

FAMILY PLANNING 2020

COUNTRY ACTION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PRIORITIES



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OPPORTUNITIES

- Presidential commitment to achieve fast reduction of maternal mortality in the coming 15 months
- Well-funded 10 to 24-month recovery plan with clear targets on tripling family planning (FP) uptake by teenagers (started in April, through end of June 2018)
- Diverse presence of FP partners in Sierra Leone (UN agencies available to help implement recovery plan)
Availability of commodities through UNFPA Supplies (enough stocks of registered methods)

CHALLENGES

- Accessibility—rainy season, poor infrastructure, poor road network
- Health facilities need considerable investment to bring up to standard
- Community norms (religion)

PRIORITIES

1. Costed implementation plan: Mobilize consultant between now and June
2. Unify training curriculum for short-acting methods (condoms, pills, injectables); well advanced in long-acting and reversible methods, but need to unify on short-acting
3. Ensure provision of family planning services for teenagers that became pregnant or delivered during Ebola outbreak
4. Integrating family planning supervision within national supportive supervision system