

# SIERRA LEONE

## IN 2023

Sierra Leone is the second poorest country in the world (measured by per-capita GDP). The majority of its people live under the poverty line and the impact of rising prices following the outbreak of war in Ukraine combined with climate change have further exacerbated an already difficult situation.

CUAMM's interventions are therefore aimed at ensuring basic healthcare to the most disadvantaged, such as mothers, children and the destitute. In 2023, we continued our support for the country's largest maternity hospital, the **Princess Christian Maternity Hospital (PCMH)** in Freetown, handling 8,678 deliveries and continuing our work at the **high dependency unit (HDU)** and the **Midwifery and Gynecology School** at the University of Sierra Leone. In Freetown, substantial changes were made to the infrastructure aimed at strengthening the **emergency management system**: in August, the **emergency room** and the wards used for outpatients were opened at Connaught Hospital, the largest hospital in the country; and in December, work to renovate and expand the emergency room at PCMH began.

CUAMM also continued to lend its support to the **high dependency units (HDUs)** in the Makeni, Bo and Pujehun hospitals. These structures make it possible to guarantee intensive care services to patients in critical condition, improving the care given to them. In Pujehun, CUAMM provides support for the **Hospital for Mothers and Children** by sending doctors and supplying the equipment and medicines that the government is unable to guarantee. At the Main Hospital, we continued our activities to prevent and treat **chronic diseases** as part of the WHO's **PEN Plus initiative**. Within the district, a project was created to combat **malnutrition** by training healthcare staff, campaigns to raise awareness about and promote proper nutrition and the creation of groups of women who manage loans to develop small agricultural businesses. In addition, we supported the **emergency care system** through the operation of ambulances and other means of transport (motorcycles, boats, etc.), which make it possible to transfer patients in areas which are lacking a transportation network. In Makeni, CUAMM's support for the **Holy Spirit Hospital** continued, where a system of reduced fees was introduced to promote access to healthcare services for pregnant women and children under five years old.

2023  
SNAPSHOT

**99**  
human resources

**124**  
health facilities supported

**€2,482,194**  
invested in projects

## COUNTRY PROFILE

**Freetown**  
capital city

**8,908,040**  
population

**71,740 km<sup>2</sup>**  
land area

**19.2**  
average age of the population

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

**3.7**  
average number of children per woman

**184th**  
**out of 193**  
**countries**  
human development index ranking



**443**  
**out of every**  
**100,000 live**  
**births**  
maternal mortality



**105**  
**out of every**  
**1,000**  
**live births**  
under-5 child deaths



**31**  
**out of every**  
**1,000**  
**live births**  
newborn deaths



# WHERE WE WORK



## FREETOWN WESTERN AREA

2 Hospitals (*Princess Christian Maternity Hospital - Freetown, Connaught hospital*)  
 10 health centers  
 80,000 population served

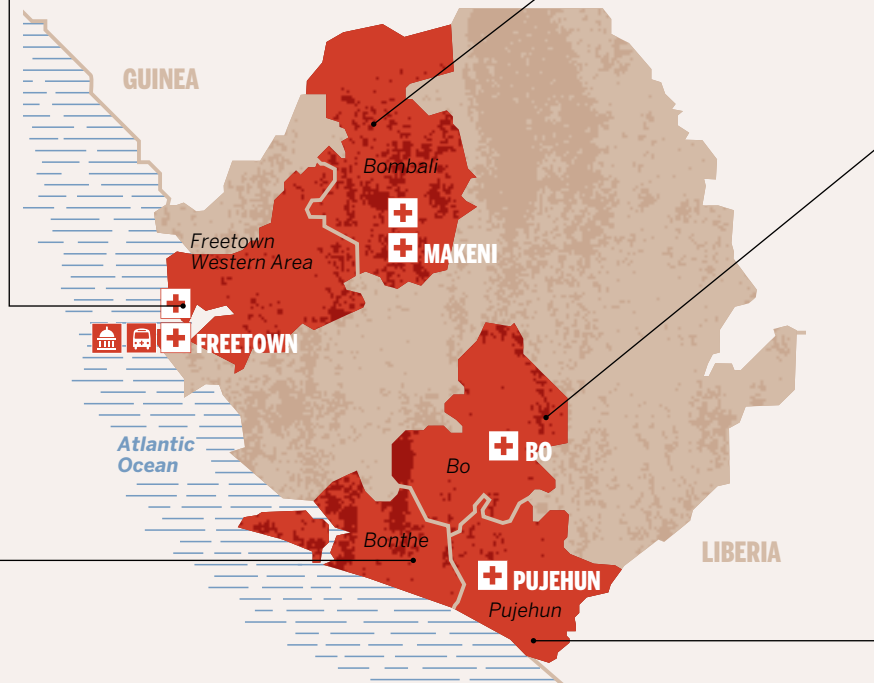
## BOMBALI DISTRICT

2 Hospitals (*Holy Spirit and Makeni*)  
 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 points  
 7 health centers  
 426,679 population served



# RESULTS

 <b>MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</b>	<b>30,129</b> prenatal doctor's visits	<b>28,202</b> deliveries attended	<b>50,804</b> under-5 children examined	<b>3,718</b> trips provided for obstetric emergencies
 <b>NUTRITION</b>	<b>375</b> children treated for severe acute malnutrition			
 <b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES</b>	<b>86,997</b> patients treated for malaria	<b>14,621</b> under-5 children treated for acute respiratory infections		
 <b>CONTINUAL TRAINING</b>	<b>126</b> community agents	<b>267</b> nurses and midwives	<b>20</b> doctors	<b>327</b> others
 <b>CHRONIC DISEASES</b>	<b>513</b> visits for diabetes	<b>1,143</b> visits for hypertension		