

Integrating Family Planning and HIV in Sierra Leone

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Sierra Leone – Country Background



7.5+ MillionPopulation



76,408
Estimated Number of People living with HIV



1.7%National HIV Prevalence2.8% among pregnantwomen



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 Paediatic 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

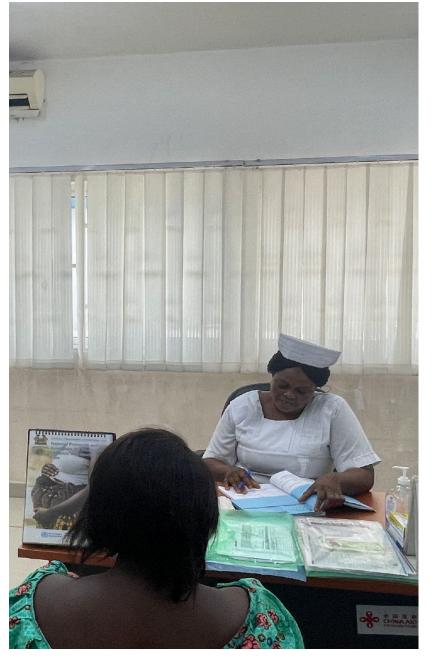
One stop shop for

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





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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

Continuum of care

Pre-pregnancy and adolescent

ANC

Labour and Delivery

PNC and childhood period

Integration at facility FP

HTS/ART

HBV

Post-partum FP counselling

HTS/ART

- HBV

Postpartum FP

HTS/ART

- HBV

Postpartum FP counselling and HIV services within child health clinics

community Integration

CHWs, Mentor Mothers and Expert Clients to promote and offer FP (OCP, condoms, DMPA SC) and

HIV services (self testing, drug distribution, adherence counseling)

support Systems Health

- Effective leadership and governance for integration
- Adequate financing to support implementation of integrated interventions
- Available HRH to support integrated service delivery (trained and supervised HRH)
- Health information systems supportive for integration
- Infrastructural development client friendly space
- All time availability of commodities and supplies

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!

