



# CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION

Delivering on our promise to children

## WE NEED TO ACT!

Since 2015, the rate of global progress in reducing child deaths has halved, threatening achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal – 25 child deaths for every 1,000 babies by 2030 – in 60 countries (Figure 1).

With 60% of child deaths in the off-track countries among 1-59 month olds, getting back on track requires a razor focus on the interventions proven to reduce the leading causes of death, and the major risk factors, among this population.

And as three of every four off-track countries are in Africa, which has both the highest number (1.3 million) and rate (42%) of 1-59 month deaths, leadership from African governments, regional health and economic authorities, industry, and civil society is vital.

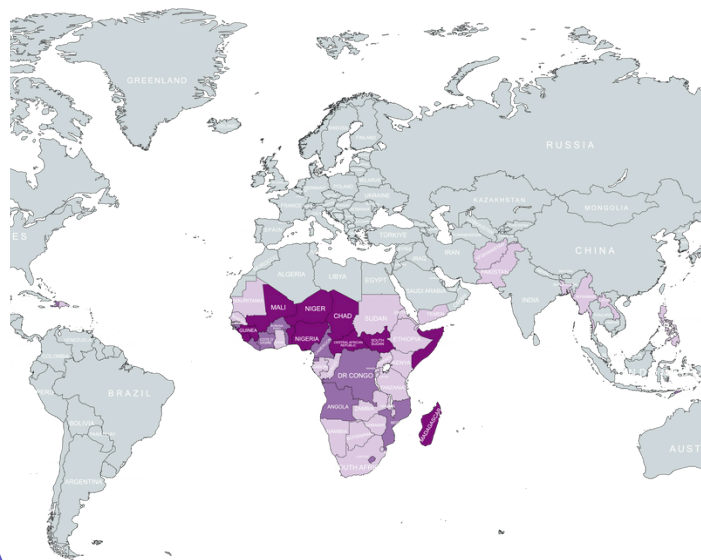
Child Survival Action is a strategy that all stakeholders can adopt to rapidly accelerate mortality declines among 1-59 month children, by simultaneously strengthening health systems and home environments to fight the leading threats to child survival.



*For as long as we cannot guarantee better health outcomes for our African children, we have a public health challenge of great regional concern.*

**Dr Austin Demby, Health Minister, Sierra Leone**

**Figure 1: 60 countries are off-track to achieve SDG 3.2**

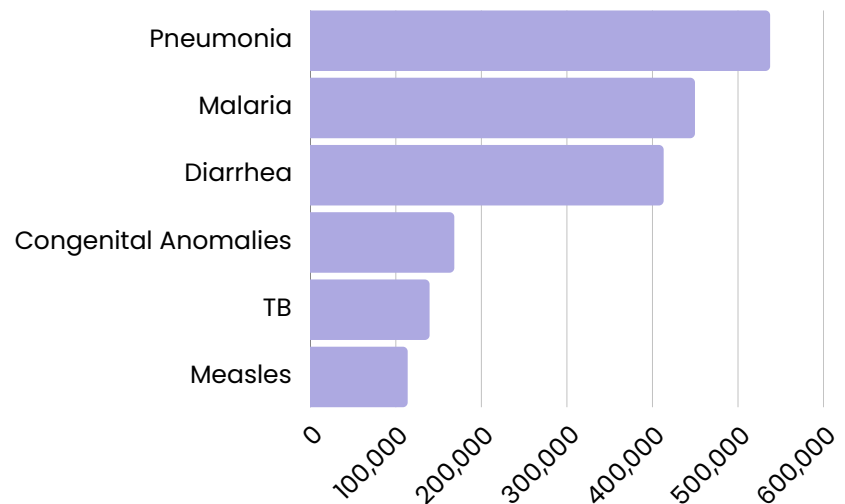


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## WHAT IS CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION?

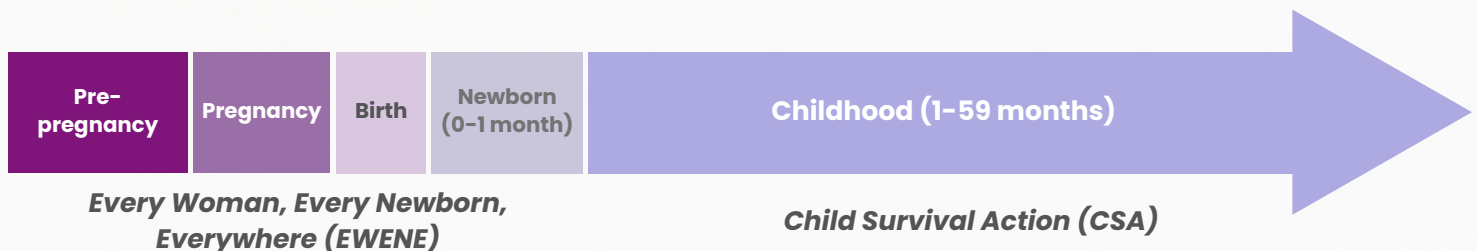
- Focuses on **1–59 month** children in **60 off-track countries**
- Targets **leading causes** (Figure 2) **and risks of death** among 1–59 month children
- Invests in **interventions proven** to prevent, diagnosis, and treat leading causes and risks
- **Tracks progress** to global coverage targets – vaccination, care seeking, treatments, water, sanitation
- Essential component of **maternal, newborn, and child survival advocacy** (Figure 3)

**Figure 2: Leading causes of 1–59 month death**



Source: UN IGME, 2024

**Figure 3: Advocacy for safe pregnancy, childbirth, and childhood**



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