

# USAID Momentum Country Global Leadership

## Project Background

*Multi-system level approach to improving reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health.*

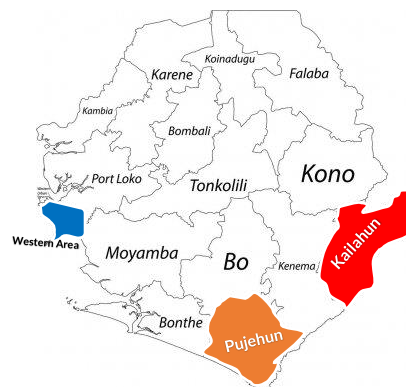
(MOMENTUM) Country and Global Leadership is a five-year global project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide targeted maternal, newborn, and child health, voluntary family planning, and reproductive health (MNCH/FP/RH) technical and capacity development assistance to ministries of health and other country partners to improve health outcomes and facilitate sustainable development and country ownership

## Project Focus

In Sierra Leone, MOMENTUM supports the government in maintaining essential quality MNCH/FP/RH services at all tiers of healthcare facilities.

## Implementation Areas

Western Area Urban, Western Area Rural, Kailahun and Pujehun. In Western Area Urban, we work in **15** Health Facilities, **10** in Western Area Rural, **15** Kailahun District and **13** Pujehun District



## COVID-19 Focus

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, health facilities in Sierra Leone rapidly mobilized to minimize its effect on essential health services for women and children. MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership, supported these facilities to implement water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and infection prevention and control (IPC) standards and improvements.

Additionally, the COVID-19 project focused on: -

- community engagement, supporting health workers to develop community communication
- engaged strategies to help share messages on how best to mitigate COVID-19's spread.

- address fears and misinformation, and build people's confidence in using essential health care and support services.

## Key COVID -19 Response Achievements

- Average IPC readiness scores across all 26 project-supported facilities increased from **39.35%** to **67.77%**, representing a **72%** increase
- More than 2,000 project-trained community health workers (CHWs) in the four districts provided integrated community case management in the COVID-19 context and facilitated contact tracing of potential COVID-19 cases
- Procured and disbursed essential IPC/WASH supplies for all **26 facilities** based on findings from a baseline health facility assessment, including masks, handwashing stations, handwashing soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, face shields, gloves, gowns, and buckets.
- Provided rehabilitation support to **7** targeted health care facilities to improve their rain harvesting systems for handwashing stations, waste zones, and waste disposal processes

## Project expansion

Project has now expanded to support **27** additional facilities, bringing the total number to 53.

## Key Strategic Focus Moving Forward

The project will continue to look at these three key strategic areas:

- Continued support to the Government of Sierra Leone and local partners to maintain the population's access to and use of essential MNCH services and FP/RH care.
- Ensure the provision of safe and quality health services in all health facilities the project is implemented in.
- Help healthcare providers adhere to evidence-based hygiene behaviors – all within the current context of COVID-19.