

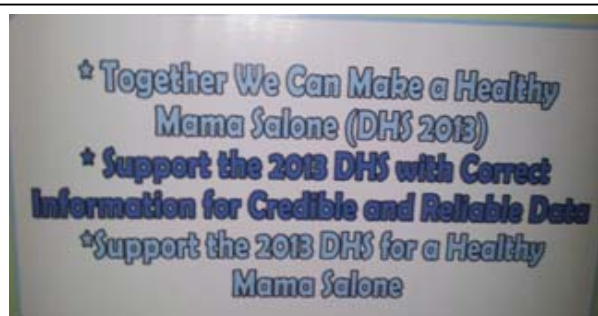


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Supporting Data for Development in Sierra Leone

UNFPA Sierra Leone is supporting the Government of Sierra Leone in strengthening the national capacity for the production, utilization and dissemination of quality statistical data. This is through supporting Statistics Sierra Leone in conducting the 2013 Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), 2014 Population and Housing Census and establishment of Integrated Management Information System (IMIS). The data collected is crucial for measuring progress towards MDGs and Agenda for Prosperity which is the national development strategy. The data is also important for providing an evidence base that can guide national policymaking.

2013 Demographic and Health Survey Project



The survey will provide information at district level on the following:

- population
- family planning uptake
- maternal and child health
- child survival
- HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs),
- nutrition
- female genital mutilation
- Domestic violence & GBV

Data has already been collected and analysis is in progress.

UNFPA has contributed USD 1 million to the DHS Project which has a total budget of USD 3 million.



2014 Population and Housing Census Project

The Census will provide information on characteristics of population and its housing at national level down to the Chiefdom level.

Preparatory work for the census is currently in progress. Demarcating of lowest levels of enumeration called Enumeration Areas (EAs) commenced in May and is still in progress until 2014.

UNFPA has committed USD 715,000 for the census process. The total census cost is USD10.5 million

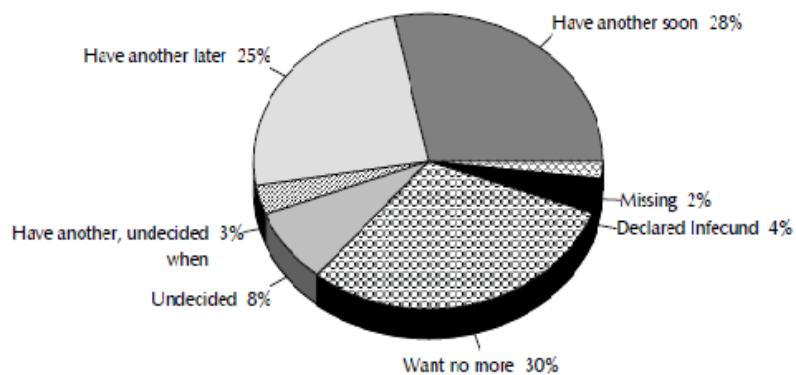
Integrated Management Information System

IMIS is a one stop shop national data source aimed at increasing accessibility of data to users and improving dissemination of data. IMIS enables every person to have access to Census and or Survey information.

IMIS was set up at SSL in 2012. UNFPA supported SSL in setting up IMIS and trained the staff in management of the system

UNFPA has contributed USD 102,684

Fertility Preferences among Married Women



Key outputs

By the end of each of the 3 projects presented, there will be several outputs.

Census

- Census main report and various analytical reports in 2015

IMIS

- Web-based database available
- Development Indicators available online

DHS

- DHS Preliminary report in December 2013
- DHS main report in July 2014

Challenges

The implementation of the activities is being faced with a number of challenges.

Census

- Lack of funds to support timely implementation of the census activities
- Limited awareness of the upcoming census as observed during the census mapping process.

IMIS

- Poor information technology network infrastructure is hindering the full implementation of the system