

SIERRA LEONE

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2019 SNAPSHOT

159
human
resources

1,078
NEMS
resources

57
health facilities
supported

7,828,750 €
invested in
projects

IN 2019

In 2019, the NEMS (National Emergency Medical Service) – the first service for health emergencies – was extended nationwide, making **a total of 80 ambulances operational and carrying out 28,792 referrals** (See Focus p. 20). CUAMM consolidated its support for the **largest maternity unit of Sierra Leone in Freetown, attending more than 8,200 births**, including 4,000 obstetric emergencies. In this hospital, CUAMM has also implemented screening for gestational diabetes and built an intensive care unit. We have continued to provide technical and clinical support in the **regional hospitals of Makeni and Bo, attending 6,200 births**. An intensive care unit was built in Bo. A 'waiting home' was opened in Lunsar. CUAMM is giving ongoing support to the most **remote health districts of Bonthe and Pujehun, providing training and assistance for public health interventions**. Moreover, in Pujehun, we are continuing to work at the hospital, attending nearly 1,000 deliveries, and providing care to 2,400 children.

OUR HISTORY

- 2012**
CUAMM started working in the Pujehun district of Sierra Leone.
- 2014**
Sierra Leone was the hardest hit country in the Ebola epidemic. CUAMM stayed in Pujehun and ensured the presence of expat staff and the continuity of essential services.
- 2015**
Start of support for Lunsar Hospital, which had been forced to close during the epidemic.
- 2016**
In Pujehun, start of the "Mothers and Children First. 1000 Days." programme, and start of support for PCMH in Freetown, the largest maternal care unit in the country.
- 2017**
Start of support for the Makeni and Bo regional hospitals, and the Bonthe district hospital. At PCMH, the first maternal intensive care unit in the country was opened.
- 2018**
The NEMS (National Emergency Medical Service) was launched.
- 2019**
NEMS reaches 80 operational ambulances and 28,792 missions completed.

Country profile

Freetown
Capital

7.6 million
population

71,740 km²
area

19.4 years
Average age of
the population

53/55 years
Life expectancy
(m/f)

4.3
Average number
of children per
woman

181th of 189
countries
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**1.360 of
100,000 live
births**
Maternal
mortality rate



**110.5 of 1,000
live births**
Under-five
mortality rate



**81.7 of 1,000
live births**
Neonatal
mortality rate



WHERE WE WORK



FREETOWN WESTERN AREA

1 hospital *Princess Christian Maternity Hospital - Freetown*
 10 health centres
 1,573,109 population served



Project Nems

PORT LOKO DISTRICT

1 hospital *St. John of God Hospital - Lunsar*
 24 health centres
 140,970 population served



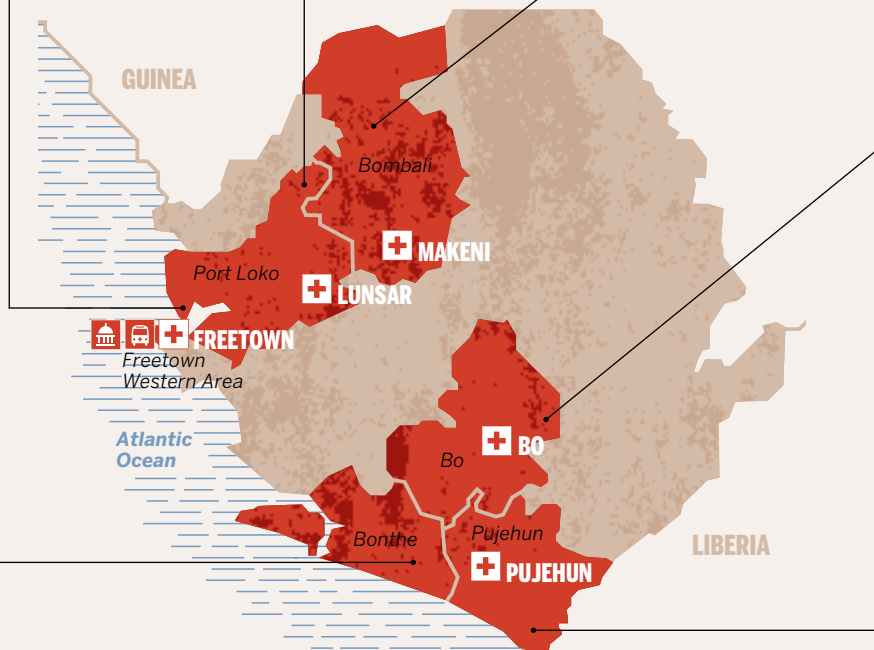
BOMBALI DISTRICT

1 hospital *Makeni*
 636,000 population served



BONTHE DISTRICT

5 health centres
 210,531 population served



BO DISTRICT

1 hospital *Bo*
 5 health centres
 603,716 population served

PUJEHUN DISTRICT

1 hospital *Pujehun CMI*
 5 health centres
 384,864 population served



RESULTS ACHIEVED



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

43,861
parental visits

5,293
transfers for obstetric emergencies

29,580
births attended

20,521
visits of children under 5 years of age



NUTRITION

430
children treated for severe acute malnutrition



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

39,443
patients treated for malaria

23,901
Children under 5 years of age treated for acute respiratory infection

4,779
respiratory infections treated by community agents



ONGOING TRAINING

1,025
community agents

105 nurses and doctors
26 doctors
 midwives



CHRONIC DISEASES

2,125
tests for gestational diabetes

111
pregnant women identified with gestational diabetes

450
pregnant women diagnosed with hypertension during pregnancy