



SIERRA LEONE

Overview of our work

In support of the Ministry of Health (MOH) and together with our partners, Seed Global Health works to increase the number of midwives, improve the quality of maternal and newborn health (MNH) services, and strengthen the practice and learning environment for students and health workers in Sierra Leone.

Country context

The Sierra Leone Ministry of Health (MOH) is championing the life stage approach to achieve universal health coverage by 2030. Under this approach, health services are customized for each life stage, from pregnant mothers and newborns to senior adults. Despite recent setbacks from the Ebola and COVID-19 epidemics, Sierra Leone has made significant progress in reducing the maternal and infant mortality rates. The government has prioritized further driving down these rates and Seed's work is designed to help achieve this goal.

Country objectives

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Medical, nursing, and midwifery training programs in reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) are sufficiently and sustainably resourced and graduate high-quality health workers.

- **Build the capacity of 1,100 midwives** (37% of the national target) in support of the national objective of improving emergency obstetric and newborn care by 2030.
- **Scale-up the training of obstetricians** by supporting the obstetrics training program in Sierra Leone by 2030.

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The clinical facilities in which students and health workers train and practice demonstrate excellence in service delivery, continuous education, and implementation of evidence-based innovations, resulting in improved clinical outcomes.

- **Advocate and support MOH to absorb at least one obstetrician** at each of Seed's three partner hospitals to improve learning experiences and clinical outcomes in Sierra Leone by 2030.



About Seed Global Health

Seed Global Health partners with governments, health professional schools, hospitals, and clinics to educate health workers, strengthen the quality of health services, and support policies that enable health professionals to deliver high-quality services to those in need.

- Partner with the government to **decrease preventable institutional maternal mortality by 25%** at three regional government hospitals by 2030.
- Partner with the government to **decrease preventable institutional newborn mortality by 30%** at three regional government hospitals by 2030.

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The MOH and health system stakeholders plan appropriately for the absorption, deployment, and retention of doctors, nurses, and midwives in order to build a resilient, climate-smart health system and accelerate progress toward universal health coverage.

- Support the MOH, professional associations, and respective health councils to strengthen health workforce planning and management to **reduce vacancy rates and improve retention for midwives and obstetricians** by 2030.
- Support the MOH to **develop an evidence-based climate change policy** and resource plan to adapt to, mitigate, and integrate the impacts of climate change at all levels of service delivery by 2030.
- **Strengthen the capacity of health workers to recognize and address the health threats** created by climate change by 2030.

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