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SIERRA LEONE

# POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT WHAT WE DO

**Outcome:** To support gender sensitive data needs of UNFPA, Government of Sierra Leone and other development partners for use in governance, planning, programme monitoring, evaluation and reporting at all levels.

**Output:** Enhanced national capacity to produce, utilize and disseminate high-quality statistical data on population dynamics, youth, gender equality and sexual and reproductive health, including in humanitarian settings.

## Development of National Database



- Provide data necessary for development planning through the National Census, Demographic and Health Survey, Population and Development Research Surveys
- Develop improved systems for data collection, analysis, dissemination and utilization, to track the progress in attaining the MDG's and HIV/AIDS trends.
- Establishing and continuously updating a national statistical data base and information system.

## Evidence-based Policy



- Strengthening the capacity of the National Population Unit to coordinate, implement and monitor the National population Policy
- Provide advocacy and policy dialogue in support of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).
- Enhancing the capacity of technical planning staff in pertinent government institutions at all levels and in all sectors with regards to the methodologies for integrated population, development and gender-sensitive planning and programming.

## ADVOCACY FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Promoting the ICPD Plan of Action through:

- Engaging faith-based organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, the Media, Parliamentarians and Civil Society in advocating for population and development issues.
- Promoting the attainment of all MDGs with particular focus on promoting gender equality (MDG3), reducing infant mortality (MDG4), improving maternal health (MDG5), and preventing HIV (MDG6).
- Reducing poverty and socio-economic inequalities through meeting peoples basic needs for health, education and housing
- Promoting leadership and participation of young people



POPULATION PROFILE STATISTICS-SIERRA LEONE				
No.	Indicator		Estimate	Year
1	Total Population		5,890,078	2011
2	Population Growth Rate Per Year (1985-2004)		1.8	2004
3	Number of persons added each year		137,148	1985-2004
4	Population Doubling Time		37.5 years (i.e., in May 2041)	2004
5	Expectation of Life at Birth	Total	48.4	2004
		Male	48	2010
		Female	49	2010
6	Percent of Population 1-14 Years		42	2004
7	Percent of Population 15-64 Years		53.6	2004
8	Percent of Population above 65 Years		4.4	2004
9	Economic Dependency Ratio	Total Population	85.5	2004
		Child Dependency Ratio	76.5	2004
		Aged Dependency Ratio	9	2004
10	Percentage of population classified as poor		54	2010
11	Overall Sex Ratio (Number of males to females)		94	2004
12	Population Density		69	2004
13	Crude Birth Rate		31.5	2008
14	Total Fertility Rate		5.1	2008
15	Crude Death Rate		20.1	2004
16	Infant Deaths Per 1,000 Live Births		89	2008
17	Under Five Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Live Births (Number dying before age 5)		140 per 1,000 live births; i.e., 1 in 7 children	2008
18	Child Mortality Rate		56	2008
19	Maternal Deaths Per 100,000 Live Births		857	2008
20	Proportion of Births Assisted by Skilled Attendants		42.4*	2008
21	Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (all women, modern methods)		11	2010
22	HIV/AIDS	Prevalence Rate	1.5	2008-2010
		Persons Living with HIV/AIDS	74,654	2009
23	Lifetime internal migration rate		21.6	2004