



# Sierra Leone Summary of country engagement at SWA

#### **Priority country: Multi-stakeholder approaches**

Sierra Leone joined SWA in 2010. Sierra Leone to a large extent has been building on and implementing the use of country systems, this is manifested through the constant engagement between Government and its development partners, in order to ensure alignment of donor programs with not only the overall Government development Agenda but also with the strategic plans of the ministries.

## **Commitments by the government**

Create a resilient water supply system for the western area of Sierra Leone. Through that, we aim to provide universal access to safe water supply for all inhabitants of Freetown and the Western Area by protecting the Western Area Peninsula National Park (WAPNP), constructing 10 new dams and developing 3 large dams (including treatment facilities and transmission and distribution systems).	Ministry of Water Resources	2028	Government	25%
Increase government budgetary allocation for WASH services from 3% of the GDP to 10% by 2023 and scale up domestic resource mobilization for WASH services.	Ministry of Finance	2023	Government	25%

Reduce open defecation from 17% to 11% by 2023 and implement sanitation at scale to ensure no one is left	Ministry of Health and Sanitation	2023	Government	50%
Review SDG 6 Action Plan with realistic timelines, since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015.	Ministry of Health and Sanitation	2023	Government	50%

# **Commitments by partners**

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Continue to manage the Kingtom fecal sludge treatment plant in the western urban area of Freetown.	GOAL - SL	2024		External Support Agencies	Reviewing prog
Support the Government to provide improved holistic WASH services in 6 chiefdoms in Moyamba District.	Living Water Intl. SL	2024		External Support Agencies	Reviewing prog

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Support the Government to organize Joint Sector Review, including WASH-BAT analysis, resulting in National Action Plan for WASH.	UNICEF-SL	2024		External Support Agencies	Reviewing prog
Continue to support the Government in ending open defecation and in delivering safely managed sanitation.	UNICEF - SL	2025		External Support Agencies	Reviewing prog
Support the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation to improve WASH in health care facilities in the Koinadugu District.	Medicos del Mundo	2025		Civil Society	Reviewing prog

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Support the government to organize a private sector forum for increased investment in WASH, including determining sanitation business models.	UNICEF-SL	2024		External Support Agencies	Reviewing prog
Support the government in providing access to reliable and safe drinking water in hard-to-reach communities in our operational districts (Western Area Urban, Tonkolili, and Port Loko district).	Concern Worldwide	2025		Civil Society	Reviewing prog
Advocate for clean drinking water in the slum communities of Freetown.	West Africa Women and Girls Empowerement	2025		Civil Society	Reviewing prog

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Support the Government to strengthen existing infrastructures of Government, e.g., the district development coordination committee.	Goal - SL	2025		External Support Agencies	Reviewing prog
As Sierra Leonean CSOs, we commit to monitor progress against commitments, and take into account the political will demonstrated by the Government and support the implementation of commitments where appropriate.	WASH-Net Sierra Leone	2022		Civil Society	50%
Improve coordination to maximise contributions and engagement in the SWA partnership and the WASH sector.	WASH-Net Sierra Leone	2022		Civil Society	Reviewing prog

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Support the government efforts to eliminate open defecation and improve access to basic sanitation, especially developing national ODF elimination road map and implementing sanitation at scale, leaving no one behind.	UNICEF	2019		External Support Agencies	75%
Support the government efforts in monitoring and reviewing its performance towards achieving SDG goals, including evidence generation to support implementation.	UNICEF	2019		External Support Agencies	25%

# **Focal Points**

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