

# It takes a health system: Improving quality of care for women, newborns, children and adolescents in Sierra Leone

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# Key Health Statistics



717/100,000  
Maternal Mortality Rate



24/1000  
Stillbirth Rate



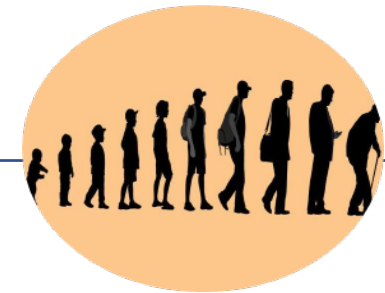
31/1000  
Neonatal Mortality Rate



122/1000  
Under-five Mortality Rate



106/1000  
Adolescent Birth Rate



54.3  
Life Expectancy at Birth







*Where are  
we?*

*Are we  
lost?*

*Are we on  
track?*

*We are always  
focused!!!!*

# Continued Advocacy, Governance and Strengthened Partnerships to Advance QoC

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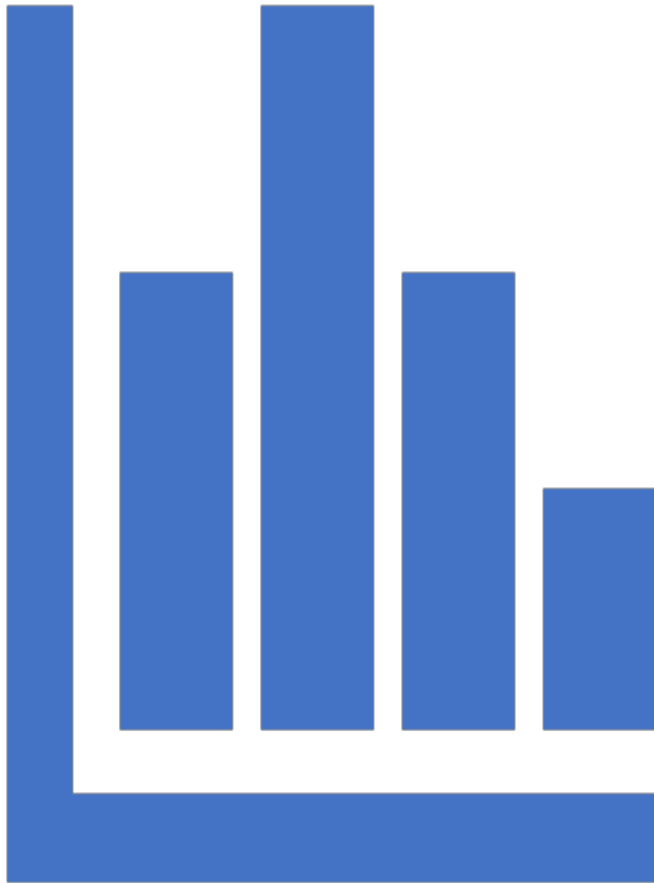
- Appointment of 36 salaried and dedicated hospital QOC and patient safety officers at district hospitals and DHMT (first ever!)
- Continued sensitization of partners, hospitals and District Health Management Teams
- Strong collaboration with USAID MOMENTUM and ALMA
- Completed 2022 National and District Planning exercise with QOC and Patient Safety priorities integrated
- Continued strong coordination, collaboration and communication with TWG members
- Ongoing engagement with Regulatory Bodies (WHO supporting this endeavor)
- Mainstreamed QOC in partner and donor programming (LAD, SIDA, GF, WB)
- GFF already exists and, QOC agenda and multi-stakeholder country engagement for RMNCAH is one of the investment

# Sustaining Action

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- Developed Implementation package to address MNH standard for addressing PPH, Sepsis, PIH, Stillbirth, and Malnutrition, Diarrhea, Malaria and Pneumonia for Paediatric standard
- National MPDSR committee meeting and orientation training on strengthening MPDSR and accelerating responses for better outcome
- Held first consultative meeting with UNICEF and ALMA for development of Community Engagement guideline for QOC/score card
- Plan to roll out the small and sick newborns QOC standard in SBCU's – in consultation with UNICEF
- Provision of guidelines, clinical protocols and tools
- Institutionalization of clinical meetings, mortality reviews, near miss reviews
- Ongoing nationwide integrated SRHR/EmONC Assessment

# Measuring and Demonstrating Results



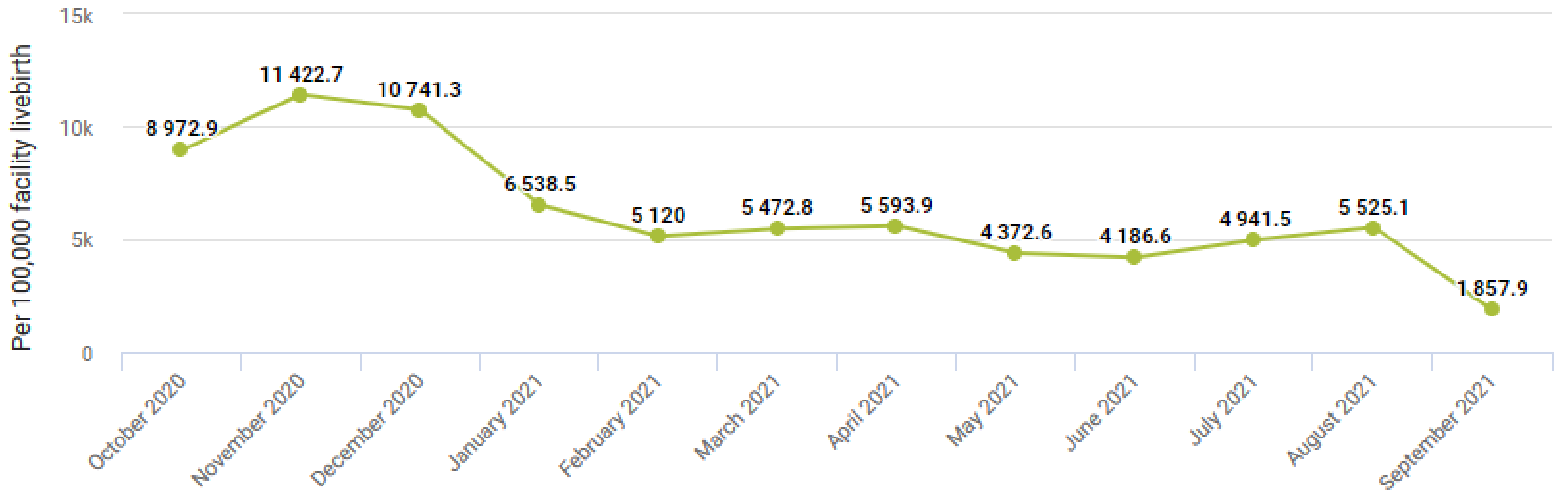
- Common set of QoC indicators monitored in all learning facilities on monthly basis
- Data quality audit through periodic supportive supervision
- Annual MDSR data for 2020 verified – analysis on going for publication of Report
- Incorporated MNCH QoC indicators into RMNCAH scorecard
- Introduced QoC Dashboard into the DHIS-2

# Trend in Institutional Maternal Mortality Ratio (Oct 2020-Sept 2021)

QoC\_Trend of Maternal mortality rate [↗](#)



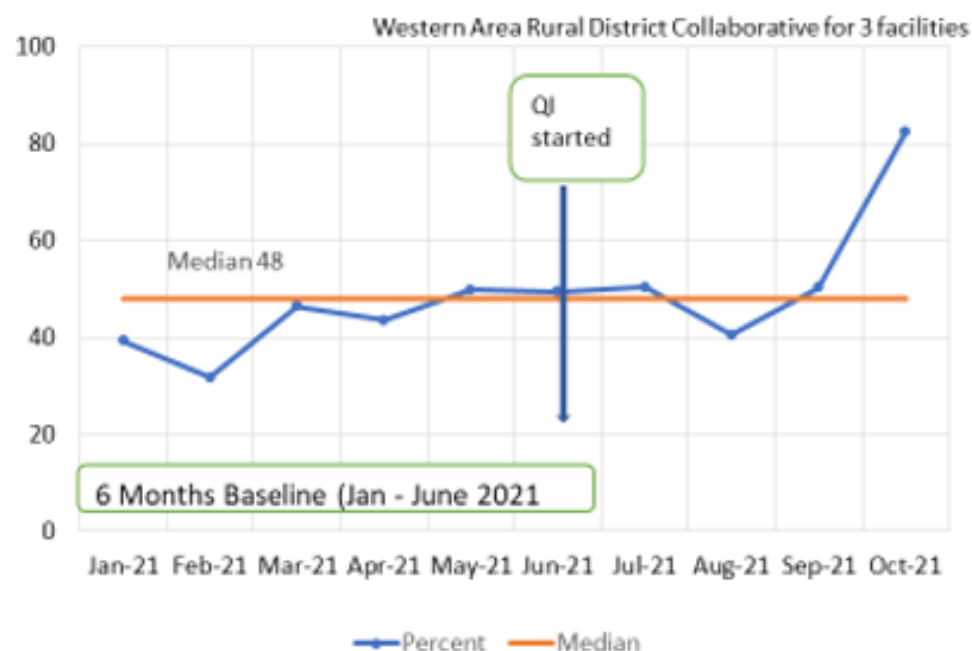
Institutional Maternal Mortality Rate per 100,000 facility live birth for the past 12 months



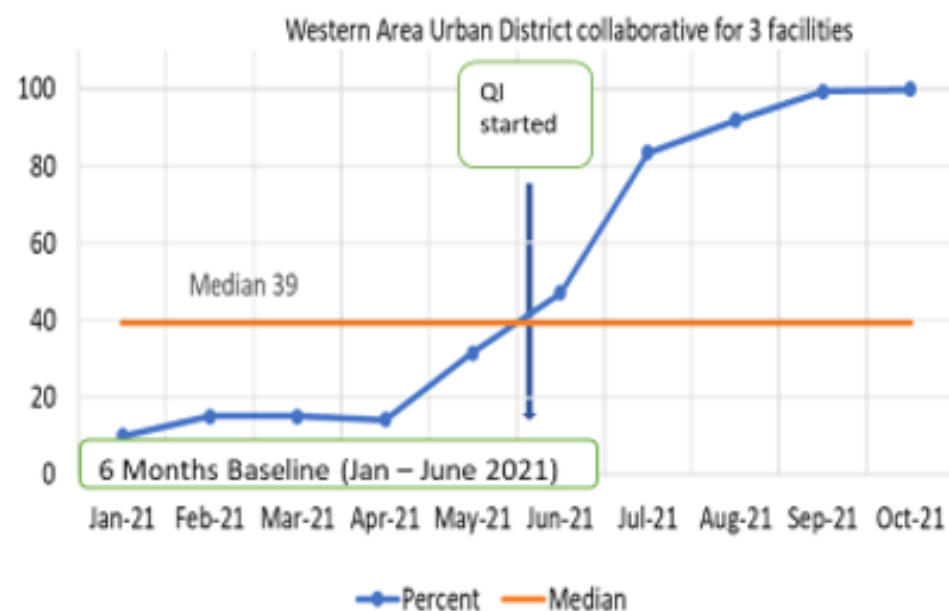


# Sierra Leone Selected QoC results - ANC anemia screening, malnutrition screening sick child visit

Western Area Rural District –  
 Improve screening for wasting in child sick visits;  
**% sick children (<5 yrs) screened for wasting (MUAC or Weight for age) at OPD visit**



Western Area Urban District - Improve anemia screening and prevention in pregnancy (IFA): % pregnant women tested for anemia at first ANC visit (hemoglobin)



# Strengthening QoC Systems and Regularly Learning How to Improve Care at Scale – Selected Upcoming Activities

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## February 2022:

- District-level Learning Sessions for first-wave QI teams
- Refresher QI training for facility staff and District QI coaches
- On-site QI coaching visits with DHMTs/Coaches (to build their capacity)

## Ongoing:

- Blended in-person and virtual support of QI teams by coaches
- Mentoring of DHMT and QI Coaches by MoHS and partners

## Sept-Nov 2022 (date TBD):

- 4-Day National QoC Shared Learning Conference