



## WFP Sierra Leone Country Brief

## Highlight

- WFP received a mission from the Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger and Undernutrition (REACH) from Rome to review the progress of REACH activities in Sierra Leone.
- WFP delivered a one-month food ration to the Don Bosco Fambul orphanage and St George's Foundation, which are taking care of mudslide affected children and women as well as over 100 youth volunteers involved in the rescue and body retrieval during the emergency response.
- Caregivers for children suffering from severe acute malnutrition received food rations in five health facilities in Bombali, Tonkolili and Koinadugu districts.

### WFP Assistance

WFP is implementing activities to support the Government's 2015–2017 National Ebola Recovery Strategy and reverse the negative impacts of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak on food security and nutrition among vulnerable populations.

Rebuilding food and nutrition security and strengthening disaster management capabilities in Sierra Leone	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
PRRO 200938 (Jun 2016 – Dec 2017)	34.1 m	20.3 m (60%)	0.8 m

\*November 2017 - April 2018

GENDER MARKER **2A** PRRO 200938

The Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) aims to: (i) strengthen the livelihoods of vulnerable communities through community asset creation and rehabilitation; (ii) improve the nutritional status of malnourished children aged 6–59 months, pregnant and nursing women and people living with HIV and TB; and (iii) develop national capabilities to prepare for and respond to future emergencies.

The PRRO contributes to restoring and rebuilding livelihoods devastated by EVD, focusing on the most food-insecure populations and Ebola survivors, while enhancing utilisation of health and nutrition services weakened by the EVD outbreak. The PRRO contributes to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2: Zero Hunger and SDG17: Partnerships, as well as SDGs on poverty reduction, health and gender equality.

WFP continues to implement Purchase for Progress (P4P) to strengthen the capacity of smallholder farmers to access reliable markets, enabling them to sell their surplus crops at competitive prices, thus bolstering their income, reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience. WFP is also supporting the expansion of social safety nets to highly food-insecure households during the lean season.

Country Programme	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
CP: 200336 (Jan 2013-Dec 2017)	56.7 m	35.5 m (63%)	0

\* November 2017 - April 2018

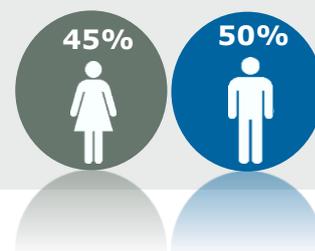
Activities under the Country Programme, which was extended to the end of 2017, include technical assistance to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) and support to the implementation of their revised national school meals programme. WFP Country Programme, which contributes to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 and 17, was designed to empower vulnerable households and individuals with the highest rates of food insecurity and illiteracy in meeting their food and nutrition needs in a sustainable way. The Country Programme also supports the Government to realize its priorities set forth in the Agenda for Prosperity, particularly advancements in the education sector (SDG 4).

The IR-EMOP supports the Government to assist mudslide and flood affected persons in temporary shelters or with host families with food rations for August and September and cash transfers for October and November 2017 to cover their food and nutritional needs. The IR-EMOP contributes to SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG17: Partnerships.

## In Numbers

**3.5 m** People food insecure

**15,200**  
People assisted  
October 2017



**Main Photo** Credit: Photo WFP/Francis Boima  
Caption: Growth monitoring at Sumbuya health center in Port Loko district, Sierra Leone.



October 2017

## Operational Updates

- WFP received a mission from the Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger and Undernutrition (REACH) from Rome to review the progress of REACH activities in Sierra Leone as well as to provide support in identifying nutrition partners. Overall, the mission findings indicated that the activities are on course despite delayed implementation.
- WFP delivered a one-month food ration to the Don Bosco Fambul orphanage and St George's Foundation, which are taking care of mudslide affected children and women. WFP also provided food assistance to over 100 youth volunteers involved in the rescue and body retrieval during the emergency response.
- Caregivers for children suffering from severe acute malnutrition received food rations in five health facilities in Bombali, Tonkolili and Koinadugu districts. This support is provided to encourage caregivers to stay with the children while they receive treatment.

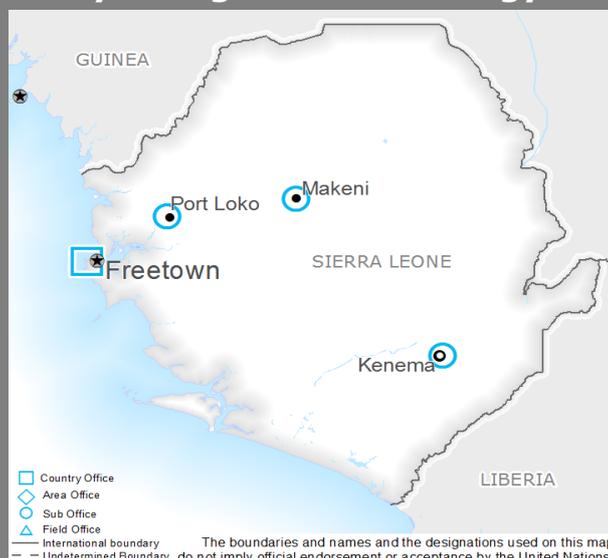
## Challenges

- The mobile cash transfers to households affected by the mudslide and floods have been delayed due to incomplete beneficiary data. WFP, in collaboration with the National Electoral Commission and Statistics Sierra Leone has continued to review the beneficiary list to facilitate the cash transfers. Thus far approximately 1,800 households have been reconciled.
- In order to provide a comprehensive package of support to mudslide and flood affected households, WFP will require additional support from partners to ensure families are able to rebuild lost livelihoods.

## Partnerships

- During a visit to the three field offices, the WFP Country Director briefed cooperating partners about the Sustainable Development Goals as a platform for collaboration and encouraged them to participate in the Zero Hunger Review process which will identify priorities, challenges and a roadmap for ending hunger in Sierra Leone.

## Country Background & Strategy



Since the end of a decade-long conflict in 2002, Sierra Leone has made significant progress towards peace-building, the resettlement of displaced populations, the reconstruction of war-affected communities and rehabilitation of productive household and community assets. Sierra Leone is now ranked (43 out of 163) most peaceful countries according to the 2016 Global Peace Index (GPI). However, the recent EVD outbreak, which erupted in Kailahun District in May 2014 has devastated the country's economy, and claimed the lives of nearly 4,000 people causing widespread human suffering. On 7 November 2015, the EVD outbreak was declared over after 42 days with no new cases. However, a new EVD case was confirmed on 15 January 2016.

Sierra Leone faces significant challenges related to food security and nutrition. The country has been ranked as having an "alarming" hunger level, scoring 112 out of 118 surveyed in the 2015 Global Hunger Index. The 2015 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis found that 49 percent of the population are food insecure, of which 12 percent are severely food insecure. Local production of rice, the main staple crop in Sierra Leone, remains inadequate to satisfy national requirements.

Over 70 percent of the population lives below the national poverty line of USD 2 per day. According to the 2015 Population and Census Housing Survey, net primary school enrolment is between 62 percent and 69 percent and drop-out rates are high, especially among girls in their early teens. The 2014 Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transition (SMART) survey shows that at the national level the global acute child malnutrition rate is 4.7 percent and 29.8 percent of children under five are chronically malnourished. Malnutrition rates vary greatly between districts. Malnourished children require special foods, including fortified blended food, which many households are unable to access. Therefore, food assistance remains crucial for the country's most vulnerable populations.

Population: **7 million**

2016 Human Development Index: **179 out of 185**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **29.8% of children between 6-59**

## Donors

**Top five donors for CP 200336:** Japan, Republic of Sierra Leone, United Kingdom, European Commission, Multilateral  
**Top donors for PRRO 200938:** Japan, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Multilateral, United Kingdom  
**Top donors for EMOP 201097:** South Africa  
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