

Component 5

GLOBAL FUND HIV/AIDS – SIERRA LEONE

INTRODUCTION:

Global Fund HIV/AIDS – Sierra Leone came into existence in May 2005 following approval and signing of a contractual agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Global Fund Headquarters in Geneva.

The Global Fund was set up as a funding agency to complement already existing programmes such as the Sierra Leone HIV/AIDS Response Project (SHARP) funded by the World Bank.

The Global Fund contract will last for five years – with an initial 1st phase of two Years and a second phase of three years.

The overall goal of Global Fund Sierra Leone is **to develop a comprehensive National Response to HIV/AIDS that includes adequate Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support For those affected.**

The National Aids Secretariat (NAS) is the Principal Recipient, supervised by the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM).

OBJECTIVES:

1. To increase knowledge and promote behavioural change on HIV/AIDS through pilot drama and appropriate communications channels in 2 districts.
2. To prevent HIV/AIDS transmission by ensuring the availability of safe blood nationwide.
3. To provide knowledge and skills on ASTI/HIV/AIDS prevention among the youth.
4. To expand access to and promote correct and consistent use of condoms in the general population and among vulnerable groups nationwide.
5. To strengthen and expand services for sexually transmitted infections.
6. To reduce HIV transmission from parent to child through the provision of Prevention of Parent-to-Child Transmission (PPTCT) services in 13 districts.
7. To improve access to and utilization of Voluntary and Confidential Counselling and Testing (VCCT) services in 13 districts.
8. To improve access to and utilization of ARVS in 13 districts

9. To provide prevention, care, support and treatment to special groups.
10. To provide palliative care and support to PLWHA and OVCs, particularly in war affected areas.
11. To strengthen and expand national capacity to design, implement, monitor and evaluate HIV/AIDS programmes in the country.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

NAS, the Principal Recipient (PR), has thirty-one (31) implementing partners known as Sub-Recipients (SRs). They include:

1. AIDs Response Group (ARG)
2. S/L Red Cross Society (SLRCS)
3. Society for Women and AIDs in Africa Sierra Leone (SWAASL)
4. Planned Parenthood Association Sierra Leone (PPASL)
5. Marie Stopes Society Sierra Leone (MSSSL)
6. Christian Children's Fund (CCF)
7. Cooperation of American Relief Everywhere (CARE)
8. Young Women Christian Association Sierra Leone (YWCA)
9. Christian Health Association Sierra Leone (CHASL)
10. Council of Churches Sierra Leone (CCSL)
11. Methodist Church – Sierra Leone (MCSL)
12. United Methodist Church- Maternity (UMC)
13. HIV/AIDS Care and Support Association (HACSA)
14. Medical Research Centre (MRC)
15. Community Animation Development Organisation (CADO)
16. Youth Welfare and Development (YWDO)
17. Peace Child Sierra Leone (PCSL)
18. Theatre for AIDS Prevention and Education (TAPE)
19. Wanjama Massagers Theatre (WMT)
20. Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA)
21. Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF)
22. Curney Bernes Hospital
23. Dalan Consultancies
24. Dr. Willoughby
25. FAMCARE
26. Blood safety Services
27. Kakua Hospice
28. The Shepherd's Hospice (TSH)
29. Rofutha Development Association (RODA)
30. College of Medicine or Allied Health Sentience's
31. World Vision Sierra Leone (WVSL)

IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

Global Fund Sierra Leone is now implementing activities for the 3rd and 4th quarters of Year One. Targets for each quarter are successfully achieved.

Monitoring and supervision of activities are ongoing.

Staff of the Project has been recruited, while logistics and supplies have been procured and distributed to enhance activities.