

Harnessing the **Demographic Dividend** Through Investments in **Youth**



Education & Skills Development

NATIONAL POPULATION

7,092 113 **YOUTH POPULATION** (15-35 YEARS) 2,794 883 39.4% **1**,317,985 47.2%

1,476,898

52.8%



Source: PHC 2015

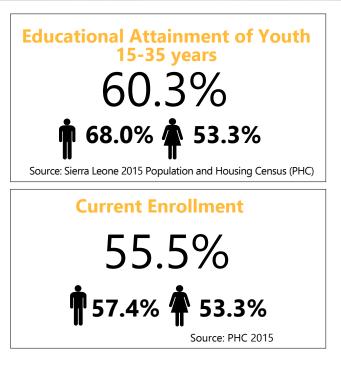
The demographic dividend is the economic growth potential that can result from shifts in a population's age structure, mainly when the share of the working age population (15 to 64) is larger than the non-working age share of the population.

"A country with both increasing numbers of young people and declining fertility has the potential to reap a demographic dividend"

Providing quality **Education & Skills Development** (particularly female education and empowerment, and improving learning opportunities are key to developing a well-educated, skilled, and innovative labour force.

When young people are adequately equipped with knowledge and skills that expands their perspective, they can realize their full potential and contribute more meaningfully to economic and social transformation as current and future leaders.

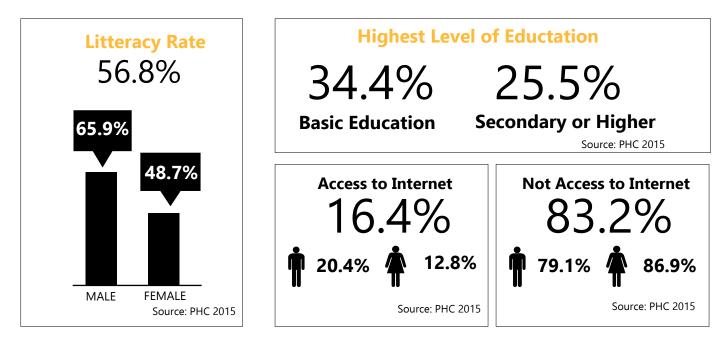
It is therefore critical to adequately invest in quality, affordable and responsive education.



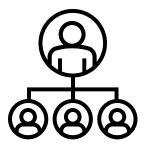
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Youth Shaping the future of Sierra Leone

There is low productivity due to high illiteracy rate



Skills development opportunities are limited...



6.3% of the working age

population have

apprenticeship

done an

5.5%

of the working age population has received any vocational training 2.4

Average years of training

Source: 2014 Labor Force Survey

Key Actions to promote education among Youth in Sierra Leone



- Increase access to and **achievement of secondary education** for all, especially adolescent girls
- Increase **completion rates at primary and secondary schools** for adolescent girls
- Improve knowledge of sexuality education
- Increase and expand access to technical and vocational training
- Improve quality of education with an emphasis on skills development and
- a greater focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics

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