



General data of the country

a. Data

Indicator	Sierra Leone
Population	7.396.190
Population in HCR mandate	684
HDI	0,42 (179/188)
GINI Index	33,99
Gender-related development Index	0,87 (179/188)
Maternal mortality for 100,000 births	1.360
Social Support	0,65
INFORM RISK	5,2
Fragile State Index	89,1 (38/178)
Number of mine casualties reported last year	0
Amount of aid received for mine action	0
Amount of development assistance (in millions \$)	693

Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified: 04/10/2010
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Ratified: 03/12/2008
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified: 25/04/2001

b. Geopolitical analysis

Sierra Leone is bordered by Guinea to the North, Liberia to the South –East and the Atlantic Ocean to the South-West. Freetown is the capital and largest city of Sierra Leone, a country divided into 16 districts.

The country became **independent** on April 27th, 1961, having been a **British colony** since 1792.



It was ravaged by a **civil war** that lasted from 1991 to 2002, and resulted in some 70,000 casualties and 2.6 million displaced people. Since 2002, the country has slowly rebuilt and restored order, through the disarmament of rebels and their reintegration into society as well as legal proceedings and elections in 2012.

Beginning in the spring of 2014, Sierra Leone was one of the countries most severely affected by the Ebola epidemic. The virus infected more than 13,000 people in Sierra Leone, of whom nearly 4,000 died. On November 7th, 2016 Sierra Leone was declared Ebola free.

Despite its extensive natural resources and huge potential for agricultural development, Sierra Leone remains one of the world's poorest countries. More than half of the population live in extreme poverty, and the Ebola epidemic further exacerbated this situation. The people of Sierra Leone are attempting to rebuild their country following the devastation of the civil war that raged from 1991 to 2000, leaving thousands of people maimed by the loss of limbs. The psychological suffering inflicted by such violence is still strikingly evident today.

Presence of HI in the country





In 1996, HI launched its first activities in the country with the opening of a rehabilitation center in Bo. It opened two other centers in Kono and Kailahun in 2003.

In 2012, HI provided expert advice to support the creation of the National Rehabilitation Policy .

After the country was severely affected by the Ebola epidemic in 2014, HI started the project “Pain Management for Ebola Survivors through physiotherapy”. Participants who reported pain were assessed by physical rehabilitation professionals, followed by weekly chronic pain management sessions over a time span of 10 weeks, based on chronic pain management principles. 100% of targeted survivors who received chronic pain management reported to have improved their physical condition with reduced pain and increased functioning in everyday activities. Considering the great impact of the project, recommendations were made to extend the activities for all Ebola survivors.

Over the years, HI has been active in other fields, such as inclusive education. With the Girls' Education Challenges, ending in 2017, 20 primary schools have been rehabilitated and made accessible, 335 children have received assistive devices/medical treatment which have supported them in their education and 74 teachers have been trained on basic inclusive education methodologies.

Projects

Project	Sectors of activity	Main donor(s) with % of funding	End date
 Girls Education Challenge Transition (GECT)	Inclusive Education	DFID (97.5%)	06/2021
 Touching Mind Raising Dignity Phase 2 (TMRD 2)	Mental Health	AFD (72%)	31/12/21
 Promotion of Education for All in Kono (PEAK)	Inclusive Education	EU (75%) EAC (7%)	31/10/19
 Towards an universal access of vulnerable girls and boys to a quality primary education (EAC)	Inclusive Education	EAC (100%)	31/08/19

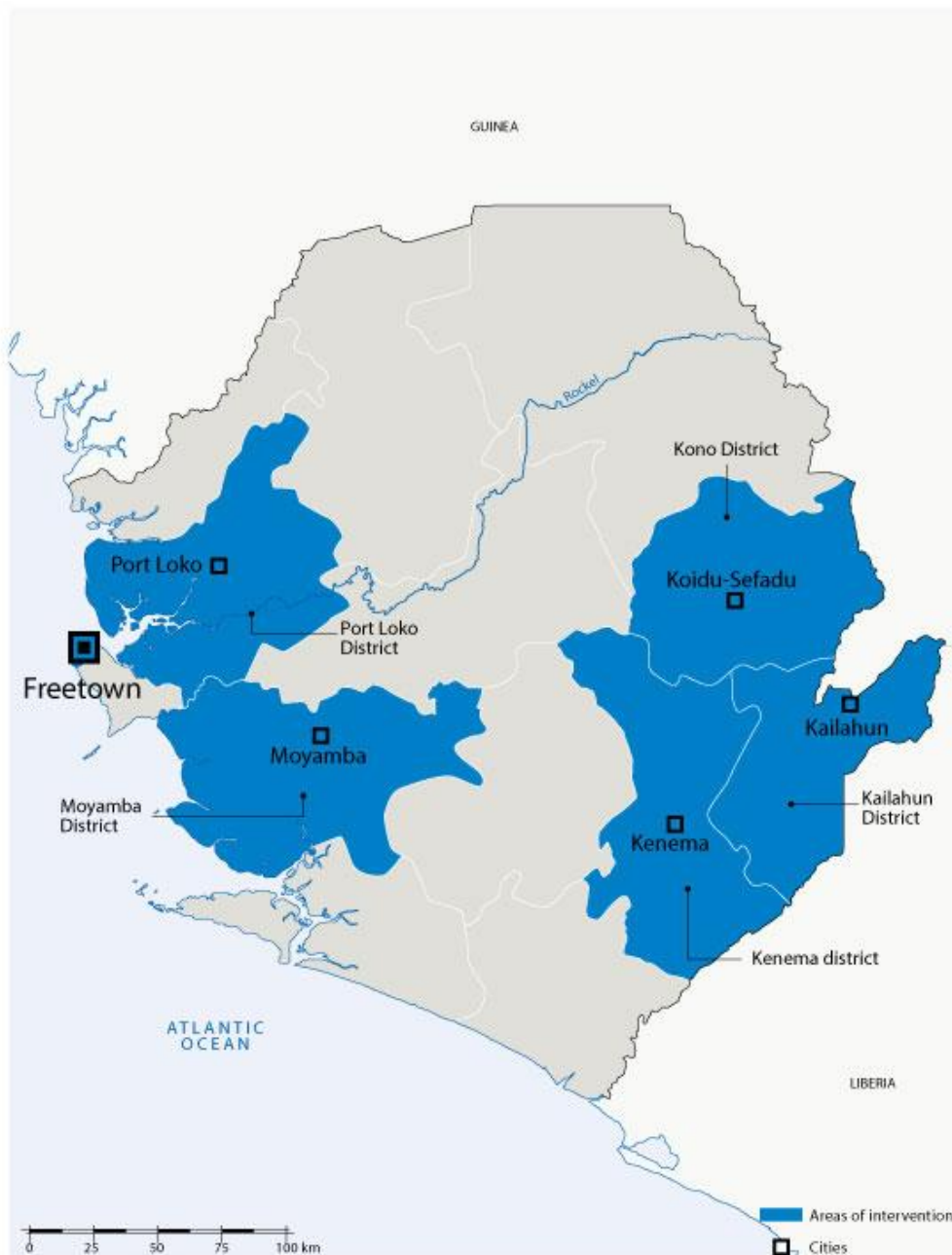
Donors


<p>DFID</p> 	<p>AFD</p> 	<p>European Union</p>  <p>EUROPEAN UNION</p>
	<p>EAC</p> 	

HI team in Sierra Leone

In May 2018, the HI team in Sierra Leone is composed of **75 people**.


Sierra Leone



	Objectives	Main activities	Beneficiaries (2017)	Partners	Location
	Marginalized girls and children with disabilities have significantly improved learning outcomes and are able to transition through key stages of education. Marginalized girls and children with disabilities, and/or their families/caregivers are provided appropriate support to attend, learn and transition through primary to JSS and JSS to Post JSS options.	Training of trainers, distributions, advocacy, sensitization, livelihood grants, study groups, accessible model schools...	4.143 people, including 2.385 female and 3.082 children Indirect: 9.518	Ministry of Education, Sciences and Technology, Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Plan International, Action Aid Sierra Leone, Forum for African Women Educationalists Sierra Leone	Kailahun, Kenema Kono, Moyamba, Port Loko
	To improve the access and the retention of vulnerable girls and boys to a compulsory quality primary education, especially girls and boys with disabilities	District coordination meetings, training of DPOs and education partners on IE, training parents, refreshing school's workshop, supporting specialized schools...	6.874 people, including 2.091 female and 3.631 children Indirect: 16.526	Ministry of education science and technology at district level, Ministry of social welfare gender and children's affair district level, District/City conciles, DPOs	Kailahun, Kenema, Kono, Moyamba, Port Loko, WA
	Overall Objective: To contribute to a UNIVERSAL and SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY for the access to QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN in Sierra	Establishment of a pilot inclusive education curriculum, identification & registration of vulnerable children in and out of school in the project communities & also children with disabilities	742 adults including 168 women and 574 men Indirect: 1.544	Advocacy Network for Empowerment and Good Governance, Youth Dream Centre, Community Action for Rural Development	Kono



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	<p>Leone. Specific Objective: To promote primary school structures, local actors and communities' ownership in implementing an inclusive education model to all children including vulnerable girls, children with disabilities and special education needs, out of school children and Ebola affected children in Kono district.</p>	<p>out of the model & satellite schools, creation of adult literacy groups to improve parents' capacity in supporting the education of their children...</p>			
	<p>To develop and implement community based prevention and response strategies, leading to an improvement in the quality of life and wellbeing/positive mental health of people suffering from psychosocial distress and/or living with a mental health disorder in 4 countries in a crisis or post crisis situation.</p>	<p>Supporting the government in the formulation of the new legislation on mental health, support the creation of the housing of national associations representing the users of mental health services...</p>	<p>Data non available yet as the project started in January 2018.</p>	<p>CAPS, Kissy Hospital, Rainbo Center</p>	<p>Freetown</p>