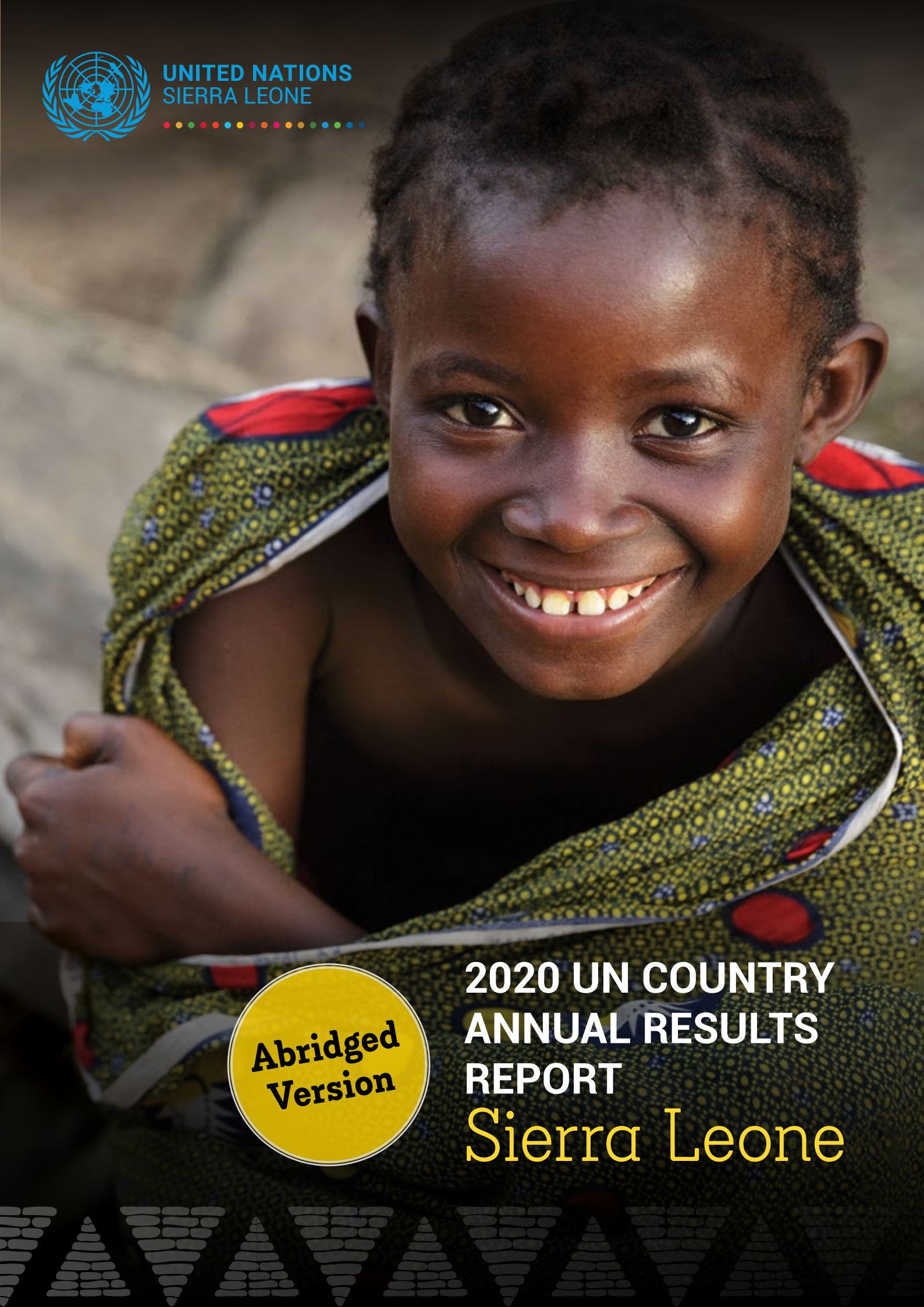




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**2020 UN COUNTRY
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On the 31 October 2019, the United Nations System in Sierra Leone represented by the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the Minister of Planning and Economic Development signed the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2020-2023. The UNSDCF 2020-2023 defines how the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Sierra Leone contributes to the national development priorities and strategies of the Government of Sierra Leone as established in the Medium-Term National Development Plan (MTNDP) 2019-2023 and the progress towards the achievement of the global 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The UNSDCF is harmonized with the MTNDP clusters and incorporates the goals and principles that underpin the SDGs. The UNSDCF also upholds the principles of gender equality, human rights, and conflict sensitivity, ensuring that “no one is left behind”. The UNSDCF intends to advance the United Nations Secretary-General’s agenda on repositioning the United Nations development system and responds to the Secretary-General’s call for optimizing resources and improving effectiveness of UN support to countries.

This factsheet summarizes the progress that made towards the implementation of the UNSDCF, on all four outcome areas in its first year of implementation (2020).

21 Agencies

under the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2020-2023



74.3 Million USD

spent on programme and operations reaching over

4.2 million

people directly



2020 EXPENDITURE PER SDG



All **17** SDGs supported



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OUTCOME 1. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

By 2023, Sierra Leone benefits from a more productive, commercialized and sustainable agriculture, improved food and nutrition security, and increased resilience to climate change and other shocks.

Summary of Results: Sierra Leone witnessed an increased production of rice, which positively impacted food security. Nutritional status of school children was improved through school-feeding programmes. Livelihoods of farmers were protected through direct support, including livestock vaccination, resulting to better market access and competitiveness. Transferred skills on

climate-resilient agronomic practices, entrepreneurship and business development. Mangrove and forest areas are being rehabilitated and degraded land restored for agricultural production. Vulnerable communities are capacitated to prepare and respond to emergencies. Quality data has been collected for results generation and to inform policies.



I was able to gain access to improved tools, seeds, fertilizers, and knowledge to go back to my garden, produce, and feed my children," said Hawa, a recipient of the Anticipatory Action Project, funded by SFERA Early Action to provide critical agricultural production inputs to vulnerable and farming households affected by COVID-19.

RESULTS AREA 1: SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE


FAO IAEA IFAD ILO IOM UNDP UNICEF UNIDO WFP WHO


 **17.6 Million USD**
Total Expenditure

 **350,000+**
people reached

5 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

 **9,022** children aged 6-23 months with specialized nutritious food supplies

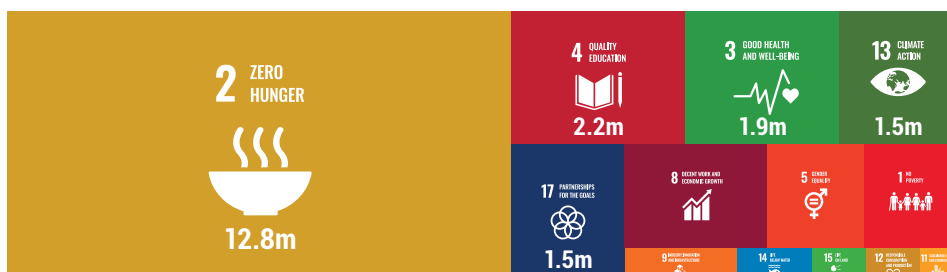
 **4,330** hectares of inland valley swamps cultivated

 **13,288** smallholder farmers formed MSMEs

 **20,000** trees planted for reforestation

 **5,259** livelihoods of livestock farmers protected

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs



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OUTCOME 2. TRANSFORMATIONAL GOVERNANCE

By 2023, people in Sierra Leone benefit from more gender and youth responsive institutions that are innovative, accountable, and transparent at all levels and can better advance respect for human rights and the rule of law, equity, peaceful coexistence, and protection of boys and girls, women and men including those with disability.

Summary of Results: Progress was made in the gender-responsiveness of justice and security services. Increased women's leadership participation in COVID-19 response, including along cross-border communities. Supported development of policies that are more responsive to gender equality, human rights and rights of persons with disability such as the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy 2020. Piloted judiciary

virtual SGBV courts and enhanced grievance mechanisms in rural communities. The National Digital ID Platform, the National Monitoring and Evaluation Management Information System and the digitisation of tax collection were supported. The Ministry of Local Government and local councils were supported to develop capacity development plans and to improve the COVID-19 response in their communities.



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Sierra Leone's famous musicians including Famous, Star Zee and Rapper Kao Denero fight COVID-19 with Music whilst advocating for peace and development.

RESULTS AREA 2: TRANSFORMATIONAL GOVERNANCE

ILO IOM UNAIDS UNCDF UNDP UNICEF UNIDO UNODC UNOPS UNWOMEN

2.9 Million USD
Total Expenditure

1,000+
people reached

5 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

27 Grievance Redress Committees in rural communities	600 complainants addressed by the Human Rights Commission	199 reported cases received by SGBV courts and 19 convictions were finalized	6 local councils with gender-responsive plans	3.5 million IDs digitized through National Digital ID Platform
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TOP 5 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs



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OUTCOME 3. ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES

By 2023, the population of Sierra Leone, particularly the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, will benefit from increased and more equitable access to and utilization of quality education, healthcare, energy and water, and sanitation and hygiene services, including during emergencies.

Summary of Results: Saved lives through improved comprehensive reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health and nutrition services (RMBCAH+N), including provision of vitamin A supplements. Continuous learning was ensured during the pandemic through capacity building and direct support. School feeding programmes contributed to the enrolment, attendance, and retention of school children. Communities in selected districts were supported with increased capacities and basic sanitation

facilities, improving hygiene and sanitation practices. Rural households, community health centres and educational institutions are increasingly getting access to renewable energy through solar mini grids. Sierra Leone made steady progress towards the implementation of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) roadmap developed in 2020. Support to referral hospitals and health workers have improved comprehensive reproductive and maternal health and nutrition, and family planning services.



Fifteen-month-old Rashida Konomani receives her second dose of measles vaccine at the George Brook Community Health Center in Freetown.

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RESULTS AREA 3:

ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES/MATE RESILIENCE

IAEA IOM UNAIDS UNDP UNESCO UNFPA UNICEF UNIDO UNOPS WHO

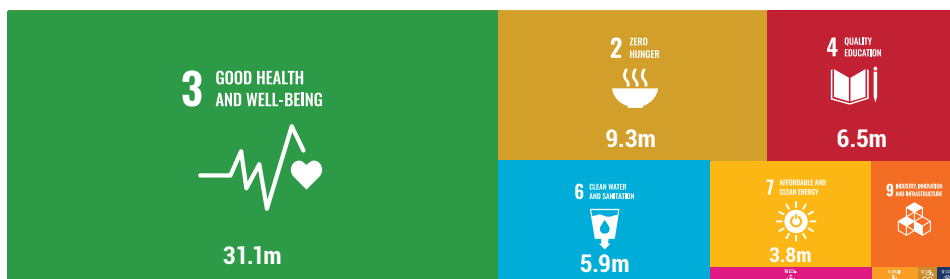
 **50.7 Million USD**
Total Expenditure

 **3.9+ Million**
people reached

5 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

 3.9 million people reached with SGBV prevention and reproductive health services	 266,000 primary students continued learning through the pandemic	 88,140 people with access to basic water supply through clean energy	 131,648 people reached by WASH services and messages	 60,000 patients, 43,266 households, and 29,108 students benefiting from 54 solar mini grids
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TOP 5 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs



We are really grateful for all the support that we have been receiving to improve immunisation services in our country," says nurse Adama. "The availability of vaccination services at health facilities encourages parents to bring their babies to be vaccinated. This will contribute to efforts being made to reduce the number of children and women dying of preventable causes in the country."



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OUTCOME 4. PROTECTION OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

By 2023, the most vulnerable, particularly women, youth, adolescents and children (especially girls), and persons living with disabilities are empowered and benefit from increased social protection services, economic and social opportunities.

Summary of Results: Enhanced community engagement of youth and religious leaders and elicited behavioural change on issues of child protection, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and girl child education. Supported new legislation including revised Sexual Offences Act 2019 and policies to deter and end SGBV. Integrated Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in school curricula, enhancing acceptance, support and retention of pregnant schoolgirls. Expanded the reach of mental health and

psychosocial support services, particularly for those affected by COVID-19, leading to the establishment of One Stop Centres for SGBV survivors. Established Special Model Court for sexual offences, leading to increase in conviction of sexual offenders. Supported initiatives on life skills, entrepreneurship, and vocational skills for youth, including out-of-school, returning migrants and those with disabilities. Increased advocacy on improving access to basic services for persons with disability.



Salimatu at the Youth Advisory Panel training

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RESULTS AREA 4:






PROTECTION AND EMPOWERMENT OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

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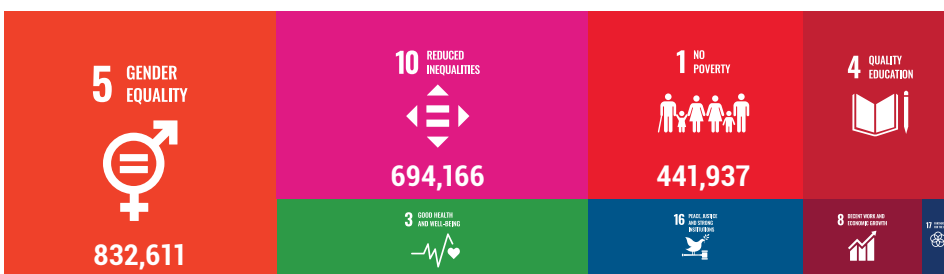
 **3 Million USD**
Total Expenditure

 **75,000+**
people reached

5 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

 15,927 children benefitted from protection measures through Inter-Religious Council	 18,000 out-of-school youth reached with gender-transformative life skills training	 15,841 children and family members reached by MHPSS	 38,607 calls logged by the 166 SGBV hotline	 20,000 people reached by messages on the use of the SGBV One-Stop-Centres
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Salimatu, a Youth Advisory Panel member, participates in high-level multi-sectorial meetings chaired by the National Secretariat for the Reduction of Teenage Pregnancy to advise government ministries and its partners. "I felt good attending this meeting for the first time because so many different issues were raised around girls such as early marriage and sexual and reproductive health and rights," said Salimatu.



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Common Budgetary Framework

The UNCT in Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED) endorsed the UNSDCF Joint Workplan 2020-2023 in May 2020. The Joint Workplan, with a multi-year budgetary framework for UNSDCF strategic priorities, was prepared by the four UNCT Results Groups, one for each Outcome Area. The framework responds to the requirement of the UN Funding Compact

and includes the amount, type, source, duration, and sequence of financial resources, including the required amounts, available resources and resource mobilisation needs to implement the UNSDCF. The following table provides a general overview of the framework for the entire programme cycle 2020-2023 and the 2020 Common Budgetary Framework, with calculated delivery rates.

UNSDCF Funding Framework

UNSDCF Outcome Areas	2020-2023 Common Budgetary Framework			2020 Common Budgetary Framework			Delivery Rate (Expenditures vs. Available Resources)
	Total Required Resources	Available Resources	To be mobilized	Total Required Resources	Available Resources	Expenditures	
Outcome 1: Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security, and Climate Resilience	\$128,387,714	\$77,077,285	\$51,310,429	\$32,046,248	\$24,700,992	\$17,615,776	71%
Outcome 2: Transformational Governance	\$17,809,344	\$13,582,172	\$4,227,172	\$3,231,118	\$2,737,418	\$2,992,418	109%
Outcome 3: Access to Basic Services	\$210,464,856	\$100,839,396	\$109,625,460	\$56,617,080	\$59,864,728	\$50,754,250	85%
Outcome 4: Protection and Empowerment of the Most Vulnerable	\$14,686,034	\$8,370,409	\$6,315,625	\$2,952,023	\$2,918,519	\$3,010,086	103%
Total	\$371,347,948	\$199,869,262	\$171,478,686	\$94,846,469	\$90,221,657	\$74,372,530	82%

UN COVID-19 SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESPONSE (SERP)

98 Million USD

Total Funding Requirement 

27 Million USD

Funded 

3.2+ million people targeted



SIERRA LEONE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (SLHRP)

62.9 Million USD

Total Funding Requirement 

20 Million USD

Funded 

3.4+ million people targeted



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to overcome poverty



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