

# Integrating Family Planning and HIV in Sierra Leone

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# Sierra Leone – Country Background



**7.5+ Million**  
Population



**76,408**  
Estimated Number of People  
living with HIV



**1.7%**  
National HIV Prevalence  
**2.8%** among pregnant  
women



**78.21%**  
PMTCT coverage



**1.64/100,000**  
MTCT - new HIV infections  
in children



**20.9%**  
Modern Contraceptive  
Prevalence Rate

# Opportunities; Policies / Guidelines / Strategies

Integration of FP, Cervical Cancer Screening and HIV Screening

Consolidated Guidelines on HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care 2020

Sierra Leone National Strategic Plan on HIV and AIDS 2021- 2025

Guidelines for the Integration of EMTCT and Paediatric HIV into RMNCAH, Nutrition and TB Programmes in Sierra Leone 2021

Sierra Leone Differentiated Service Delivery Operational Guidelines 2022

The National Family Planning Policy and Guidelines 2022

Integrated Obstetric Care Guidelines 2022

# Integrated Reproductive Health Unit

One stop shop for

- Breast cancer screening
- Cervical cancer screening and treatment
- STI screening and treatment
- HIV screening
- FP counselling and service provision
- Management of GBV survivors





**CERVICAL SCREENING MONTHLY REPORT - KINGHARMAN ROAD HOSPITAL JUNE TO DECEMBER 2021**

PARAMETERS	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
CASES SCREENED	48	27	120	32	36	20
AGE						
25-29 YEARS	18	8	57	10	10	6
30-49 YEARS	30	19	63	22	26	14
VIA POSITIVE	3	1	1	0	0	0
VIA NEGATIVE	45	26	119	30	23	20
SUSPICIOUS OF CANCER	1	2	1	2	3	0
CRYOTHERAPY DONE	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRYOTHERAPY POSTPONED	2	0	0	0	0	0
HIV+ and VIA-	3	4	4	1	2	0
HIV+ and VIA+	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIV+ and SUSPICIOUS OF CANCER	0	1	0	1	0	0
REFERRED FOR FURTHER MANAGEMENT	1	3	1	2	3	0

**CERVICAL SCREENING MONTHLY REPORT - KINGHARMAN ROAD HOSPITAL JANUARY TO JULY 2022**

PARAMETERS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
CASES SCREENED	11	17	5	6	15	5
AGE						
25-29 YEARS	5	7	1	0	4	1
30-49 YEARS	6	10	4	6	11	4
VIA POSITIVE	1	0	0	0	1	0
VIA NEGATIVE	10	16	5	6	14	5
SUSPICIOUS OF CANCER	0	1	0	0	0	0
CRYOTHERAPY DONE	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRYOTHERAPY POSTPONED	1	0	0	0	0	0
HIV+ and VIA-	3	1	0	0	1	0
HIV+ and VIA+	1	0	0	0	0	0
HIV+ and SUSPICIOUS OF CANCER	0	0	0	0	0	0
REFERRED FOR FURTHER MANAGEMENT	0	1	0	0	0	0



# Proposed Models for Integration in Sierra Leone

## On-site integrated

FP offered to recipient of care at ART clinic by one service provider during the same consultation visit

## Supermarket approach

Escorted referrals for women testing positive for HIV at FP service delivery points to HIV clinics (by FP service providers, expert clients or mentor mothers)

## Off-site

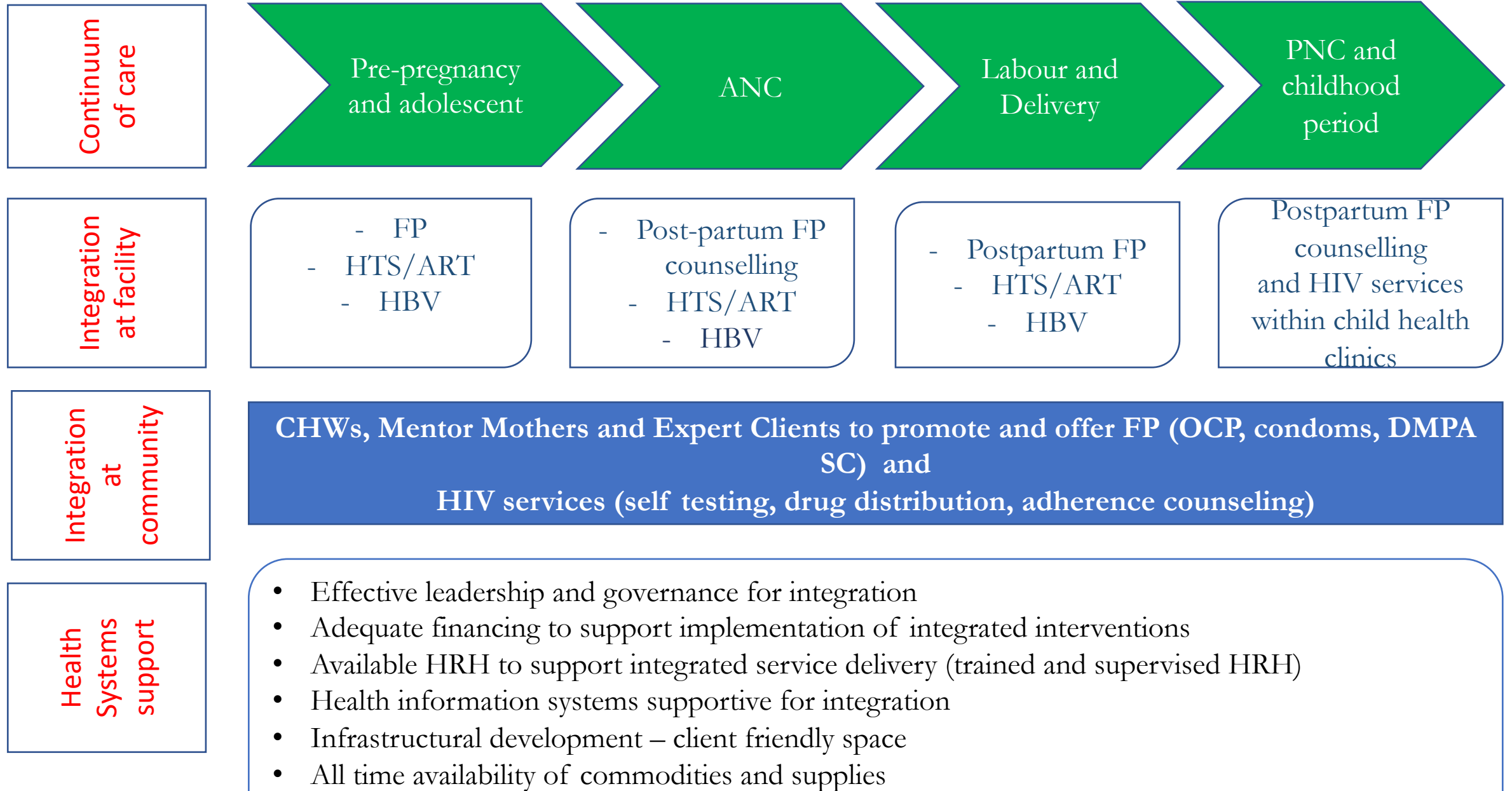
Access to integrated RMNCAH and HIV services in different facilities.

## Mixed Method

FP Counselling at paediatric HIV clinics and escorted referrals to health facilities that have capacity to provide FP services.



# Guidance for EMTCT Integration at Different Levels in Sierra Leone



# Challenges

**Weak Integration of HIV/FP services.**

## **Health Systems Challenges**

- Inadequate human resources for HIV/FP service provision
- Limited infrastructure to support comprehensive services
- Intermittent stock out of ARVs/FP Commodities

**Limited Access to HIV Services (coverage)**

**Donor dependent programs**



# Way Forward

Integrated  
service  
delivery point  
for FP and  
HIV

Integrated  
community  
level  
interventions

Ensure  
availability of  
FP and HIV  
commodities  
at service  
delivery  
points

Promote  
self-care  
interventions  
that integrate  
both HIV  
and FP

Thank you!

