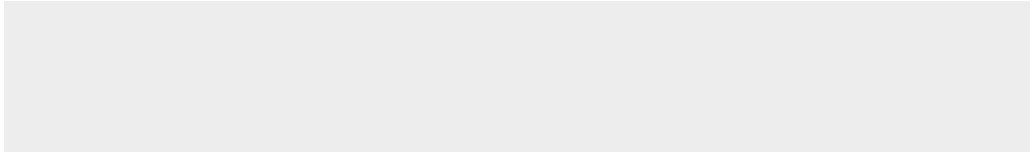




Semi-Annual Report for SL

Implemented activities Outputs against the Theory of Change for Oct 23-Mar 2024

<p>Broad Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arising from 2-day co-planning meeting (Jan 30-31, 2024) with 25 pax drawn from the MoH, TAAC, AY partners, and Media; a signed Terms of Reference, and Memo was issued on xxxxx by MoH instructing MCGL focus districts to institutionalize AY Inclusion Mechanism. • Jointly with MCGL partners, MOH and partners, a 2-day annual national adolescent and youth conference on FP was held on Dec 30-31, 2023, securing valuable successes: 200+ youths across 16 districts attended, launched FP2030 abridged version, conducted hackathon; an initiative to foster innovative policy and behavior change interventions, and secured donor commitments to fund continuity of the TAAC hub advocacy activities • Findings from the 3 day (Nov 14-16, 2023), 11 member multi-stakeholder assessment team (MCGL Sierra Leone Country Team, PACT and HASiL staff) on HASiL Organizational Performance Index (OPI) showed that the organizational OPI increased from 1.5(2021) to 3.3(2023) demonstrating Hasil's organizational capacity. • Broad media engagements to promote behavior change towards FP services uptake, highlight the importance of investing in FP and accountability in spending of public funds for RH/FP funds: TV(XXX appearance, xxx mentions), Radio(xxxx appearances, xxxx mentions), Print(xxxx articles published). Different media stations were engaged: xxx TV stations, xxxx Radio Stations, and xxxx Print media stations. An estimated 1M people were reached.
<p>Data Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-day (14-16 Feb,2024) data literacy workshop and 1-day workshop on public finance (19 Feb 2024) was conducted to equip 30 advocates with data driven approaches to drive budget reforms: allocation, release and expenditure. Civil society budget asks were aligned with country's budget cycle. • Co-developed FP advocacy data sheets, aligned with national FP-CIP and FP2030 priorities to guide AY FP policy and budget engagements: a). AY friendly version of the FP2030 commitments, with 300 copies distributed to date across the country, and b). with support from Samasha, 20 youth advocates, through a 3-day workshop (21-23 Feb), developed Motion Tracker Action Plan to track progress on the realization of the FP2030 country commitments.
<p>Dialogue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAAC Hub partners engaged in budget advocacy at the national (xxx meetings with xxx decision makers) and in MCGL focus districts of Pujehun, Western Rural, National, Kailahun resulting to a dedicated line for RH/FP in the 2024 national budget. • TAAC Hub held 15 dialogue meetings with the district council and DHMT in the 4 MCGL focus districts (Pujehun, Western Rural, National, Kailahun) on the institutionalization of the AY Inclusion Mechanism paving way for AY to engage in FP-CIP and FP2030 policy commitments tracking.
<p>Decision Making</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government issue approval to hold national adolescent and youth conference for FP in 2023, and subsequent years. • Government signed Terms of Reference recognizing establishment of AY Inclusion Mechanism. • Government issue a signed memo directing MCGL focus districts to institutionalize AY Inclusion Mechanism • MCGL focus districts institutionalize AY Inclusion Mechanism. • Ministry of Finance create a dedicated budget line for RH/FP



Investment

- Allocation of NLE 679.000 to RH/FP in 2024 budget.
- USD 230 secured through field-buy in.
- 200,000 USD secured from other donors, namely PAI, AHBN, and MSI to support TAAC Hub activity continuity.