

# Strengthening Socio-Health Systems



Babies are still being born and UNFPA is here to welcome them



UNFPA  
trains  
Contact  
Tracers



UNFPA donates Maternal Reproductive Health kits to PCMH



UNFPA SL wins....



# African Development Bank and World Bank



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BANK**

## UNFPA and donors' Ebola response

**Government of Sierra Leone, World Bank and UNFPA partner to strengthen Contact Tracing and revitalize Reproductive, Maternal, Adolescent and Newborn Health (RMANH) services.**

To support the Government of Sierra Leone in responding to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), UNFPA has signed two projects funded by the World Bank.

The first project is designed to strengthen the Existing Surveillance System and support to Extended Outbreak Investigation through the reinforcement and scale-up of Contact Tracing.

The project will have the following deliverables: 1,600 Contact Tracers trained and equipped with mobile phones with access to CUGs; daily report from Contact Tracers available with District Health Management Team for compilation and submission to National Surveillance Pillar and filed monitoring reports available and actions taken on field findings.

The second project is to advise the Government in putting appropriate arrangements in place that will guarantee that health needs of women, girls and newborns are responded to and also contribute to reducing maternal mortality, neonatal mortality, unwanted pregnancies and preventing the exacerbation of HIV epidemic because of Ebola outbreak.

Both projects were signed in December 2014.



Mothers in Kambia visit the Under-4 Clinic for post natal care

**Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), African Development Bank (AfDB) and UNFPA partner to strengthen Contact Tracing.**

The GoSL, working with its development partners, AfDB and the UNFPA, has designed and is implementing a project to scale up Contact Tracing and surveillance systems to support Ebola response in high priority Ebola outbreak districts in Sierra Leone.

The GoSL received a grant of \$2,059,214 from AfDB pursuant to an agreement and intends to apply the proceeds to UNFPA for the scaling up of Contact Tracers to support the Ebola response.

The project will work to strengthen and scale up to the target of 1500 additional Contact Tracers, 394 Ward Supervisors and 149 Chiefdom Supervisors with the provision of Closed User Groups (CUG) connected mobile phones to adequately report and monitor all contacts in the intervention areas.

The agreement was signed on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

# CONTACT TRACING

## Contact Tracing Training

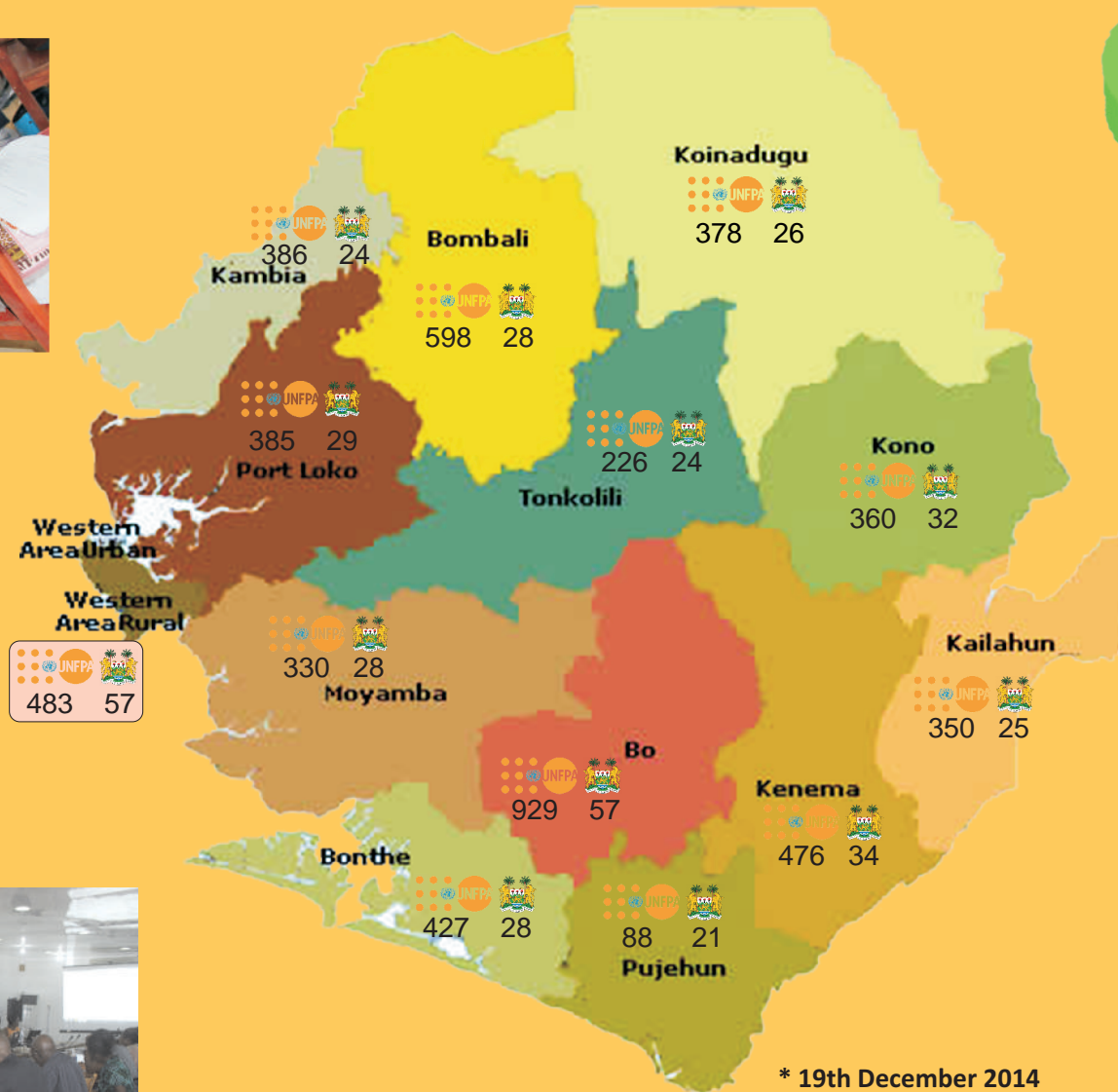


Contact Tracers trained in Pujehun District

**Contact Tracers save Lives**



UNFPA heads weekly Contact Tracing and Case Finding Sub-Pillar meetings



\* 19th December 2014

**Total Contact Tracers trained: 5416**  
**Total Ward Councillor Supervisors trained: 413**

## Contact Monitoring Data



- Completed 21 - day monitoring period - 38,017
- Still being monitored - 18,601

- The Government of Sierra Leone requested UNFPA to assist in the recruitment and training of **6000 Contact Tracers**.
- Technical and operational assistance to the **Surveillance Pillar** to conceptualize and coordinate Contact Tracing activities (SOP, etc.)

### Logistics Support

- 38 Motorcycles were delivered to DHMTs
- Provide fuel & maintenance costs

### Information Management

- 149 GPS Devices for District Surveillance Officers
- 10 Laptops for program staff
- 13 Desktops delivered to districts





# UNFPA donated.....



...Women's Reproductive Health kits to the Maternity Health Ward at PCMH.



...A Toyota Land Cruiser Prado TX to Statistics Sierra Leone.



...World Bank funded desktops and motorcycles to help fight Ebola.



...'Kick Out Ebola' T-shirt to Contact Tracers.



...Reproductive Health Kits and Infection Prevention items to the Ministry of Health...



...38 motorcycles to the District Health Management Teams.



...Vehicles to aid personnel during the 3-Day Ose-to-Ose Campaign.



# Contact Tracers save Lives

A 25 year-old woman Hassanatu Kanu contracted the deadly Ebola Viral Disease in Mabora village, Port Loko District, Sierra Leone. Port Loko District is in the Northern province and is 120 km north of the capital, Freetown. Port Loko has a population of 550,000 people and is largely consists of the Temne



Hassanatu, one of the many Ebola survivors

ethnic tribe. In August 2014 Hassanatu's mother died of Ebola in another village and she attended the funeral. As a contact of a positive Ebola case, Hassanatu was immediately line listed by Chiefdom Supervisor Hassan Kamara even before she returned to her village.

When Hassanatu returned to Mabora village UNFPA trained Contact Tracer, Abass Kargbo, was assigned to monitor her for a period of 21 days. Two days later, Hassanatu informed Abass that she felt pain in her joints. Immediately, Mr. Kamara informed the District Health Management Team (DHMT) and her blood specimen was taken and tested. The result was positive and she was taken to the Ebola Isolation Unit at the Kenema Government Hospital on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014.

**“Early detection and treatment is why I did not die and my Mom did.”**

During her hospitalisation, Hassanatu stated that her blood specimen was tested four times. Her diet consisted of soup and water. When asked how her morale was, she stated that there was a nurse name Tenneh who saw her daily. Hassanatu said that Nurse Tenneh would come in and say to her, “Jog for me.” She said that the nurse would make her laugh and lift her spirits. She looked forward to those visits from Nurse Tenneh and wanted to thank her for that invaluable kindness.

On the 2nd of September, 2014, Hassantu was discharged from the Kenema Government Hospital. She was given discharge Ebola counseling and she returned to Mabora village and resides with her grandmother.

In her community, the residents have labeled her a witch and they believe that she possesses unnatural powers. Hassanatu Kanu contracted Ebola Virus Disease. Hassanatu survived the deadly disease. Hassanatu did not die and her community believes that anyone who contracts the deadly disease will surely die. When asked why she did not die, Hassanatu responded, “Early detection and treatment is why I did not die and my Mom did.”

## Contact Tracing

To contain the disease, the Government, with support from UNFPA and other partners, has been implementing responses at the community level.

UNFPA and the Government have initiated 'Contact Tracing'— a method of tracking contacts - people linked to confirmed Ebola cases.

By tracing contacts and monitoring their health, public health officials can track the movement of the outbreak. This also helps ensure early detection of infections and immediate treatment, and will hopefully stem the spread of the virus.

UNFPA and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, have trained over 5000 Contact Tracers.

The UNFPA country office in Sierra Leone wins the overall prize in the 2014 Good Practice Competition on Effectively Partnering with Implementing Partners.

With the mandate to support the Government of Sierra Leone's efforts in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights in a comprehensive manner, the country office works with a wide variety of partners to adequately fulfill its charge.

Since most of UNFPA's activities in Sierra Leone are conducted through Implementing Partners (IPs), it has been critical for the CO to strengthen its results by partnering with, and building the capacity of its IPs.

One of the key strategies adopted by the CO in this regard, has been the recognition of high-performing IPs through the Performance Improvement Recognition Initiative, or PIRI as it is known in the office.



Implementing Partners (IPs) meet to present their annual progress review



UNFPA & IPs pose for photo-up at the Country Office

## PIRI in detail

In 2011, the UNFPA Sierra Leone CO designed and implemented PIRI as a way to improve the motivation and performance of its IPs. Under the PIRI system, IPs are assessed by a group of programme and operations colleagues. The group's recommendations are then validated by a committee comprised of senior managers.

The top-rated IP of the year receives an award during the annual review meeting of the CO and its IPs. Lower scoring IPs receive targeted feedback and support from their respective CO focal points in order to improve future performance.

"Our successful partnership with IPs serves as the foundation for achieving results that save lives" stated UNFPA Sierra Leone Country Representative Bannet Ndyanabangi. "We have restructured our IP management system and introduced PIRI, which has contributed to increased accountability and further strengthened our partnership with our IPs" he concluded.



# UNFPA Deploys 14 District Contact Tracing Monitors



Staff pose with the DCTM's before the deployment to the field

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) deployed 14 District Contact Tracing Monitors (DCTMs) to each of the 14 districts in Sierra Leone to support the Government of Sierra Leone's Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) response. They are to partner with the District Health Management Teams (DHMTs) and oversee management issues affecting Contact Tracing.

The DCTMs will be in position to submit daily, district electronic data on Contact Tracing to the Directorate of Disease Surveillance and Prevention (DPC) of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS).

The DCTMs were provided with an orientation by UNFPA during a two-day workshop. The overall objective of the workshop was to orient the DCTMs as new UNFPA staff on their roles and responsibilities in the districts and on the structure

and mandate of UNFPA Sierra Leone. The workshop took place at the Njala Venue, Freetown on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Officially commencing the workshop was Mr. Ibrahim S. Kamara, the UNFPA Assistant Representative, who inspired the DCTMs to go to the field as ambassadors of UNFPA and to collaborate with the DHMTs and other agencies in a transparent and accountable manner.

UNFPA Surveillance Advisor, Dr. James Mugume, as Lead Facilitator gave a detailed presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the District Contact Tracing Monitors and stressed that the new staff have a duty and responsibility to coordinate UNFPA Contact Tracing activities in their respective districts.

Currently, the DCTMs in Bo, Bonthe and Kenema districts are supporting trainings of Contact Tracers and Ward Councillor Supervisors.

The DCTMs were deployed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014 and their deployment will last for six (6) months.



DCTM's at a 2-day orientation workshop



# In Memorial of Mrs. Mariama Diarra-Sesay

10th September 2014

Mariama  
was seen  
as our sister -

Mamadou Dicko  
Rep. Chad

I personally  
knew Mariama...  
Always smiling  
and hardworking -

Dr. Makane Kane  
Rep. Mali

She  
helped so  
many people  
and gave so much

Ann Erb-Leoncavallo

She was  
passionate about  
issues relating to  
women's health -

Desmond S Koroma

MAD,  
you shall be  
missed by lots  
in the FPA family -

Simeon Ganda

Mariama,  
may your good  
work on earth give  
you eternal peace -

Haja Hawa

She  
always wanted  
the best from  
each IP -

Dr. Michael M. Koroma

This is  
very sad indeed.  
It's difficult to  
believe -

Ratidzai Ndhlovu  
former Rep. SL  
2009-2013

She was  
a dedicated  
and passionate  
colleague -

Dr. Bannet  
Ndyabangi  
UNFPA SL Rep.

You will  
not be forgotten.  
May your soul  
rest in peace -

Abubakarr Conteh

You truly  
represented  
the core values  
of the  
organisation -

Nimatulai Bah-Chang

Mariama  
did her best  
for the  
country office -

Barnabas Yisa  
former Rep. SL  
2006-2009

This is  
very sad; we  
shall miss  
Mariama -

Beniot Kalasa  
UNFPA RDWCA

She was  
the first person  
who welcomed me  
to Sierra Leone -

Esther Muia

A  
big loss  
to this  
nation -

Crispin M. Kaikai

She  
made this world  
and Salone a  
better place -

Pamela DeLargy

My  
condolences to  
the family of  
Sierra Leone  
country office -

Juliana Lunguzi

Bye bye  
Mama Youth, bye  
bye MADS, you  
will surely  
be missed -

UNFPA SL Staff



She  
was  
the former  
Assistant  
Representative  
for over  
12  
years



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