

Short Term Action Plan
Nutrition and School Feeding
Program Name: Sierra Leone School Nutrition and Feeding Program

Goal: Primary scholars in targeted schools in SL are receiving regular and nutritious meals

Needs	Activities	Timeframe	Responsible	Verification of Completion
School Feeding Policy (SFP) Formulation	Facilitate and support the speedy completion of the (SFP) Facilitate the payment of final installment of consultants' fees	10 months	School Feeding Coordination Unit of the Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MEST)	Final Draft of Policy validated
Shift from an almost monotonous menu all week long	Promote the institution of unique menu for each day of the week and ensure that each menu constitute a balanced diet	6 months	School Management Committee, School Feeding Coordination Unit (MEST) and NGOs active in the sector	5 day menu in place in 50% of schools
Need to ascertain the health status of cooks in school kitchens	Issue directive to ensure that cooks get medically screened and certified before they are allowed to cook. Ensure that health certification is done annually	12 months	School Management Committee, School Health Division of the Ministry of Health, School Feeding Coordination Unit (MEST) and NGOs active in the sector	75% of cooks are health certified
Need to introduce fruits and vegetables in	Sensitize cooks and school community to provide more fruits and vegetables for	6 months	SMCs, Cooks, School Administration, WFP, NGOs in the sector, School Feeding	Daily menu includes fruits

school food	students to eat Promote the development of school gardens wherever land permits		Coordination Unit MEST	and vegetables at least 3 times a week in 50% of school meals
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Deworming

Program Name: Sierra Leone School Deworming Program

Goal: Primary scholars in targeted schools in SL are free of worm infestation

Needs	Activities	Timeframe	Responsible	Verification of Completion
Need to undertake deworming in all schools country wide	Collaborate with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health to undertake deworming in schools on a regular basis	6 months	School Feeding Coordination Unit of MEST and School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health.	Deworming campaigns undertaken in 100% of the schools at least once a year
Uncertainty about prevalence rates by type of worm infestation countrywide	Ascertain the prevalence and type of worm infestations in targeted districts and deworming accordingly	12 months	Medical Research Institute, School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health.	Prevalence rates by type confirmed by MOH or plans made to undertake study.
Need to undertake mass and targeted BCC campaigns on Soil Transmitted	Organize awareness raising sessions and institute behavior change communication in communities with high prevalence rates.	9 months	School Feeding Coordination Unit (MEST), NGOs active in the sector and the School Health Education Division of	At least one awareness raising session on STHs conducted in

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Malaria and Other Tropical Diseases

Program Name: Sierra Leone Malaria and Other Tropical Diseases Control in Schools Program

Goal: Absenteeism due to Malaria and other tropical diseases is reduced by up to 50% in primary scholars in targeted schools in SL

Needs	Activities	Timeframe	Responsible	Verification of Completion
Malaria and other Tropical Disease Control Strategy	Advocate for the formulation of a Malaria and other Tropical Disease Control Strategy for Schools	6 months	School Health Education Division (SHED) of the Ministry of Health, School Feeding Steering Committee and NGOs active in the sector	Minutes of School Feeding Steering Committee showing commitment of SHED to pursue strategy

Need for dialogue around Malaria and other Tropical Disease in schools	Facilitate the organization of a National Stakeholders Workshop on Malaria and other Tropical Disease in Schools	3-6 months	School Health Division of the Ministry of Health, NGOs active in the sector, School Feeding Coordination Unit (MEST)	Stakeholders' Workshop on Malaria and other Tropical Disease in Schools conducted in each of the four regions
Appropriate malaria health education programs in schools	Promote the institution of a skills-based malaria health education programs in targeted schools Promote cleaning of the environment, the proper and consistent use of bed nets and need to seek medical attention when early symptom manifest.	6 months	School Health Division of the Ministry of Health, NGOs active in the sector, School Feeding Coordination Unit (MEST)	Skills-based health education sessions conducted in 75% of schools country wide

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Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Program Name: Sierra Leone School Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Program

Goal: Morbidity due to water related illness is reduced by 20% among Primary scholars in targeted schools in Sierra Leone.

Needs	Activities	Timeframe	Responsible	Verification of Completion
School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy Formulation	Advocate for the formulation of a School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy	9 months	School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health School Feeding Coordination Unit (MEST) and NGOs active in the sector	Minutes of School Feeding Steering Committee showing commitment of SHED to pursue strategy
Regular supply of safe water in targeted schools in Sierra Leone	<p>Support schools to access either pipe borne water, hand pumps or harvested rain water in a sustainable manner</p> <p>Create linkages between deserving schools and NGOs providing water facilities by geographic locations</p>	8 months	School Community, School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health, School Feeding Steering Committee and NGOs active in the sector	75% of schools have taps, hand pumps or water harvesting contraptions in place
Functional Hand washing Stations	<p>Encourage and oversee the installation of hygienic hand washing stations in close proximity to school latrines</p> <p>Encourage PTAs to regularly contribute soap for use at hand washing stations</p>	3-6 months	School Authorities, School Community, School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health,	90% of targeted schools have functional hand washing stations with soap close to toilets

<p>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Awareness</p>	<p>Promote Skills based water , Sanitation and hygiene education in Schools, including the supply of IEC and BCC materials</p> <p>Facilitate the formation of school wash committees in schools</p>	<p>6 months</p>	<p>School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health, NGOs active in the sector School Feeding Steering Committee</p>	<p>IEC materials on WASH distributed to 70 percent of schools</p> <p>School WASH committees established in 50% of schools</p>
<p>Gender Specific Toilet Facilities</p>	<p>Promote the segregation and marking of toilet facilities by gender, both for students and teachers</p>	<p>3 months</p>	<p>School Community, School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health, School Feeding Steering Committee and NGOs active in the sector</p>	<p>70% of schools have separate toilets for boys and girls that are marked. The same obtains for teachers' toilets.</p>

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Safe & Secure School Environment

Program Name: Sierra Leone Safe & Secure School Environment Program

Goal: Primary scholars in targeted schools in Sierra Leone are learning in safe and secure environment.

Needs	Activities	Timeframe	Responsible	Verification of Completion
Security of school building and assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocate for schools to have windows and doors that can be locked securely to protect school assets from theft and damage• Include school security in the mandate of neighbourhood watch	9 months	School Administrators, School Management Committees and Parent Teachers' Associations	<p>70% of schools can be locked securely after school.</p> <p>School security is included in the mandate of the neighbourhood watch</p>
Child Protection	<p>Facilitate and support training of School Authorities and SMCs on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child rights and child protection,• Teacher Code of Conduct	9 months	School Administrators, School Management Committees and Parent Teachers' Associations	At least one training conducted in 50 percent of the schools

	Discourage the practice of sex for favours perpetrated by teachers.			
Safe playing areas	Encourage school administrations to work with PTAs and make all school playing areas to be free of broken glass, sharp objects and tree stumps	3 months	School Administrators, School Management Committees and School communities	50% of schools have level play areas that are free of harmful object
Garbage dumping areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize school communities to locate garbage dump sites at a good distance from school play area • Ensure that burning of garbage to happen after school hours 	8 months	School Administrators, School Management Committees and School communities	100% of schools burn their garbage after school at a good from the distance
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Awareness	Promote Skills based water , Sanitation and hygiene education in Schools, including the supply of IEC and BCC materials	6 months	School Community, School Health Education Division of the Ministry of Health, School Feeding Steering Committee and NGOs active in the sector	

