

SIERRA LEONE

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IN 2021

Doctors with Africa CUAMM's 2021 activities in Sierra Leone included providing support to the **National Emergency Medical Service (NEMS)**, the first such service **provided to the country's health authorities in 2020**. NEMS enabled the use of dedicated ambulances to **transport both people affected by COVID-19 and COVID-19 swabs** during the pandemic.

Although the pandemic led to a partial reduction in access to health services, including maternal care, Doctors with Africa CUAMM continued its support for **Sierra Leone's largest maternity hospital**, located in Freetown, attending more than 6,200 deliveries, continuing to screen for gestational diabetes, and proceeding with high dependency unit (HDU) activities. Support was provided to the HDUs in the regional hospitals of Makeni, Bo and Pujehun, **ensuring intensive care for patients** in need of it and thereby improving the level of care provided.

CUAMM also continued its support for **Bonthe and Pujehun**, the country's most remote health districts, providing training and assistance in the area of **maternal and child health**. In Bonthe we continued to incentivize the use of **boats to transport pregnant women** living in riverine communities, who would otherwise

be unable to get to the hospital to deliver their babies.

Our work and technical assistance at the hospital in Pujehun continued, as did our promotion of the referral back system, which entails the use of vouchers to **get the most fragile pediatric patients back to their villages** as soon as they are discharged from the hospital, so as to facilitate their recovery.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, CUAMM helped the district to implement a vaccination campaign, providing logistic support, ensuring the supply of protective equipment and consumables, and assisting with awareness-raising campaigns.

2021 SNAPSHOT

93
human resources

25
health facilities supported

€1,858,775
invested in projects

COUNTRY PROFILE

Freetown
capital



1,120
maternal deaths
per 100,000
live births

8,297,882
population

72,180
sq. km.
land area



105
under-5 child deaths
per 1,000
live births

19.4
average age
of population

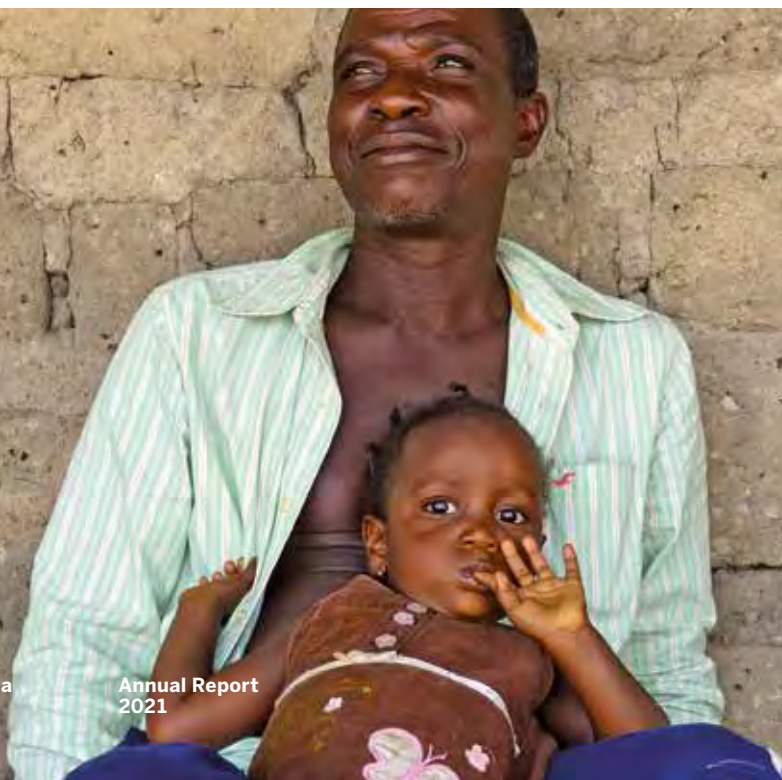
53.9/55.5
life expectancy
at birth (m/f)



78.5
newborn deaths
per 1,000
live births

4.2
average no.
of children
per woman

182nd
out of 189
countries
human
development
index ranking



WHERE WE WORK



FREETOWN WESTERN AREA

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



NEMS project

BOMBALI DISTRICT

1 hospital (Holy Spirit)
636,000 population served



BONTHE DISTRICT

5 health centers
210,531 population served



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BO DISTRICT






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

PUJEHUN DISTRICT

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



RESULTS ACHIEVED

 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	94,098 prenatal visits conducted	6,231 trips provided for obstetric emergencies	50,371 deliveries attended	445,809 under-5 children examined
 NUTRITION	271 children treated for severe acute malnutrition			
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES	349,588 patients treated for malaria	56,109 under-5 children treated for acute respiratory infection		
 CONTINUAL TRAINING	6 community agents	134 nurses and midwives	5 doctors	25 others
 CHRONIC DISEASES	7,468 pregnant women tested for gestational diabetes		371 cases of gestational diabetes diagnosed	