



PROSSAN 2

Health systems and services strengthening program in Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone Phase 2

Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone have low national health indicators.

The maternal mortality rate is very high, reaching 617 deaths per 100,000 births in Côte d'Ivoire, 661/100,000 in Liberia and 1120/100,000 in Sierra Leone (the highest rate in the world). Young girls are particularly vulnerable to early marriage and pregnancy, while HIV/AIDS prevalence is higher among women than men, reaching 2.9% in Côte d'Ivoire. In addition, a large number of people with HIV do not know their status, including 23% in Côte d'Ivoire and 35% in Liberia.

Antiretroviral treatment coverage is also low in all three countries, with only 75% of people living with HIV receiving therapy in Côte d'Ivoire, 53% in Liberia and 47% in Sierra Leone. Finally, the recent violent and traumatic episodes experienced by these countries have led to psychological disorders for which care remains insufficient, particularly due to the lack of mental health professionals.

Solthis' activities on PROSSAN 2 are concentrated solely in Sierra Leone.

KEY DATA



Project duration: 36 months (15 May 2022 - 14 May 2025)



Beneficiaries: Women of childbearing age (15-49 years), Pregnant women, Youth (15-29 years), Children under five years, Staff of the 17 health facilities supported.



Source of funding : AFD



Partners: Action Against Hunger



Countries of intervention: Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone



OBJECTIVES

General objective: To contribute to improving the health of vulnerable populations in Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Liberia, particularly women, children under five and young people, by providing quality care adapted to the specific needs of the targeted populations.

Specific objective: Strengthen the quality of and access to health services and ensure the active participation of communities, especially women and youth, in national health issues.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- **R1:** Health services and community health workers offer quality Minimum Health Package (MHP) activities and services that meet the standards of the Ministries of Health. The health services targeted by the project offer an expanded range of quality SRH services adapted to the specific needs of adolescents and young people in and out of school.
- **R2:** Target populations, especially women and young people, improve their health practices and behaviours.
- **R3:** Active participation of community health management bodies and women's and youth civil society in national health issues is ensured at national and decentralised levels.



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Training of ACF staff on basic HIV services (including stigma) to include HIV services in their routine monitoring activities.
- Training of ACF staff and the DHMT (District Health Management Team) in capacity building approaches (mentoring, participatory assessment, training, supportive supervision).
- Capacity building of health workers in 10 supported sites on HIV services in line with national guidelines.
- Conduct joint mentoring with ACF/DHMT teams to ensure appropriate monitoring of the integration of HIV-related activities.
- Conduct a participatory assessment in primary health centres in terms of integration of HIV services with other health services within the health facilities
- Carry out a participatory on-site monitoring evaluation
- Ensuring the availability of basic equipment for HIV units
- Ensure that HIV/AIDS data is reported by health information systems
- Training Solthis staff in psychological first aid.
- Implementation of the Quality Improvement Score approach in the 10 supported sites.

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