



Restless Development opened in Sierra Leone in 2005, a few years after the end of the Civil War. Enjoying a close relationship with the Ministry of Youth and having taken to scale a Youth Sexual Health programme, Sierra Leone once again rose to prominence during the Ebola outbreak in 2014. The staffing team consists of more than 50 staff supporting 135 volunteers and almost 2,000 youth data collectors across three offices in three districts. Restless Development Sierra Leone has consciously moved away from single-issue programming to integrate elements across our goal areas, mobilising young leaders and changemakers through an integrated programming approach.

Voice. Delivered in partnership, the DfID-funded Strengthening Accountability and Building Inclusion (SABI) project touches both Voice and Leadership goal areas and incorporates all elements of the Restless model for change. Through this, almost 2,000 young leaders are working with communities to engage 56,000 community members in data collection to provide credible and verifiable data on the accessibility, utilisation and quality of service delivery within priority sectors. The programme draws on our expertise in mobilising communities to develop action plans to sustainably improve service delivery as part of the Ebola Recovery Programme, and the National Agenda for Prosperity.

Living. With One Girl Australia, Restless Development Sierra Leone is implementing the Business Brains project; developing entrepreneurship skills in communities where young women and girls' livelihoods have been severely impacted by the Ebola epidemic. As well as incorporating financial literacy, career development and life skills, the project has recently expanded to address issues around menstrual health, empowering girls to sell sanitary pads as part of their business skills development. Through this programme we have 15 young leaders working with 450 girls' club members and 300 active scholarships.

Sexual Rights. Having recently received an extension of support from Comic Relief as part of its Four Cities programme, the Pull Slum Pan Pipul addresses the root causes of Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in an urban context, working not only to improve young people's knowledge and awareness of rights, laws and services related to Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and SGBV, but also to strengthen services for young people through capacity building and advocacy work. Through a "Reflect" methodology, young women are also supported to increase their income as the project seeks to improve the livelihoods and health of people living in slum communities in Freetown.

Leadership. All of our work in Sierra Leone is being implemented in the broader post-Ebola context and addresses Restless Development's leadership goal through which young people help to rebuild strong and resilient communities through our community-led mobilisation approach and action research models. Examples of previous Youth-led and Action Research methodologies have created valuable resources for development actors in Sierra Leone including the [Youth Manifesto for the 2012 Elections](#) and [Youth Participation in Local Council Decision-Making](#).

We have also recently won funding to reduce Malaria prevalence by conducting action research to generate evidence on the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of young people regarding malaria prevention and treatment. This research, led by and for marginalised adolescent young people, will inform and influence the development of sustainable youth-friendly malaria services in communities in Sierra Leone.

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