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WHERE WE WORK

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1 hospital (PUJEHUN CMI)
5 health centers
384,864 population served

BOMBALI DISTRICT
1 hospital (Holy Spirit)
636,000 population served

BO DISTRICT
1 hospital (Bo)
5 health centers
603,716 population served

BONTHE DISTRICT
5 health centers
210,531 population served

FREETOWN WESTERN AREA
1 hospital (Princess Christian Maternity Hospital in Freetown)
10 health centers
1,573,109 population served

RESULTS ACHIEVED

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<th>MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</th>
<th>94,098 prenatal visits conducted</th>
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