

SIERRA LEONE

IN 2022

In partnership with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health, in 2022 Doctors with Africa CUAMM continued its work to strengthen the public health system in four districts. This included providing support to the country's only dedicated screening program for **gestational diabetes** in its urban (PCMH and Western Area Urban) and rural (Pujehun Maternity Hospital and Pujehun District) districts, to make more advanced health care available to any woman accessing the facilities. After implementing the National Emergency Medical Service (NEMS) to help strengthen emergency management capacity, CUAMM began **rehabilitating the emergency room at Connaught (referral) Hospital**. CUAMM's continued **support for Sierra Leone's largest maternity hospital**, in Freetown, including handling more than 7,800 deliveries and undertaking **quality improvement and high dependency unit (HDU)** activities to make it possible to ensure **intensive care for critically ill patients**, thereby also improving the level of care provided. In the Bombali District, our **support to Makeni's Holy Spirit Hospital** continued with the aim of increasing the number of patients accessing the facility. CUAMM also continued to lend its support to the Bonthe and Pujehun health districts, the country's most remote, providing **training and maternal and child**

health assistance. In Bonthe, we supported the district through **supervision and technical assistance**, and also continued our support for **boat transportation services for women** living in riverine areas who would otherwise be unable to reach the hospital to deliver their babies. In the Pujehun District our work and technical assistance to the hospital continued, as did our promotion of the referral back system, which entails the use of **vouchers to enable the most fragile pediatric patients to get back to their villages** once they are discharged, thereby facilitating their recovery. Also in Pujehun District, CUAMM began to implement the three-year **PEN Plus** program, which focuses on the country's rural areas and aims to provide integrated care services to those affected by chronic (noncommunicable) diseases. Finally, with a view to integrating key maternal and child nutrition activities into the continuum of care, CUAMM began a program in the Pujehun District to reduce the prevalence of every form of malnutrition through a multi-sectoral approach. During the pandemic, CUAMM also helped the district to implement its COVID-19 vaccination campaign, and in 2022 the Ministry of Health named Pujehun as the district with the best vaccination campaign implementation performance.

2022 SNAPSHOT

86
human resources

1,289
health facilities supported

€ 2,587,118
invested in projects

COUNTRY PROFILE

Freetown
capital



1,120
maternal deaths
per 100,000 live births

8,908,040
population

71,740
sq. km.
land area



19.1
average age of population

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

57.5/60.7
life expectancy at birth (m/f)



3.7
average no. of children per woman

31
newborn deaths
per 1,000 live births

181st
out of 191
countries
human development index ranking



WHERE WE WORK



FREETOWN WESTERN AREA

2 hospitals
(Princess Christian Maternity Hospital in Freetown and Connaught Hospital)
10 health centers
80,000
population served

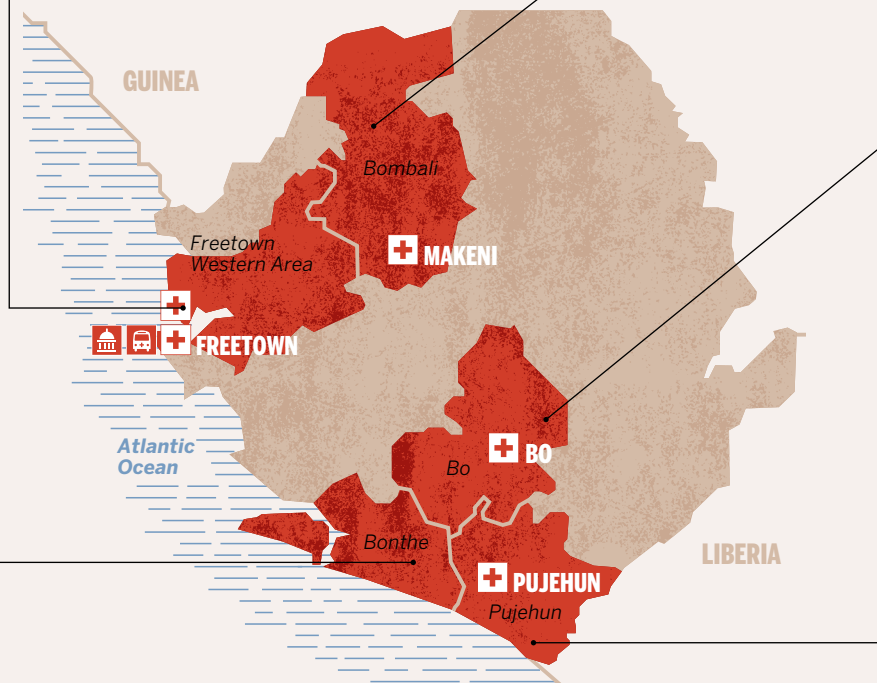
BOMBALI DISTRICT

1 hospital
(Holy Spirit)
1 district
100,000
population served



BONTHE DISTRICT

4 health centers
1 district
223,046
population served



BO DISTRICT






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

PUJEHUN DISTRICT

1 hospital (Pujehun CMI)
1 district
97 health posts
7 health centers
426,679
population served



RESULTS ACHIEVED

 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	57,702 prenatal visits conducted	27,379 deliveries attended	132,269 under-5 children examined	4,522 trips provided for obstetric emergencies
 NUTRITION	246 children treated for severe acute malnutrition			
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES	322,234 patients treated for malaria	35,543 under-5 children treated for acute respiratory infections		
 CONTINUAL TRAINING	77 community agents	106 nurses and midwives	11 doctors	251 others
 CHRONIC DISEASES	63 visits for diabetes	144 visits for hypertension	6,219 tests for gestational diabetes	334 cases of gestational diabetes diagnosed