



## PROJECT PROSSAN

# PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

The PROSSAN project is a multi-country project implemented in Liberia, Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone. Although the three countries have benefited from a certain stability since the end of the Ebola epidemic (2014-2016), the national health indicators are continuing illustrating the fragility of their health system. For all three countries, child mortality rates are high: On a global scale, Sierra Leone has the second highest infant mortality rate and the 4<sup>th</sup> highest under-five mortality rate and, Ivory Coast and Liberia are among the 25 countries with the highest rates. Women in all three countries are particularly vulnerable during pregnancy and childbirth: the three countries are among the 12 out of 183 countries with the highest maternal mortality rates in the world.

The project aims to improve the health of vulnerable populations in Ivory Coast, Liberia and Sierra Leone, particularly women, children under five and adolescents and young people, through quality of care services tailored to their specific needs. In addition, it aims to ensure an active participation of communities, particularly women and youth, in national health issues.

### Key Information



**Project duration:** 3 years (2019 – 2022)



**Beneficiaries:** 22 health facilities supported in Sierra Leone



**Source of funding:** Co-funded by AFD (French Agency for Development) and AAH (Action Against Hunger)



**Partners:** Implemented in a consortium led by Action Against Hunger and in partnership with Focus 1000 in Sierra Leone • France Volontaires • MESSI (Youth Mission for Education, Health, Solidarity and Inclusion) • AFJCI (Association of Women Lawyers of Côte d'Ivoire) in Ivory Coast.



**Intervention areas :** Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone and Liberia



## OBJECTIVES

**Strengthen health systems and ensure the active involvement of communities, especially women and youth, in the national health decision-making process.**

The project aims to contribute to the strengthening of health systems in the three countries and to put women and young people at the heart of decision-making processes regarding their health.

The approaches chosen are based on supporting and strengthening existing health services and mobilising communities and CSOs to meet health challenges specifically related to reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health.

In Sierra Leone, the project supports 22 primary healthcare facilities from Western Urban and Rural Areas, in order to improve quality of care in services including sexual and reproductive health, infant health, nutrition and mental health.

Solthis' role is to support the integration of HIV care and management into reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) services by strengthening the capacity of Health Care Workers through supportive supervisions, on-site and classroom training and clinical mentoring on:

- HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC), Elimination of Mother - to - Child Transmission (eMTCT) and Early Infant Diagnoses (EID)
- Adolescent and Young People Friendly service provision
- HIV Adult and Paediatrics Care, TB/HIV coinfection management, Treatment failure and Opportunistic Infections (OI), Adherence and Disclosure



## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Health services and community health workers offer quality Minimum Service Package (MSP) activities and services that comply with the standards of Health Ministries
- Target populations, especially women and young people, improve their health practices and behaviours.
- The active participation of community-based organisations for organising health structures and women and young people's civil society groups around national healthcare issues is guaranteed.

