

THE POST-EBOLA TRANSITION

STRENGTHENING REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

ADVANCING PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES, SIERRA LEONE



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Advancing Partners & Communities is a global project implemented by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. and FHI 360. In Sierra Leone, the project works through a grant from USAID's "Ebola Response and Preparedness" funds to support the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) implement its 2015–2020 Health Sector Recovery Plan. The project's goal is to strengthen community-based non-Ebola health services, with emphasis on reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH).

OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen the policy environment to increase access at health posts (HPs) and in communities;
2. Increase the capacity and effectiveness of the health workforce and community platforms to provide quality RMNCH services, including infection prevention and control; and
3. Improve the physical conditions of HPs to enhance safety, quality, and access to basic health services.

COVERAGE

District-level activities are implemented by five partner NGO grantees in five districts (Bombali, Port Loko, Tonkolili, Western Area Rural, and Western Area Urban—home to about 50 percent of the Sierra Leone population), in partnership with district health management teams and local councils. Partners work to achieve project objectives through rehabilitation of HPs, capacity building activities, promotion of community engagement with health facilities, and provision of minor medical equipment (MME).

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Supported the development of a new community health worker policy and related strategies.
- ▶ Assisted the MOHS in documenting the community engagement approaches utilized during the Ebola outbreak.
- ▶ Identified gaps at the HP level to prioritize capacity building investments.
- ▶ Established a harmonized community engagement framework to build the capacity of health providers to engage with communities, promote skill-building and strengthen health services.
- ▶ Began RMNCH-specific training for 200 health professionals.
- ▶ Undertook rehabilitation at 20 priority HPs.
- ▶ Contracted 20 boreholes at selected HPs.
- ▶ Procured 30 MME items, including solar powered-lighting.
- ▶ Initiated planning, with UN agencies, for the introduction of key RMNCH interventions like chlorhexidine and Sayana Press.®

