance
• Broadening revenue generation to a target of at least 20% of GDP
• Restore sanity to the economic and financial management

• Rampant corruption and weak governance

Macroeconomic Indicators

• Population (2017) 7.5M
• GDP per capita (current USD, 2017) 3.77B
• Government revenue as % of GDP 8.6%
• GDP annual growth rate (2017) 4.3%
• Inflation rate (2017) 14.7%
• Annual GDP growth (2018) 3.7%
• Country income classification: LMIC

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## Sierra Leone: Health indicators

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**SOURCE:** Government of Sierra Leone, annual health sector performance report 2016
## Health financing landscape

### Regional comparison in US$ per capita, 2014

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Sierra Leone: Community health system

CHW program organogram. Adapted from the National Community Health Worker Policy 2016-2020

Steering Committee (Directors & PMs)

Director of Primary Health Care

CHW National Taskforce/Technical Working Group

CHW National Coordinator

Implementing Partners

Finance Officer

M & E Officer

Northern Region CHW Focal Person

Southern Region CHW Focal Person

Eastern Region CHW Focal Person

Western Area CHW Focal Person

CHW District Taskforce/Technical Working Group

DMO District level CHW Focal Person (In the DHMT in all the districts)

Implementing Partners

Chiefdom supervisors

PHU in charge

Peer supervisor

CHW

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