

Impact of the Ebola Viral Disease (EVD) Epidemic on Reproductive and Maternal & Child Health Services in Sierra Leone

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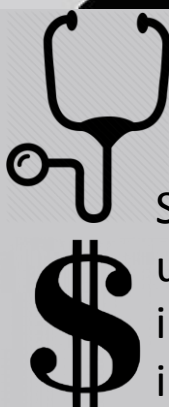
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Sierra Leone is:

#1 For under-five mortality in the world

#5 For maternal mortality rates in the world

Despite dramatic strides in reduction of mortality in the last 10 years



Sierra Leone has one of the most underfunded healthcare systems in the world. Of 2,400 providers in the country only 145 were physicians



2,402 Healthcare workers (HCWs) Infected in Sierra Leone

HCW impact highest in Kenema District

100-fold higher Incidence rate Among HCW

METHODS

OBJECTIVE

At the request of the International Rescue Committee and in collaboration Kenema District Ministry of Health, we conducted this analysis to assess the impact of EVD in reproductive health (RH) services in Kenema, and describe provision and utilization of maternal and child health (MCH) services in Kenema before, during, and after the peak of the epidemic.

We reviewed:

- Sierra Leone situation reports from May 2014 to Jan 2015 for the country and for Kenema district
- WHO reports on the Sierra Leone epidemic
- Monthly summaries of RH service delivery from January 2013 to December 31, 2014 from Kenema District
- Interviews with Kenema District Health officers and providers
- Numbers of users of 6 key RH/MCH services per month before, during, and after peak 2014 Ebola incidence in Kenema District, Sierra Leone.