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Our National Impact Report 2020



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The National Director's Foreword



It is my pleasure to share with you the World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVVISL) 2020 Annual Report. The achievements and impact narrated in the following pages that you will read, represents the results of an entire team of World Vision Sierra Leone staff, partners, community members and children's relentless efforts. The effective collaboration between World Vision Support Offices, West Africa Regional Office and WVVISL has greatly contributed to these successes.

I am so grateful to the entire staff of WVVISL, the Advisory Council and all the community volunteers who tirelessly worked for and with the children, particularly the most vulnerable, to help them unleash their God's given potential to enjoy life in all its fullness.

The fiscal year 2020 started well with the implementation of interventions in Health and Nutrition, Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH), Education, Child Protection, Livelihood, Advocacy, Faith and Development, and Child Sponsorship. Tangible improvements in the lives of children were reported in the 28 area programmes (APs) located in 37 chiefdoms in the six (6) operational Districts of Bo, Bonthe, Pujehun, Kono, Koinadugu and Falaba.

In addition, WVVISL implemented three major projects funded by Irish Aid, USAID and Profuturo (Spain) respectively in Health and Nutrition (AIM Health Plus Project), Health (Act to End NTD) and Education (Unlocking

Literacy and Numeracy through Leveraging Digital Technology in Primary Schools). These projects have immensely contributed to improving the health and nutritional status of children under five, pregnant and lactating mothers and also the reading skills of school-going children.

In March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately struck Sierra Leone among many other countries globally. In response to the pandemic, World Vision partnered with the Government, communities and children to work along four major areas: 1) prevention of the spread of COVID-19, 2) health system strengthening, 3) support to children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods and 4) collaboration and advocacy for vulnerable children protection. Thanks to the effective and timely implementation of the WVVISL COVID-19 Response Plan, no staff or Registered Children (RC) in our operational areas were died of COVID-19 disease. We owe these results to the faithful support of our private and public donors, our hard-working staff, community volunteers and partners and our agility as an organisation to adapt to the "new normal".

As we look into the fiscal year 2021 with the hope of the availability and fair access to the COVID-19 vaccine and the progressive return to normalcy, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of Sierra Leone for the effective partnership through its various ministries for the promotion of the well-being of children. My thanks go to the donors who, despite the difficult times, kept their pledge and entrusted us with financial resources to run ongoing projects. I am grateful to all partners and World Vision staff for their infallible commitment to the World Vision ministry.

It is our prayer as an organization that God's blessings rest upon all of us as we continue to serve most vulnerable children of this beautiful and peaceful country of Sierra Leone.

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This Annual Report provides an overview of the work of World Vision Sierra Leone, from October 2019 to September 2020.

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Abbreviations

Corona Virus Disease 2019 (**COVID-19**)

Community Health Management Committee (**COMM**)

Community Health Workers (**CHW**)

Child Protection (**CP**)

Citizens Voice and Action (**CVA**)

Design Monitoring and Evaluation (**DME**)

Education Youth Empowerment (**EYE**)

Financial Year (**FY**)

International Non-Governmental Organization (**INGO**)

Intermittent preventive treatment (**IPTP**)

Long Lasting Insecticide treated Nets (**LLINs**)

Neglected Tropical Disease (**NTD**)

National Covid-19 Emergency Response Centre (**NaCOVERC**)

Non-Governmental Organization (**NGO**)

Registered Children (**RC**)

Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (**RUTF**)

Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organizations
(**SLANGO**)

Timed Targeted Counselling (**ttc**)

United State Agency for International Development (**USAID**)

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (**UNICEF**)

United States Dollars (**USD**)

Unlock Literacy (**UL**)

World Vision (**WV**)

World Vision International Sierra Leone (**WVVISL**)

Women and Youth Strengthening (**WAYS**)

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (**WASH**)



We are **World Vision**

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our more than 37,000 staff work hard to empower children to live lives filled with joy, become all Jesus created them to be and to go further than they could ever have imagined.

Guided by more than 70 years of experience and expertise, our dedicated staff employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

As a leading global partner, we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope and, as a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, with our partners have positively impacted the lives of more than **230,000 children in Sierra Leone** in the West Africa Region and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

Overview of Sierra Leone

priority sectors

Today, World Vision supports more than 682,884 (334,613 boys, 348,271 girls) children through 28 long-term area development programmes in 29 chiefdoms in Bonthe, Falaba, Bo, Kono, Koinadugu and Pujehun districts.

Community Engagement

World Vision's approach is community-based, ensuring communities lead their own development programmes and processes while empowering them with required skills and resources that help create safe, nurturing environments for children. Our multi-sectoral programmes address critical issues, such as health and nutrition, education, WASH, advocacy, economic development, child protection and participation and disaster risk reduction.

Health and Nutrition

World Vision's strategy focuses on evidence-based, cost-effective preventive practices that address the primary causes of maternal and child mortality and illness. Our core emphasis is on pregnant women, newborns and children under the age of five and we work with health professionals to implement Maternal and Child Health. World Vision is also using mobile phone technology to track life-saving maternal health information.



Education

Ensuring that children enroll in school and stay in school is a priority for World Vision. Our goal is that all children in the communities we work with are functionally literate by age 11. To accomplish this, we work with teachers for them to have stronger capacity to support children's literacy and help communities, parents and caregivers provide needed support for their children's learning. World Vision also work with education authorities for the improvement of education services and policy implementation as well as ensuring learning environments are safe and free of violence.



Child Protection and Participation

Children are vulnerable to abuse, violence, exploitation and child labour in Sierra Leone. World Vision pursues a systems approach to strengthening child protection within the broader programming and advocacy as child well-being is based on holistic and interrelated factors. World Vision works on preventing Violence Against Children, strengthening reporting and referral pathways and coordination between state and non-state actors.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

World Vision has been working on increasing access of population to safe drinking water and improved sanitation. We collaborate with the government of Sierra Leone and the communities towards universal coverage through our integrated WASH programming. In particular, World Vision has intensified its WASH interventions as part of the Covid-19 preventive measures. We also work with faith actors to promote hygiene and behavior change in the communities.

Cross-Cutting Themes

To achieve sustained child well-being goals, World Vision integrates multi-sectoral cross-cutting themes across its core sectors. Community engagement, economic empowerment, gender, social inclusion, disability awareness, interfaith collaboration are all mainstreamed in programming.



Partnerships

World Vision also build relationships with community and civic organizations as well as local, national and international NGOs to improve effectiveness of our programming in our targeted areas. World Vision is an active member of the Non-Governmental Organizations (SLANGO) and the international Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) forum.

Our Capacity

In 2020 Financial Year (FY20), World Vision has 280 skilled staff members working on effectively and efficiently achieving our targets in our area programmes. Sector specialists include professionals in child protection, health, nutrition, WASH and education.



Child well-being

Well Being for Children in Times of Covid-19

When the Disease (COVID-19) shocked the world, Sierra Leone became worried because of the experience it had from the Ebola disease outbreak in 2014. Unfortunately, COVID-19 stroke the country on 30th March 2020 when the first case was confirmed.

In the context of the COVID-19 outbreak, the country immediately suffered from International and National market disruptions – producers, suppliers, and retailers affected by movement restrictions leading to an increase in food prices; which affected access to food and nutrition. The situation worsens, with broader impacts on livelihoods due to border closures, restrictions of movement, and economic slowdown.

The COVID-19 pandemic further exposed the extreme inequalities with children. From poor households consistently facing greater challenges. Without running water at home, children have been unable to regularly wash their hands. Living in crowded homes with, substandard housing has made it difficult for them to follow social distancing guidelines. Sierra Leone records one of the highest rates of chronic malnutrition globally, with a prevalence of 31.3 percent, below global standards of <30 percent according to the National Nutrition Survey 2017. This situation was got worst due to the constant lock-downs and restrictions.

In Sierra Leone, the current disruption of lessons further jeopardizes an already low completion rate for junior secondary, which is at only 49 percent. The pandemic also has the potential to worsen the numeracy and reading skills, which are already undesirably low among students across Sierra Leone. The lack of IT and internet infrastructure has limited their access to online or remote schooling.

World Vision International Sierra Leone continued providing essential support to the most vulnerable communities, as many children needed assistance. WVISL quickly repurposes 20% of the Area program budgets to suit the needs of the most exposed and vulnerable communities. WVISL responded with two million, five hundred and fifty thousand USD, and later added one hundred and fifty thousand USD from a private non-sponsorship. This brought the total response budget to two million four hundred and thirty-nine thousand USD. These funds supported the provision of infection prevention and control materials, psychosocial support, training of teachers to develop multimedia education materials, provision of radios for home learning, designing specific education materials, food and non-food items for vulnerable households and children leaving in quarantine homes among others.

Total number of people targeted for COVID-19 response was 555,928 and reached 555,919 (114,065 girls; 78,718 boys; 202,380 women and 160,756 Men).



Our COVID-19 RESPONSE

6,063 Children,



reached with targeted age-specific health education

17,131 Community-level



public hand-washing stations (tippy taps) established or maintained for COVID-19 prevention

131,833 FaceMask,



distributed to health facilities, CHW, and caregivers for COVID-19 support

140,328 Gloves,



set distributed to health facilities, CHW, and caregivers for COVID-19 support

14,999 IEC,



COVID-19-related materials printed and distributed

978 Hygiene,



comprehensive kits distributed for COVID-19 prevention

536 FaithLeaders,



disseminating preventive messages for COVID-19 prevention

6,870 HandWashing,



Supplies distributed for COVID-19 prevention

1,332 Medical,



personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) in health facilities

744,161 People,



reached with preventive behaviour messaging on COVID-19

2,120 CHWs,



trained and supported to provide community-based services for COVID-19 prevention and control

3,831 Community,



members including caregivers provided with COVID-19 preventive materials

9,564 National Primary School Examination,

8,074 Basic Education Certificate Examination,

4,382 West Africa Senior Secondary School Certificate,

candidates were supported with face masks to protect them from COVID-19 during national examinations



518 Schools,



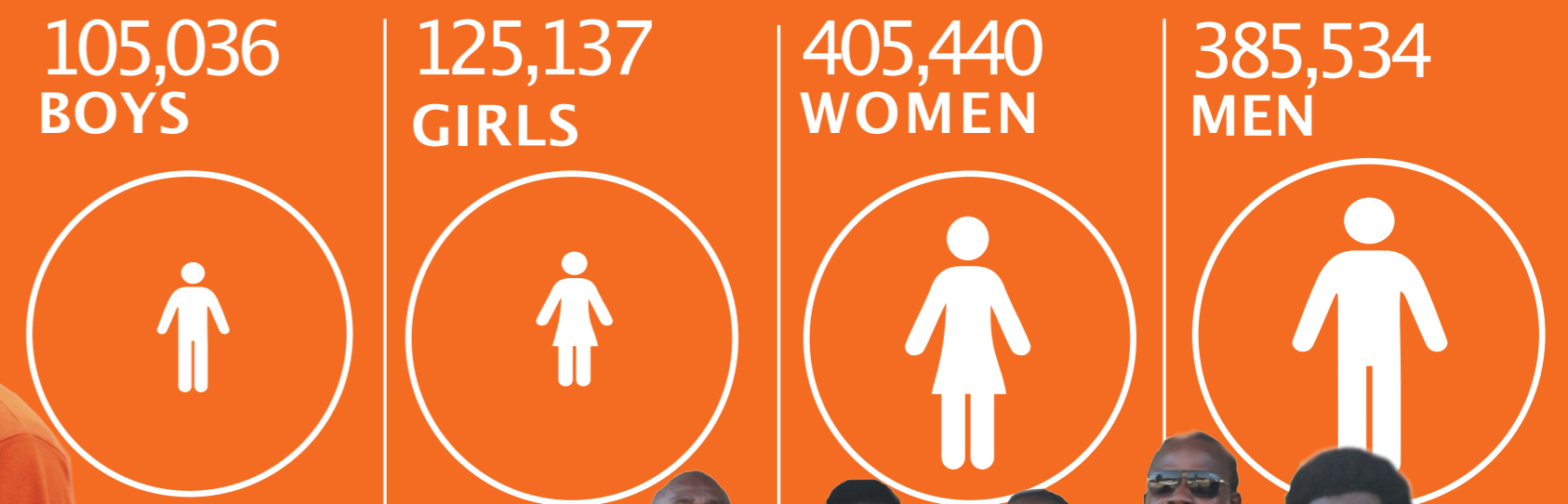
were supported with hand washing stations and thermometers to be used during national examination

Supported the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) to conduct refresher training for 42 scriptwriters for the nationwide radio-teaching programme.

Procured 34,000 rechargeable solar powered radios to support children in households to benefit directly from the nationwide radio-teaching programme.

Our National Impact 2020

Overall, **1,021,147** people were reached through World Vision intervention in Sierra Leone



Our




Health

800 Adolescents,  completed life skills curriculum and improved their public speaking, negotiation and self-awareness skills


2,650 Trained,  Community Health Workers provided health services at the household level to 22,600 people

77 COMM,  members were actively engaged in improving access to essential health services for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children

1,755 CHW,  implemented the ttC model to improve maternal, newborn child health. They referred 14,586 children under five years to health facilities for routine vaccinations.

10 COMM, groups established linkages with local health facility and providers

246 Health,  facilities were provided with essential drugs and supplies

84% Health,  facilities in World Vision programme areas reported no stock outs of Oral Rehydration Salts and zinc for diarrhea case management

CHWs registered **6,157** pregnant women and followed up; **6,000** who attended antenatal care visit. They provided the full package, including immunization, deworming, intermittent preventive treatment (IPTP) for malaria, and Long Lasting Insecticide treated Nets (LLINs). **5,750** women gave birth at the health facilities and were attended to by skilled birth attendants.

Nutrition

100,000 Multi-Vitamins Pills, distributed to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation

Supported Ministry of Health and Sanitation with therapeutic food (RUTF) to rehabilitate **9,817** malnourished children. Supported Ministry of Health and Sanitation with **1,600,000** tablets of albendazole

Supported mothers support group to reach **6451** of caregivers with nutrition awareness messages


18 Grandmothers,  groups provided support on Antenatal Care and breastfeeding to **2629**




Advocacy


5,600 Boys & Girls,  were reached through the It Takes a World Campaign to end sexual violence against children using a multimedia approach

332 Parents,  trained in courses/workshops that tackle positive discipline (ie. Celebrating Families, and other CP issues)

106 Dialogue/Lobbying,  processes and meetings were conducted by communities on child protection

810 Community,  members were reached through awareness raising sessions and accessed to child protection information

 World Vision partnered with UNICEF, Action Against Hunger and Irish Aid to develop; (1) guidance notes on maternal, infant and young child nutrition in the context of COVID-19 for health workers in Sierra Leone and (2) Infant and young child feeding booklet in the context of COVID-19

 World Vision was appointed by NaCOVERC and SLANGO as the lead NGO to coordinate COVID-19 response activities in Bonthe District



Child Sponsorship and Child Protection

Total Number of **Sponsored Children in 2020, 44,028**

2,070 Children,



benefited from gift notification

1,855 Children,



oriented to child sponsorship and how it enables child well being

1,642 Community,



members trained on sponsorship essentials

444 Local Partners,



trained on sponsorship monitoring

205 Parents,



demonstrated increased knowledge in positive disciplining and other CP related issues

101 Champions,



and key influencers worked with the CVA Working Group to collectively advocate and influence local and higher levels of government on education, child protection, and Health

5,851 Children,



under 18 years old were cared for by **3,235** Savings Group members

32,306 Community,



members were reached through children radio program awareness-raising on child protection issues



WASH

67 Solar



mechanized boreholes constructed (25 in communities, 16 in schools, and 26 in health care facilities). This enabled **171,530** people to access safe water from a basic drinking water source.

324



Sex-Seperated, and disability-friendly latrine stalls constructed with menstrual hygiene facilities in 47 primary schools. This gave access to **16,923** children with sanitation facilities in Schools.

31



Latrineblocks, of 5 stalls each in 31 health care facilities constructed and enabled **113,660** people who had either visited the health facility or were admitted in the health facility to access basic sanitation facilities

1,203



Households,

constructed sanitation facilities, which enabled **6,449** community members, accessed sanitation facilities constructed through the CLTS approach.

57,671 (**18,258** males, **22,743** females, **7,878** boys, and **8,772** girls) community members sensitized on proper hygiene especially the importance of handwashing.

Trained **80** school health club members (boys **24** and girls **56**) on menstrual hygiene management.

104 primary schools have a basic handwashing facility (with soap and water) which is accessed by **31,767** (**16,090** boys, **15,677** girls) students.

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Faith and Development

107
Churches,



and Faith Based Organizations
involved in holistic ministry

315
People,



participated in interfaith
events

125
Muslims & Christians



(78 male, 47 female) Muslim and Christian faith leaders trained on sanitation and hygiene behavior change communication. These faith leaders reached **12,711** people with hygiene and sanitation messages. As a result of the sensitizations by the faith leaders and community health volunteers, **32,246** households constructed tippy taps

536 faith leaders disseminating preventive messages for COVID-19 prevention

7,188 children participated in spiritual nurture activities

150 people were trained on celebrating families curriculum

350 faith leaders participated in channels of hope workshop for maternal child health and child protection

Through the partnership with the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone **656**, faith leaders were sensitized on COVID-19 prevention messaging who later disseminated information through social media platforms, face to face, (maintaining social distance and IPC measures), and radio to their congregants and the general community.



Education

1,017
Schools,



supported with teaching and
learning materials and established
180 functional reading camps in Bo,
Bonthe, Pujehun, and Kono districts.

WVSL is currently supporting **76** youths at the Women and Youth Strengthening (WAYS) vocational institute in Bo, through the Education and Youth Empowerment (EYE) project. This project aims at promoting vocational education and training for youth in Tikonko Chiefdom.

WVSL is leveraging digital technology to promote Unlock Literacy (UL) and Numeracy in **40** primary schools.

DME

Conducted assessment and design for three new area programs in Koinadugu and Falaba districts

Collaborated with Statistics Sierra Leone to conduct technical program baseline in Kono, Falaba, Bo, Pujehun, and Bonthe districts

Conducted program accountability assessment in 25 area programs and initiated process for setting up a program accountability system

Conducted child-led research in Jaiama Bongor Area Programme

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Financial Summary




Thanks to the generous support and contributions from individuals, institutions, government agencies and corporations, World Vision International Sierra Leone's total budget for FY2020 was US \$19,033,725 (cash funding). This funding allowed us to deepen our impact in rural communities bringing transformational development while reaching out and bringing hope to the most vulnerable children in Sierra Leone.

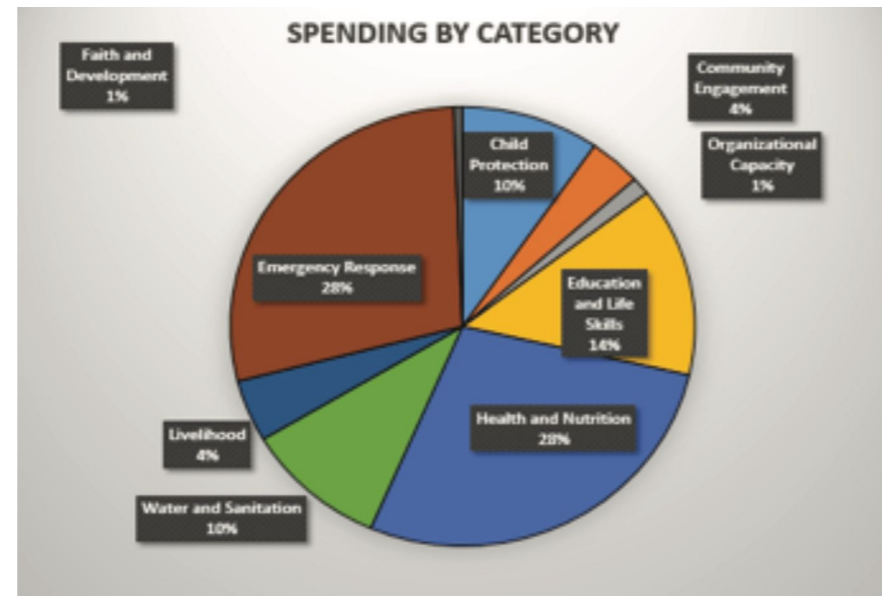
Our intervention has been challenging on many fronts, as the global health pandemic brought unprecedented changes in people's lives while affecting much of the

Total Income

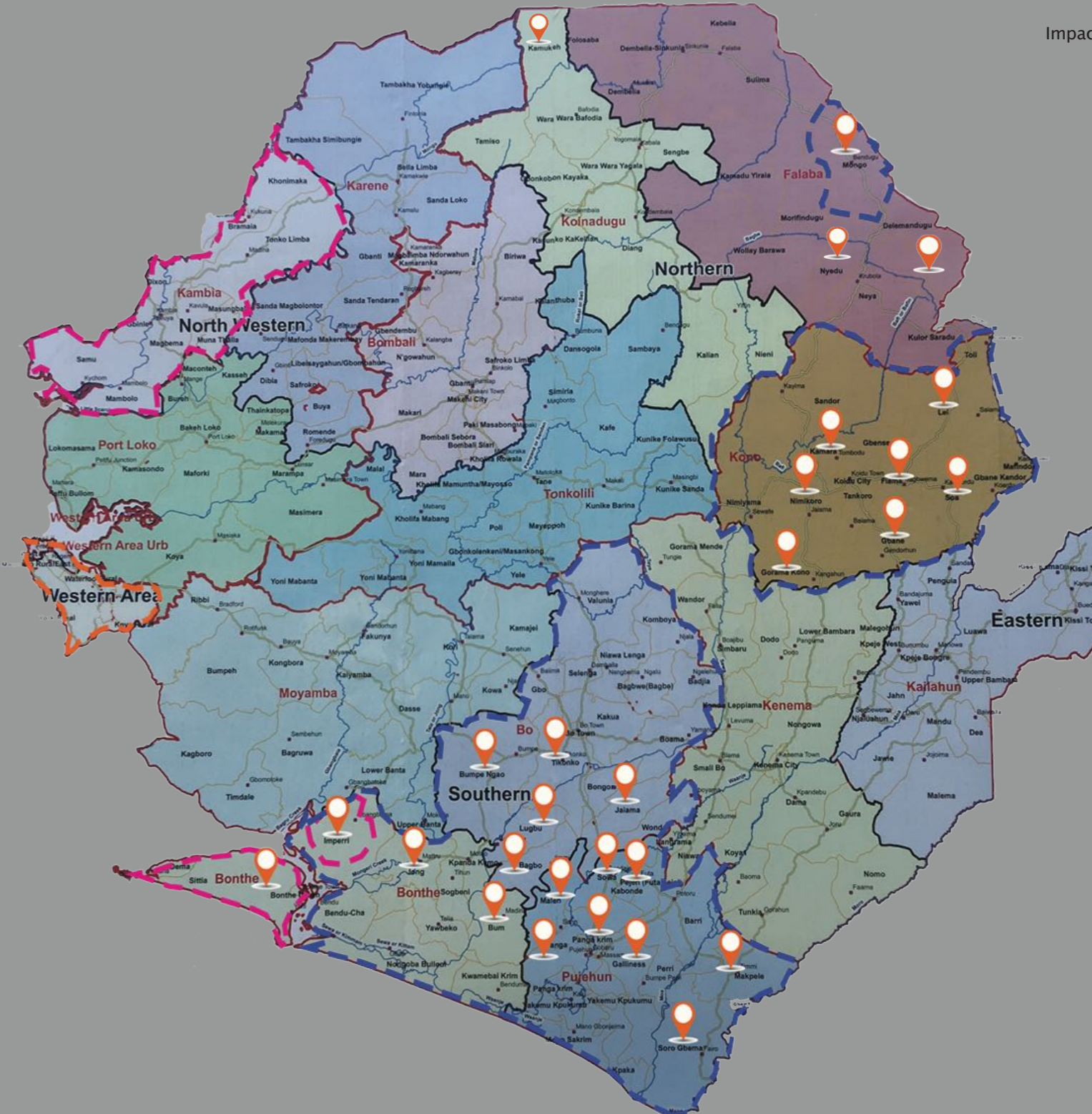
Approved Budget	Actual Spent	% Spent to Budget
\$19,033,725	\$17,931,462	94%

Total expenditure by category

	Sponsorship	\$17,082,289	\$16,468,261	%96
	Government & Multilateral	\$847,543	\$736,025	%87
	Private Non-sponsorship	\$1,103,893	\$727,176	%66



World Vision International Sierra Leone
Operational Map 2020



Our Partners (local and International)

In addition to our collaboration with the Government of Sierra Leone, World Vision works with like-minded individuals and organizations to achieve the well-being of children. This includes, but is not limited to the following partners:



Our Support Offices

- World Vision Austria
- World Vision Canada
- World Vision Germany
- World Vision Hong Kong
- World Vision Ireland
- World Vision Netherlands
- World Vision South Korea
- World Vision Spain
- World Vision Taiwan
- World Vision United Kingdom
- World Vision United States





World Vision is a movement of people motivated by our desire to serve God and improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world. We believe that a country, and a world, where all children are protected and free from extreme poverty and able to reach their full potential is possible.

Our vision for every child is life in all its fullness.
Our prayer for heart is the will to make it so.

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