



COUNTRY STATISTICS

Population: 7 million

(World Bank, 2016)

GDP per capita: USD 496

(World Bank, 2016)

People living below poverty line: 53%

(World Bank, 2011)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



OUR PROGRAMMES: *Microfinance, Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents, Agriculture and Livestock, Health*

We follow an integrated approach to development across 11 districts of Sierra Leone. We operate 160 adolescent clubs to raise awareness and provide a safe space for girls. We also provide microloans and enterprise loans to women and men to help them engage in income generating activities. They can pay installments using mobile money, which makes the transaction process more convenient. In 2017, we conducted research to better understand our microfinance clients and provide client-specific services to different target groups. Our microfinance programme was recognised by The World Bank’s Global Delivery Initiative, which published a report titled “Financial Inclusion and Resilience: How BRAC’s Microfinance Program Recovered from the West Africa Ebola Crisis”.

The Ebola epidemic in 2015 devastated the country’s economy, including the agriculture sector. Our training to farmers through demonstration farms helps increase their productivity, household income, and improve the nutritional status of their families. We also work to build the capacity of community livestock and poultry promoters.

We take a community-based approach in providing essential healthcare, malaria control, and sexual and reproductive health support that also reaches urban slums. Our health staff and community health workers conduct community health forums and make visits to improve household sensitisation. We continue to support water, sanitation and hygiene activities in response to the government’s post-Ebola recovery plan.

OUR MAJOR INTERVENTIONS IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Programme	Project	Donor	Starting Date	Duration	Total Budget (in million USD)
Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents	Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents program (160 clubs) in four districts	NoVo Foundation	January 2017	2 years	1.2
Agriculture	Reducing Poverty and Hunger by increasing income and improving livelihoods for 5,588 poor people in 25 rural communities in Sierra Leone	DFID	May 2015	2 years, 6 months	0.4
Health	Empowering Communities for a Malaria Free Sierra Leone	The Global Fund, Catholic Relief Services	July 2016	2 years	0.4
	Improving sexual and reproductive health and creating sustainable livelihoods for youth in Freetown slums in Sierra Leone	Comic Relief	May 2013	4 years, 6 months	1.4

MICROFINANCE: Total outstanding portfolio: USD 4.32 million, Total disbursement: USD 6.36 million, Borrowers: 37,607, Average loan size: USD 201

HIGHLIGHTS 2017(JANUARY-SEPTEMBER)

Trained **406** community health workers

Established **708** community health clubs

Provided skills development start-up kits to **818** clients

Established **240** school health clubs

Trained **400** community livestock promoters

Operating **160** adolescent clubs with **4,800** members

Trained **1,375** smallholder farmers

Formed **80** village nutrition committees



"I joined BRAC and began to receive training and later got enrolled in a training institute as a trainee in catering. I now work in the biggest multi-entertainment complex and resort in the country as an assistant supervisor."

- Rosaline, community member