

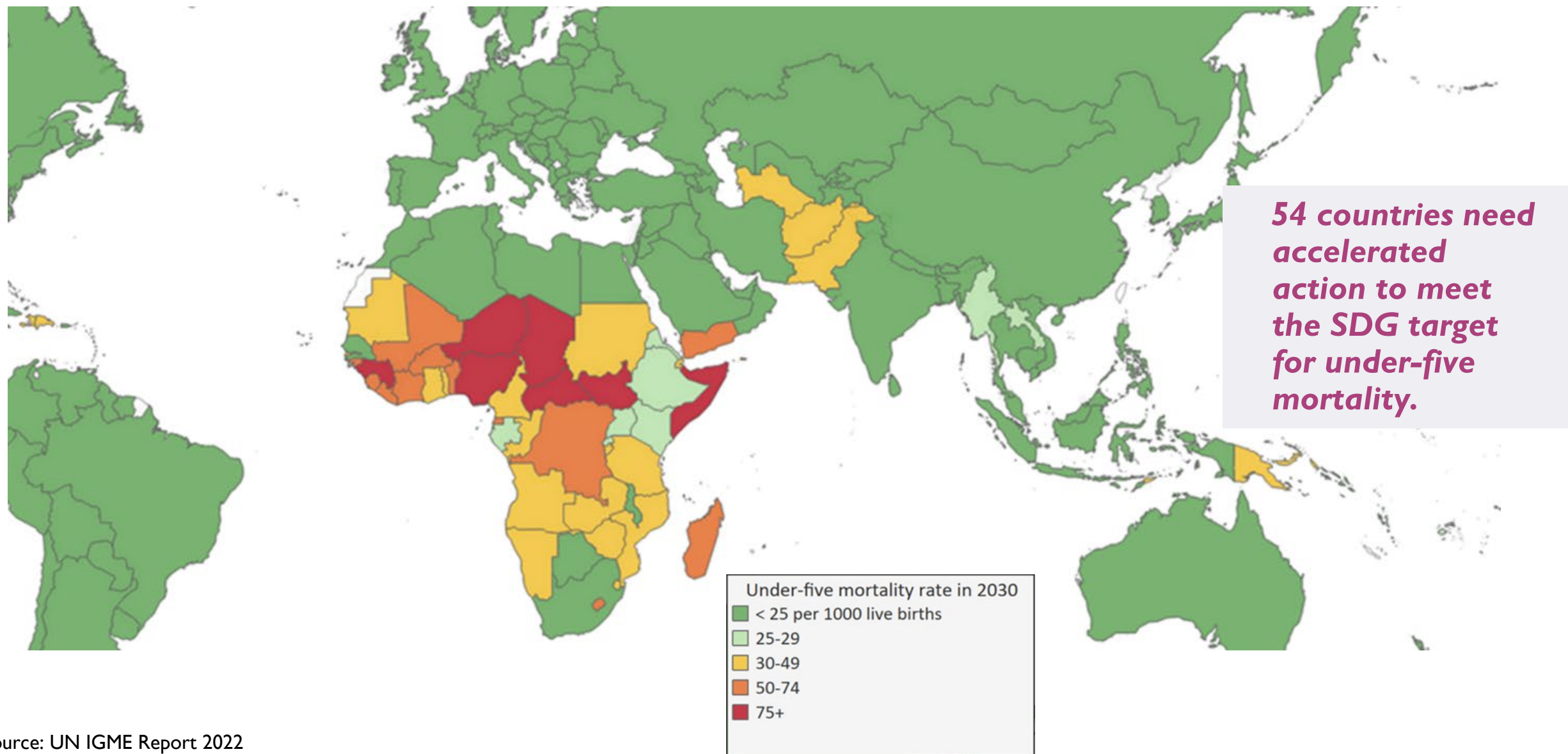
CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION

A renewed call to action to end preventable child deaths

November, 2023

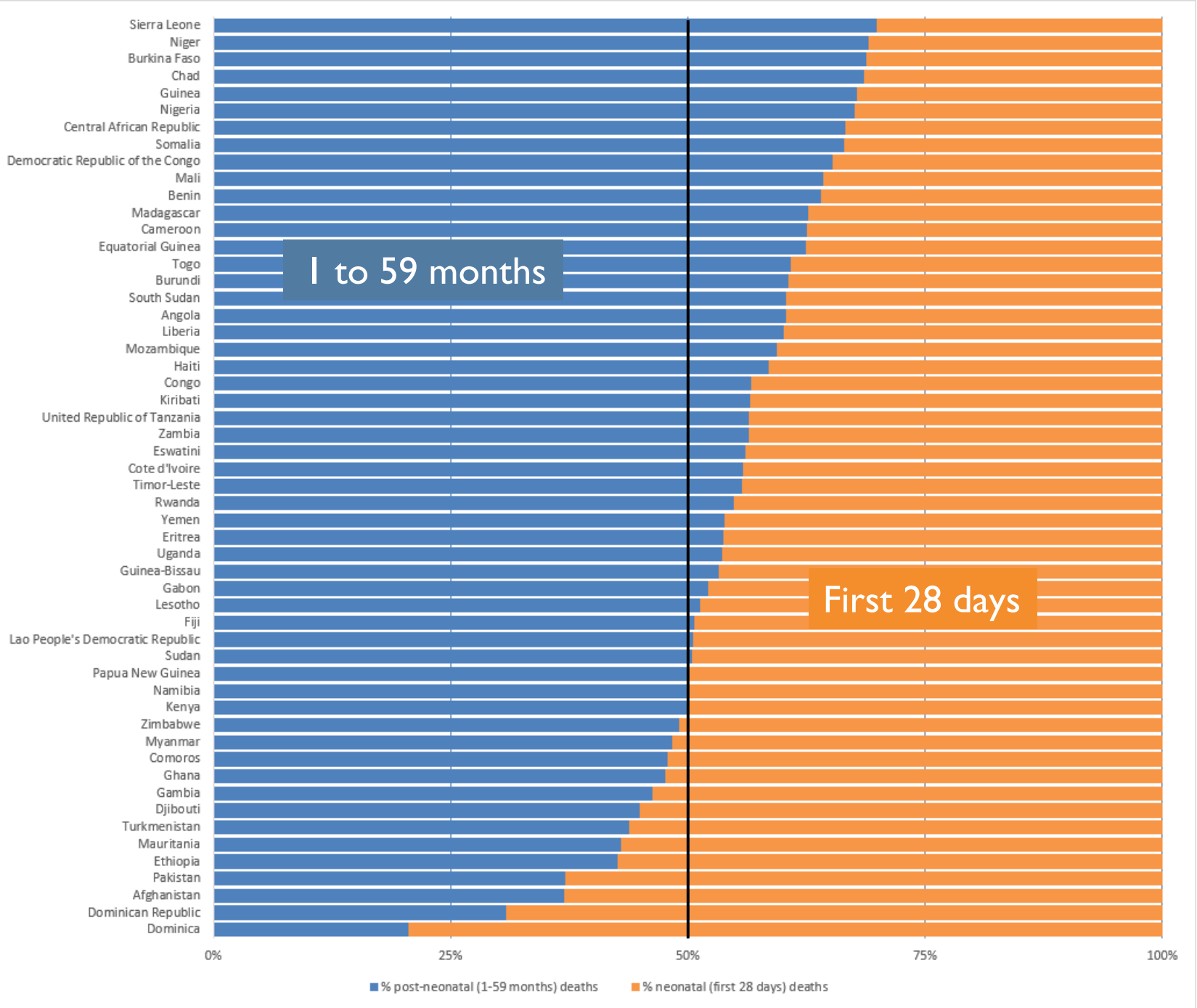


What brings us together?



Percent of Under-Five Deaths by Age Group

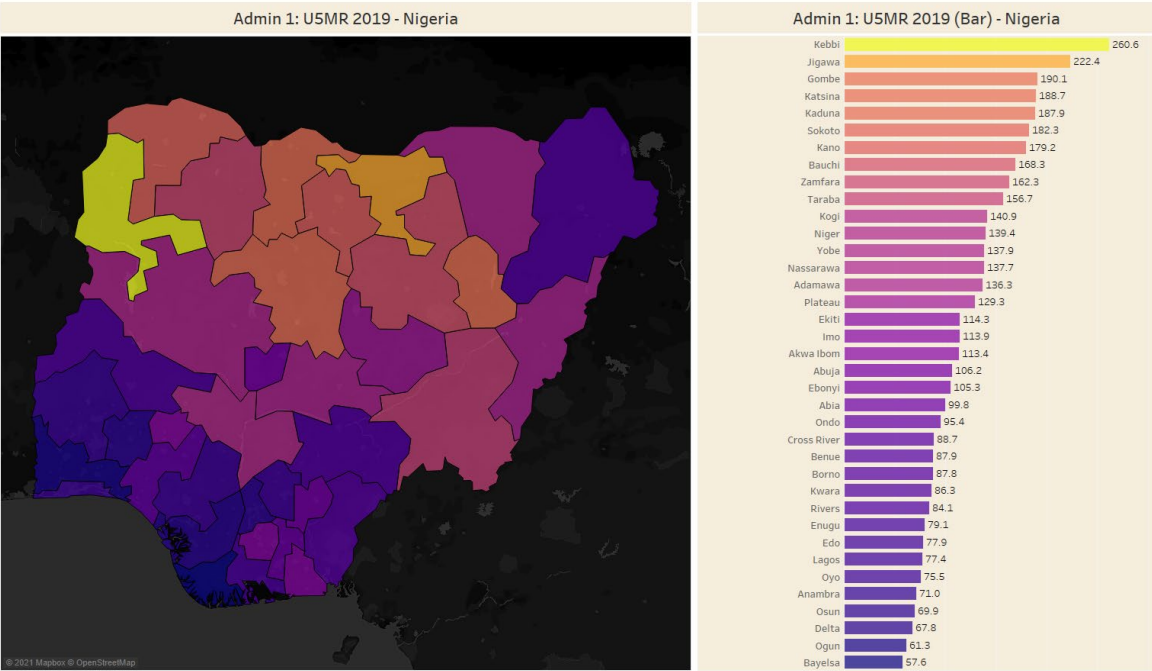
In 38 of the 54 off track countries, over 50% of the deaths occur in the 1-59 month period. These are generally also the countries with highest overall under-five mortality rates.



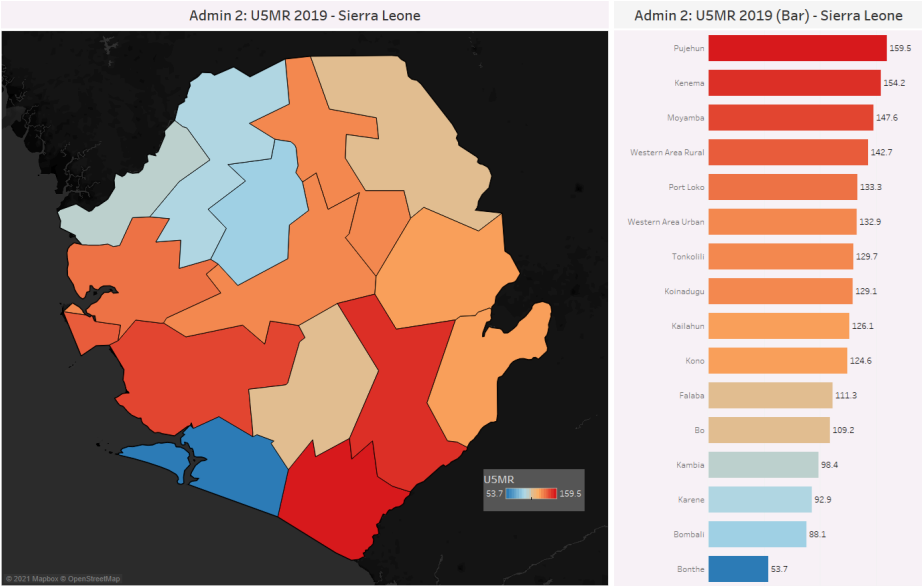
Subnational inequities:

Under-five mortality rates in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Mali

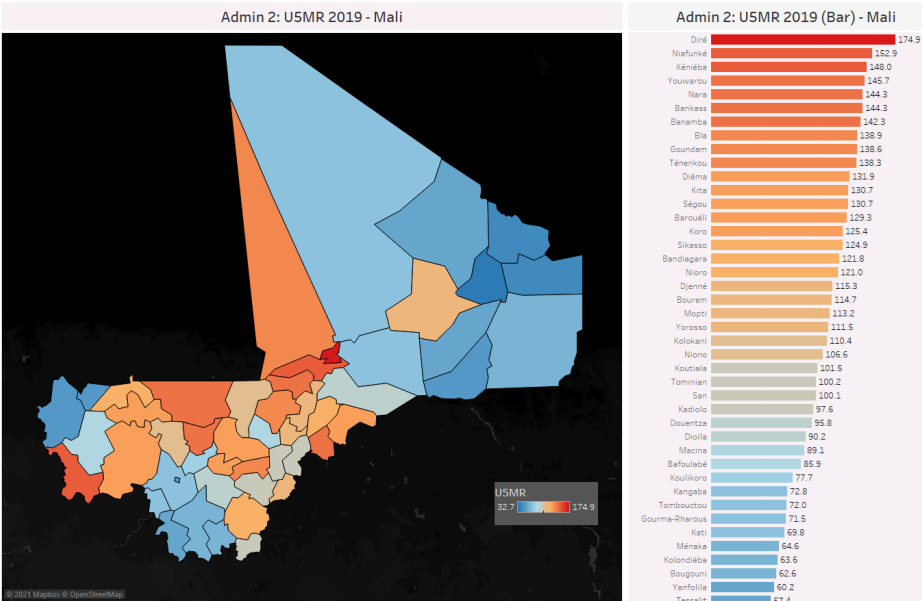
Nigeria



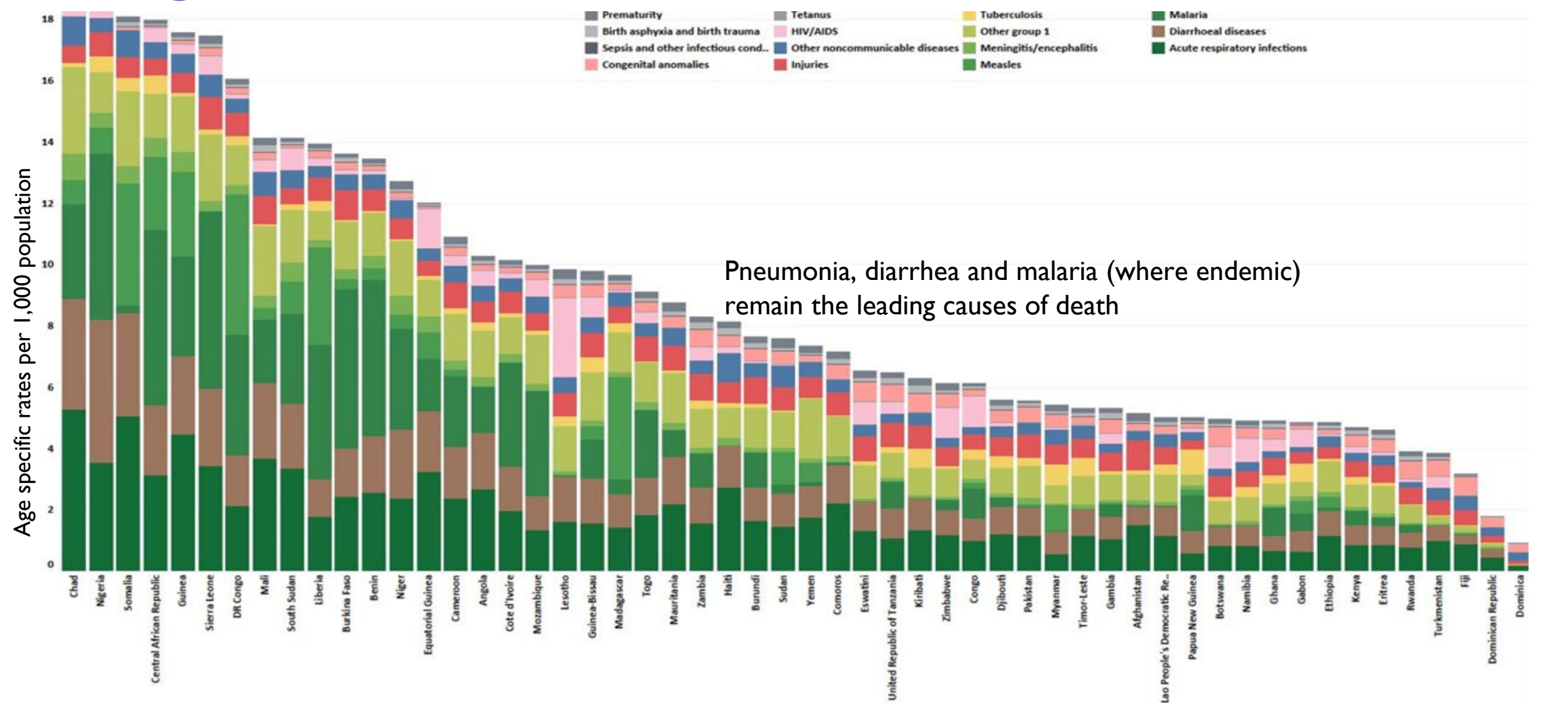
Sierra Leone



Mali



Leading causes of death in children 1-59 months old in 54 countries needing accelerated action

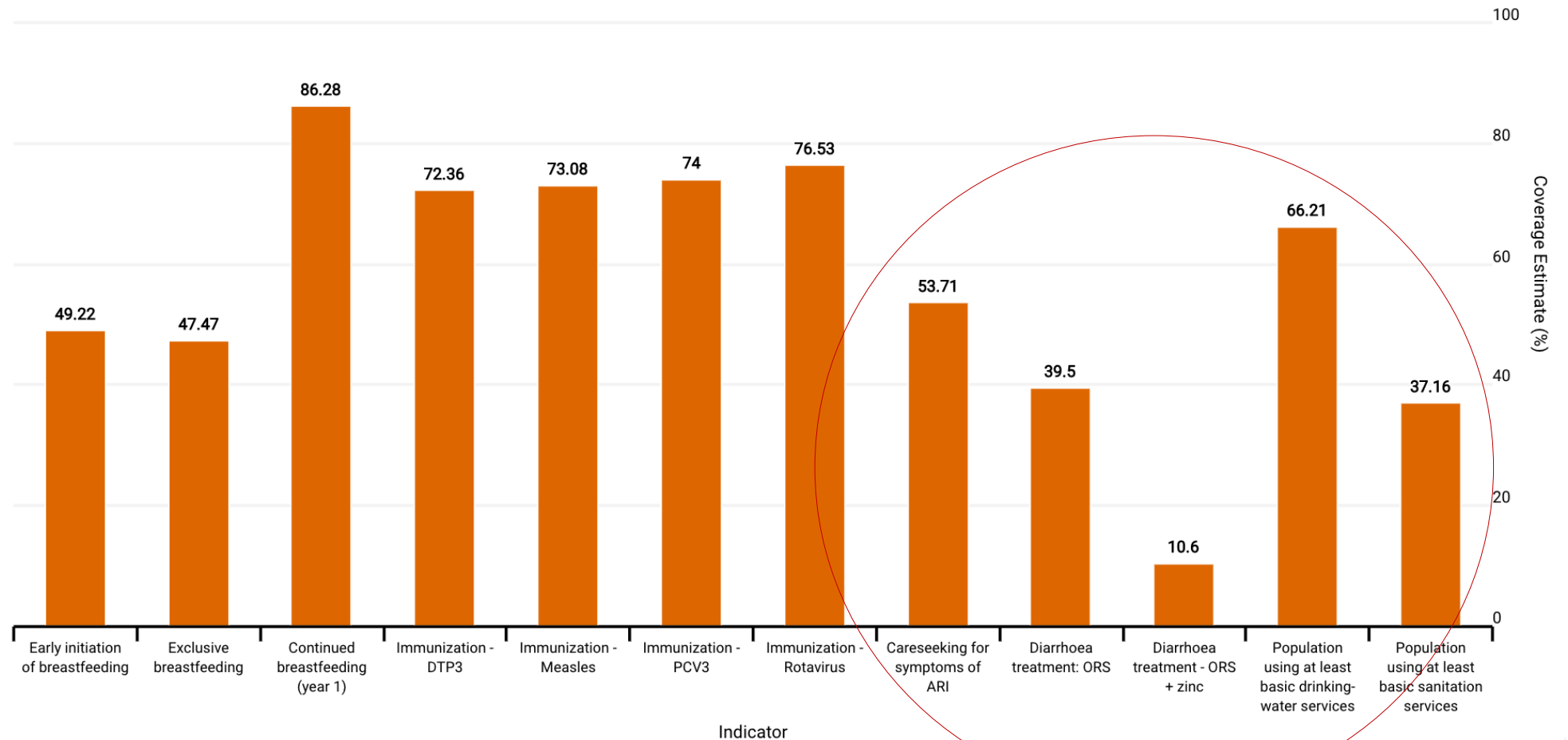


54 countries needing accelerated efforts to meet SDG survival targets by 2030

Source: WHO Maternal and Child Epidemiology Estimates Group (MCEE) 2019

Coverage of Select Interventions on the Continuum of Care in the 54 Countries

- Insufficient coverage of life saving interventions
- Continued high risk factors



Source: Countdown to 2030, most recent survey (2016 or later)

What is the underlying problem?

54 Countries are off-track to meeting the SDG target because:

Underperforming health systems, especially primary health care and integrated service delivery

- Limited reach of prevent, treat, referral services, including immunization
- Poor quality of services (Health worker skills and attitudes, drugs and supplies)
- Weak data and its use to inform decisions about investment
- Fragmented programs & misaligned investments

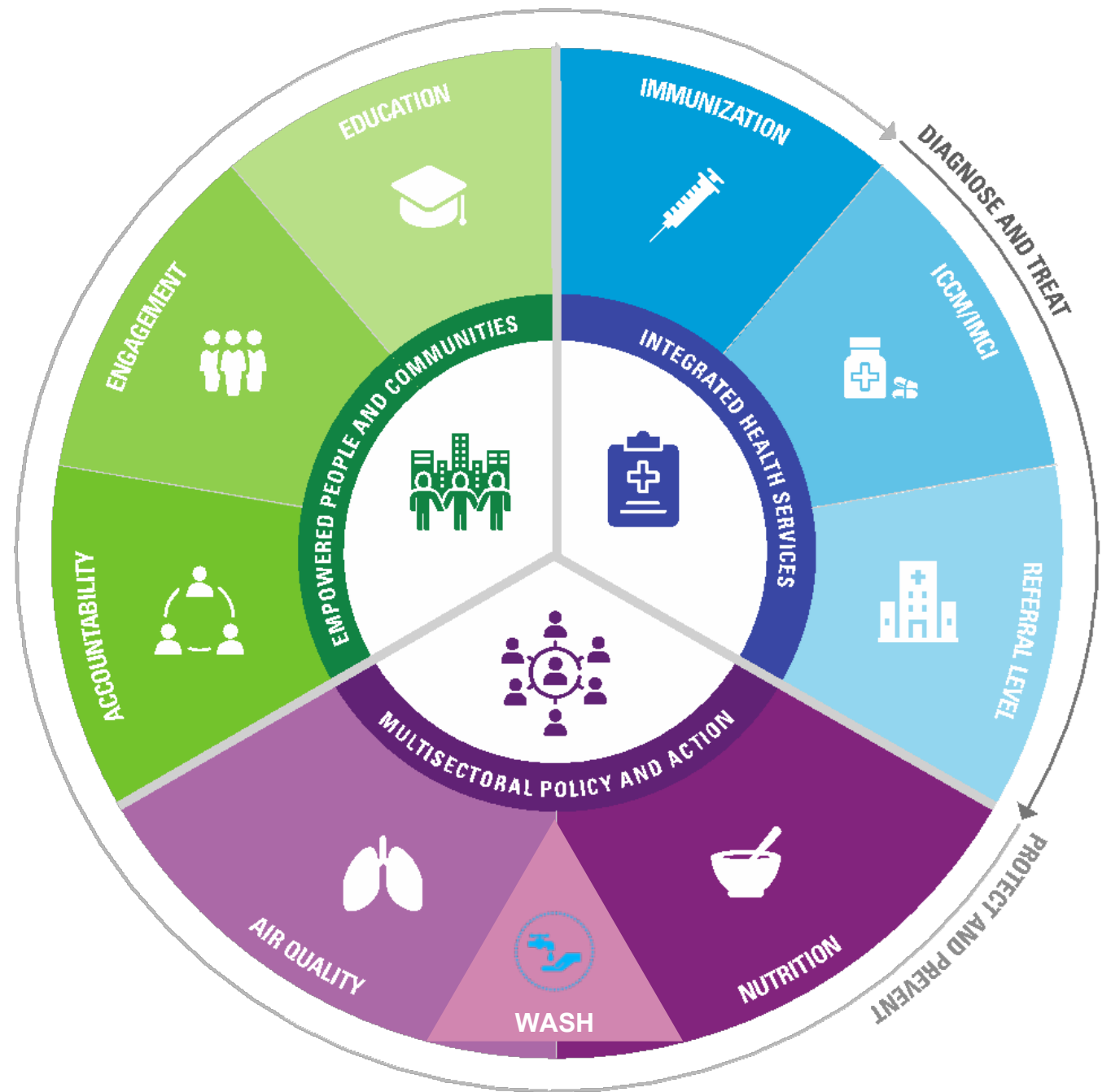
An accumulation of risk factors including

- Poverty - care seeking & utilization
- Food insecurity/malnutrition
- Lack of access to clean water and sanitation
- Air pollution
- Fragile/humanitarian context
- Zero-dose communities

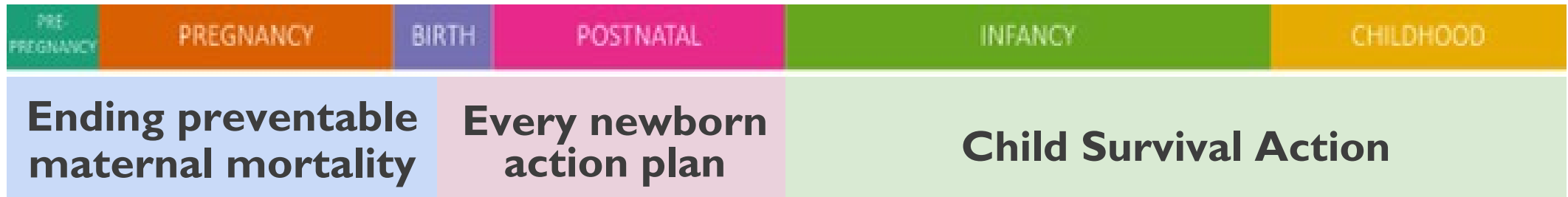
In Response, Child Survival Action (CSA)...

1. **Focuses on the 54 countries**, 41 in Africa, that urgently need accelerated efforts to achieve the SDG3 2030 target on child mortality of 25 deaths or fewer per 1000 live births - reaching this target in all countries will avert at least 10 million under-five deaths by 2030.
2. **Reaches the children being left behind** and at risk from leading killers - pneumonia, diarrhea, and malaria - due to malnutrition, lack of access to quality health services including immunization, unsafe water and sanitation, air pollution, conflict and humanitarian disasters, and other key risks to children's health and survival.
3. **Strengthens primary health care** in facilities and communities to more effectively prevent, diagnose, and treat these causes of child death, and to promote good health and nutrition for all children.
4. **Builds effective partnerships** between governments, local partners, civil society, private sector, regional and global organizations, working across the continuum from pre-pregnancy to childhood.
5. **Mobilizes required resources** from domestic and international sources and sectors to deliver on this renewed vision for children's health, nutrition, and survival.

PHC at the core of a comprehensive response



Accelerate action throughout the lifecourse continuum



Align with efforts by other sectors and programmes

**Global Action Plan
for Child Wasting**

**RBM Partnership
To End Malaria**

Community Health Roadmap
Investment priorities to scale primary care at the community level



**stop
pneumonia**



**EVERY
BREATH
COUNTS**

**RBM Partnership
To End Malaria**

Air pollution

CSA Initiative Launch



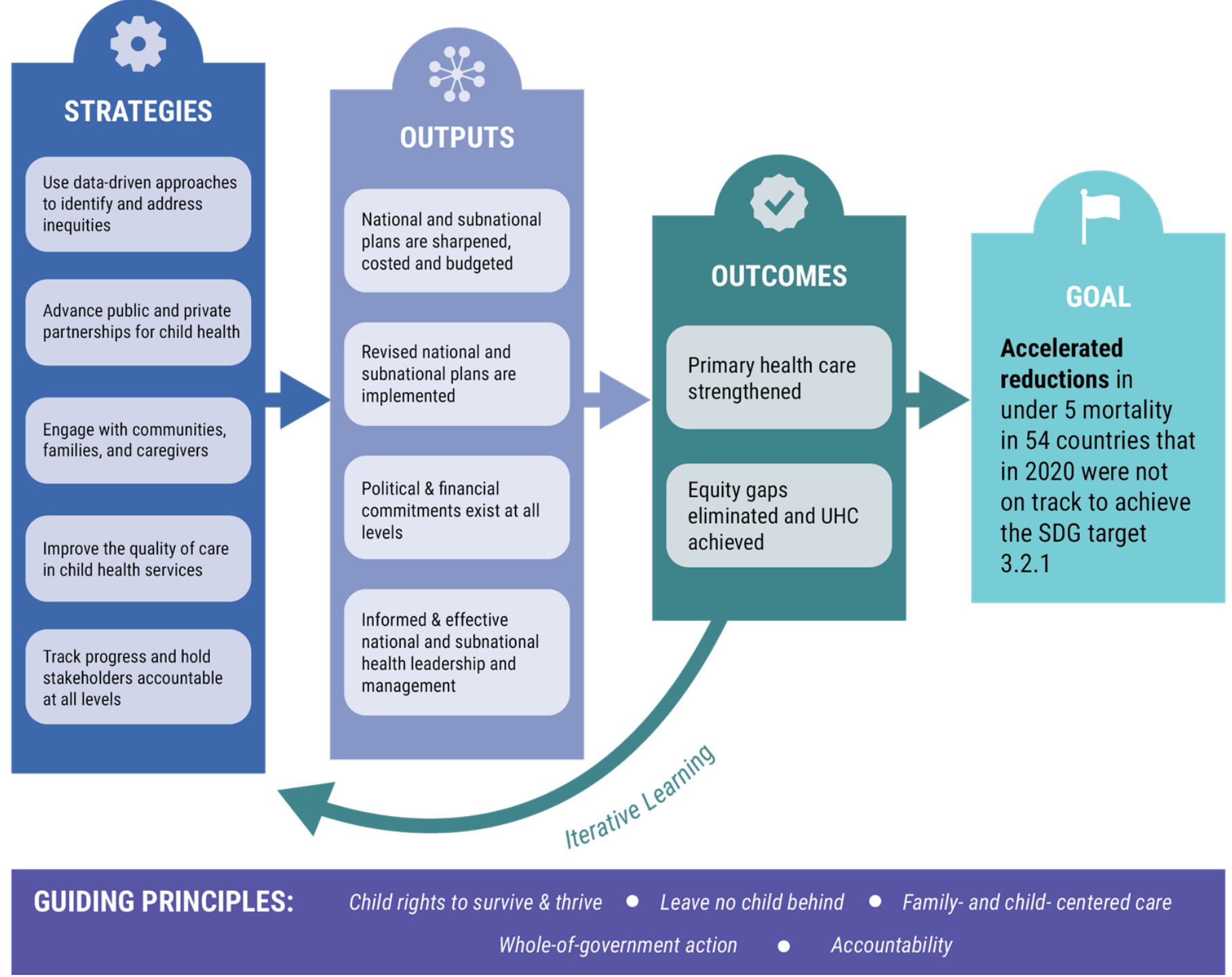
World Health Assembly, May 23, 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland
Panel of Ministers of Health and other global health leaders on how we can act together to achieve the 2030 target for child survival. Recording of the livestream and presentation can be accessed [here in English](#) and [ici en français](#)

2nd Global Pneumonia Forum, April 26, 2023, in Madrid, Spain

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone (MOH), the Task Force and its partners, Global Financing Facility, Save the Children International, USAID, UNICEF, and World Health Organization, were delighted to launch the Child [Survival Action \(CSA\) Initiative](#). Two-pager [here in English](#) and [ici en français](#)



Theory of Change



Implementing child survival action: work streams

1. Country engagement

- Catalytic engagement with ministries of health/government
- Strengthen and engage with country coordination platforms/technical working groups
- Strategic engagement and support for priority setting, costing, implementation
- Cross-country learning

2. Results framework & accountability

- Monitoring framework
- Accountability at all levels
- Setting milestones and targets for child survival

3. Advocacy & resource mobilization

- Targeting different audiences – with one voice
- In-line with other complementary efforts – along the continuum (EPMM, ENAP) as well as disease specific (e.g. pneumonia)
- Galvanize leadership & buy-in of key partners at global, regional, and country levels
- Resource mobilization and stakeholder engagement

Develop, collate, disseminate: Tools, templates, cross-country learning and best practices

Approach to Partnering with Countries

Countries are at the center of the CSA initiative. Country commitment to CSA requires:

1. **Leadership:** commitment by government leadership/Minister of Health to accelerate reductions in child mortality
2. **Prioritization:** agreement to define game-changing, high-priority actions for child survival, with milestones and targets
3. **Advocacy:** focus by the government to advocate (within government and with country and global partners) for increased resources and better-aligned programming to efficiently support the priorities
4. **Accountability:** establishment of clear lines of responsibility for achieving targets and milestones, including a focal point for CSA
5. **Inclusion:** commitment to include civil society as part of prioritization and action planning

Global and regional CSA partners can support countries by:

1. **Increasing visibility and advocacy** to elevate country priorities and needs at global and regional levels
2. **Catalyzing country dialogue**, including framing questions, background slides, analytics, and toolkit (under development)
3. **Facilitating cross-country learning**
4. **Mobilizing targeted financial and technical support** for key priority actions
5. **Engaging a wider group of partners** and donors to support specific country needs
6. **Seeking alignment** across complementary efforts

Progress to-date

November 2023

I. Country engagement

- 9 countries engaged
- Action plan launched: Sierra Leone
- Action plan under development: Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, South Sudan
- Catalytic discussions held: Burkina Faso, Chad, DRC, Guinea
- Strategic engagement: Roll Back Malaria/malaria programme managers

Overall

- Constituted three action teams, Advisory Group, working group & Secretariat
- Provided inputs into WHA resolution
- Alignment with ENAP/EPMM
- Toolkit for countries

2. Results framework & accountability

- Finalized list of impact and outcome indicators for vetting by CHAT
- Proposed 1-59 month target
- Drafted implementation milestones
- Drafted approach to equity and quality indicators

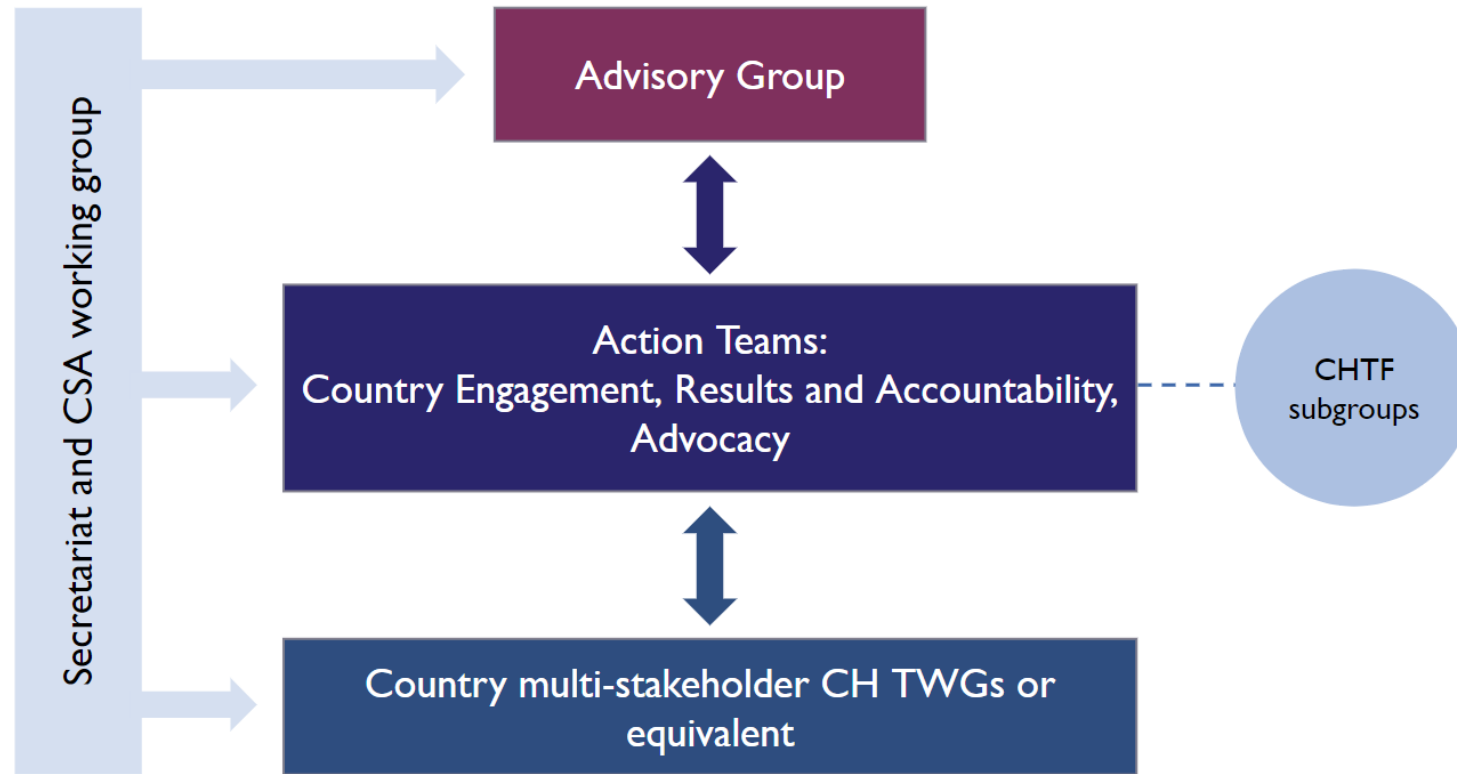
Global Events

- CSA launch at 2nd Global Pneumonia Forum April 2023
- World Health Assembly roundtable May 23, 2022

3. Advocacy & resource mobilization

- Developed regional advocacy plan and events calendar/policy windows
- Socialized CSA at regional events: WHO AFRO Regional Committee and CARMMA Plus
- Secured commitment from ministers; Minister Demby's opinion piece on CSA
- Drafted resource mobilization plan

Governance structure



Child Health Task Force & Child Survival Action

- The Child Health Task Force (TF) is a global coalition of implementing organizations, academic institutions, multilateral and bilateral agencies, governments, civil society, private sector and individuals working together to support the delivery of high quality child health services.
- The TF addresses a broad agenda of improving child health and wellbeing across the life-course (ages 0-19) through strengthening multi-sectoral programs.
- The Child Survival Action initiative is coordinated by the TF Secretariat and action team co-leads and is one major component of the TF Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

THANK YOU



Learn more about Child Survival Action:

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