



# SUPPORTING GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH A STRENGTHENED CIVIL SOCIETY

# OVERVIEW OF PROJECT

## PROJECT TITLE

Supporting Gender Equality & Social Accountability through a Strengthened Civil Society.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Civil Society is strengthened to engage in women's empowerment and support women's active participation as actors in democratic governance and development in Sierra Leone.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

To strengthen women's voice, influence and participation in democratic governance in Sierra Leone through a strengthened civil society.



# SCOPE & TARGET GROUP

## TARGETED WARDS WITHIN WESTERN AREA RURAL, BOMBALI AND KAMBIA DISTRICTS.

An estimated total of



### COMMUNITY MEMBERS

2,800 women, 2,800 men, including 250 people with disability (PWD), 405 CBO and women's networks members, and 105 aspiring women candidates.



2,800  
women



2,800  
men



250  
disabled



### DUTY BEARERS

34 (24F; 10M) Political Actors, including councilors and members of parliament, 140 (70F; 70M) Ward Development Committee members, 45 (10F; 35M) Local Authority and MDA staff.

Political  
Actors



24 Females  
10 Males

Ward  
Dev.  
Comm.



70 Females  
10 Males

Local  
Authority  
& MDA



70 Females  
10 Males



### NON-STATE ACTORS

30 (10F; 20M) staff and volunteers from 6 CBOs in WAR, Bombali and Kambia Districts; 16 (16F) local university students; 68 (26F; 42M) consortium partner staff.

Staff &  
Volunteers



10 Females  
20 Males

Local  
Uni.  
Students



16 Females

Consortium  
Partner  
Staff



26 Females  
42 Males

# EXPECTED OUTPUTS

01

**Local CSOs and CBOs**, including women's networks, have enhanced technical, organisational, and financial capacities to effectively promote gender equality and women's inclusion, participation and leadership in governance.

02

**Women and women's networks** are strengthened and engaged in advocacy and dialogue to create a positive enabling environment for inclusive decision-making and governance.

03

**Civil Society**, particularly women and young women, actively engaging with local authorities, including members of parliament, councilors, ward committees, to enhance social accountability, implementation and monitoring of district development plans.

# PROGRESS SO FAR



Strengthened engagement and coordination between Duty-Bearers and Citizens through town hall meetings geared to foster dialogue on policies for enhanced service delivery in the project implementation districts

5,600 community members (2,800 males & 2,800 females) including persons with disabilities reached with age appropriate, gender sensitive advocacy and social behaviour change messages for peaceful elections, increased political participation of women, empowerment and appointive positions in governance and leadership roles



Women's voices amplified through District Level Community of Practice (CoP) for Women's empowerment in the three implementation districts which serve as solidarity groups to coordinate, collaborate, and advocate for safe space and active participation of women in governance and leadership positions

9 Networks of Young Women in Governance established in the project implementation Districts who currently champion the empowerment of young women as decision-makers in their various communities in 14 operational wards



Increased efficiency and effectiveness of CSOs in delivering of project milestones through strengthened Capacity and accompaniment



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**STRONG  
COLLABORATION  
& TEAM SPIRIT  
AMONG PARTNERS**

