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Quick Facts

Countries	Sierra Leone
Specific Location	Freetown, Bo and Makeni
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2017-11-14
Borrower	*Borrower information not provided at the time of disclosure*
Sectors	Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.70 million

Project Description

According to IFC project disclosure information, the objective of the project is to structure a public-private partnership (PPP) for the completions of three regional referral labs, recently renovated but not fully operational, in order to improve access to quality lab services in Sierra Leone. The labs will be located around Freetown, Bo and Makeni providing coverage to over 40% of the population. The Project will therefore involve IFC advisory assistance to the Ministry of Health of Sierra Leone to develop a bankable structure that would attract private sector players to develop the three regional labs under a PPP arrangement. The regional labs will perform all lab tests currently outlined in the Basic Package of Essential Health Services. In addition, these labs will provide support to all primary health facility in the respective catchment areas at districts level. It is also expected that the PPP labs will provide training to other public labs staff, especially for lab staff working in primary health.

This project aims to attract private expertise and financing, should it be required, which can meet quality healthcare standards and generate efficiencies in the operation of three regional referral medical labs around Bo, Makeni and Freetown. 680,000 lab tests would be performed per year in the Freetown, Bo and Makena regions of Sierra Leone and improved labs services are expected to benefit 2.7 million people over the period of a 5 years PPP contract. The lab will provide free lab test for patients under the free healthcare initiative and for patients who currently pay for lab services the charges for test will be equal to or less than patients are currently paying. It is anticipated that the three regional labs will jointly provide access to 30 staff per quarter. The other regions will also benefit from the project as lab staff working in other public labs at district levels will have access to the regional labs for training and skill transfer.

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Contact Information

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