





Sierra Leone MDTF

Fund Signature Page

(Note: this page is attached to the programme¹ document)

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Joint Vision Programme Number: 6 HIV/AIDS & Malaria	Project Duration: Twelve Months (1yr) Estimated Start-Up Date: November 2011
Project Title: Strengthening Coordination of National Response to HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone	Project Location: National
Project Description: Provide technical assistance to critical networks and umbrella bodies to coordinate and advance the national response to HIV in Sierra Leone	Total Project Cost: US\$221,600 SL- MDTF: US\$ Government Input: US\$0 Other: US\$0 GRAND TOTAL: US\$ 221,600
Development Goal and Key Outcomes: Development Goal: To increase the capacity of key networks, to coordinate and support the implementation of HIV prevention, treatment, care and support policies and programmes as identified in the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2011-2015 & Operational Plan 2011-2012 Key Outcomes: Enhanced coordination and delivery of the multi-sectoral national response to HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone	
Deliverables: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Assistance provided to National AIDS Secretariat, Network of HIV Positives, Business Coalition Against AIDS and 3 civil society Coalitions against AIDS 2. Key networks Action-Plans aligned to the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2011-2015 3. Key networks participating in National Forums on HIV 	

¹ The term "programme" is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

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DEPAC Co-Chair		<u>24/11/11</u>	Honorable Dr. Samura Kamara Minister of Finance and Economic Development
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Executive Summary

The interventions will focus on increasing the capacity of key public and private sector institutions including the NAS, Business Coalition against AIDS, Network of People Living with HIV, and the Coalition of civil society against AIDS. Since the latter group is a broader group that captures all civil society networks and organisation working in the field of HIV, focus will be on strengthening and aligning the Action Plan of the inter-religious AIDS network to the National Strategic Plan and Operational Plan on HIV.

As UNAIDS Country Office is critical in the establishment, strengthening and providing sustained technical backstopping to the networks and all multi-sectoral partners, the Office will also be supported to scale up technical assistance and oversight.. This entails support to the operations of the Office and human resource in enhancing the necessary skills and capacities that correspond to strengthened involvement and participation of the key networks. More specifically the key networks will be supported to align their country office and annual work-plans to the new National Strategic Plan (NSP) on HIV/AIDS 2011-2015 and the Operational Plan 2011-2012 and support to the implementation of key activities within the Action Plans.

Given its credible and proven track record the UNAIDS Country Office is ideally placed to provide such support.

Situation Analysis

For Sierra Leone, 2010 and 2011 is a pivotal year in the national response to HIV witnessing the successful undertaking of Key Pillar Activities; Joint Programme Review of NSP 2006-2010, Know your Epidemic / Know your Response, a new National Strategic Plan 2011-2015 (NSP), National HIV M&E Plan 2011-2015, National Operational Plan 2011-2012 (OP) strategic documents now available to guide the national response to HIV into the coming decade. It also witnesses the presentation of the 5 pillar activities in the 5th National AIDS Council meeting to H.E the President of the Republic and the enactment by Law the NAS into a Commission. All these set the tone for the coordinated implementation of the NSP by multi-sectoral partners including the networks/coalition.

Strategies including lessons learned and the proposed programme

The response to HIV requires a coordinated implementation of the principles of *Three Ones* and a multi-sectoral implementation involving the commitment of everybody/stakeholder. Sierra Leone being among the 2 countries globally to be awarded the MDG 6 Award for successful progress towards the achievement of Goal 6 did so because of the commitment of a variety of partners including H.E the President and the NAS; the latter also provides an overarching implementation framework that guides all partners.

Key lessons learnt is that any support that strengthens the capacities of the NAS, implementing partners including the coalitions/networks and also the development of strategic frameworks is critical for an onward march towards the achievement of the *Three Zeroes*; namely Zero new HIV infection, Zero AIDS related death and Zero stigma and Discrimination.

The strategy will entail support to the development of specific institutional operational framework aligned to the new NSP and OP, strengthening partnership and mobilising both human and financial resource to support a coordinated implementation of the strategic documents.

Results framework

Joint Vision Priority Areas	Equitable and Affordable Health Services
Joint Vision Programme 6	HIV/AIDS
Key Result Areas	Enhanced coordination and delivery of the national response to HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone
Key Output Targets	Specific Activity for DaO Funding
<p>1. Technical Assistance provided to National AIDS Secretariat, Network of HIV Positives, Business Coalition Against AIDS and Coalition of civil society on AIDS including the Sierra Leone inter-religious AIDS Network and Sierra Leone Youth Coalition on HIV and AIDS</p> <p>Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Number of key networks participating in National Forums ❑ Number of capacity building activities organised with key networks ❑ Key networks Action-Plans aligned to the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2011-2015 ❑ Number of Activities supported as per Action Plan 	<p>Technical assistance for establishment of systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision and update Key networks Action-Plans aligned to the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2011-2015 • Capacity building activities held for key networks with focus on operationalizing NSP and OP within their respective Action Plans • Support to key networks participation in National Partnership Forum on AIDS and National AIDS Council Meeting • Support to the implementation of Action plans

Management and coordination arrangements

The project will be managed under the overall coordinating responsibility of the UNAIDS Country Office (UCO) in close collaboration with the National AIDS Secretariat Network of HIV Positives, Business Coalition Against AIDS and the respective Coalition of civil society networks against HIV. UNAIDS will facilitate the implementation of project activities with support from the Joint UN Team on AIDS. Regular consultations will be organized by UNAIDS in collaboration with the National AIDS Secretariat and the Joint UN Team on AIDS.

Fund management arrangements

UNAIDS being part of the UNCT involved in the implementation of the Joint Vision Programme is a signatory to the SL- MDTF MOU.

For this particular project, UNAIDS will receive all the funds and subsequently disburse the funds accordingly (with appropriate documentations) to the recipient networks/coalition or coordinating body.

Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

The M&E framework will be in line with the broader M&E framework designed to track the JV Programmes. In addition, each specific deliverable with corresponding indicators will be developed for each activity to track progress.

The Joint UN Team on AIDS will also provide support in supervision, oversight and technical backstopping during implementation. UNAIDS will share implementation progress during Joint Team meetings or by emails.

At the end of the activity, each of the beneficiary network/coalition will produce an implementation and financial report which will be kept at UNAIDS Country Office and used to compile the annual/financial report to the MPTF Office as per the MOU.

Legal Context or Basis of Relationship

The Project falls with the broader 5 Priority Areas/ Benchmarks of the Joint Vision specifically 'Equitable and Affordable Health services'. Programme 6 of the JV Programmes is HIV&AIDS and Malaria which contribute to a national infectious disease control programme that will help control 2 of the most dangerous infectious diseases in Sierra Leone: HIV&AIDS and Malaria

Workplans and budgets

Activity	Geographic coverage	2012					Budget (US\$)
		Jan-Mar	Apr-June	Jul-Oct	Nov-Dec		
Identification of trainees, beneficiaries and recruitment of consultant	National	X					
Training of six coordinating bodies & beneficiaries	National	X				90,000	
Procurement and distribution of equipment and supplies	National	X	X			21,000	
Mentoring, Monitoring and follow-up of coordinating bodies & beneficiaries	National	X	X	X		96,100	
Reporting			X	X	X		
Sub-total						207,102.8	
Indirect costs						14,497.2	
Grand Total						221,600	

UNDG standard Budget

Line #	Line description	Definition of figure to be reflected in US\$
1	Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	21,000
2	Personnel (staff, consultants, travel and training)	95,088
3	Training of counterparts/beneficiaries	90,000
4	Contracts	
5	Other Direct costs	1,014.8
	Total Project Costs	207,102.8
	Indirect Costs 7%	14,497.2
	TOTAL	221,600