



Mrs. Sia Nyama Koroma, First Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone:

- Launched the Women’s Initiative for Safer Health (WISH).
- Played a pivotal role in adoption of national legislation for free maternal and under 5 health care (April 2010).

- Works extensively in remote rural areas to reduce stigma among local leaders around hospital births.
- Mrs. Koroma has risen as a leading African First Lady champion for maternal and newborn health.

Our team assisted Mrs. Koroma and her office through:

- Assisting President and Mrs. Koroma in convening USG, USAID, RAND, UNICEF, UNFPA, IRC, MSF, IMC, Rotary and World Vision in Sierra Leone to assess the renovation of Mattru Jong hospital and birth waiting homes.
- Mentoring First Lady’s senior advisors (AFLI fellows) to organize a more effective office; to engage in policy analysis as they select causes and programs for Mrs. Koroma to advocate and support.
- Advising Mrs. Koroma on roles she can play to support implementation of universal health care.
- Facilitating partnerships or speaking engagements for Mrs. Koroma with: the Clinton Global Initiative, CARE, UNFPA, Komen Global Initiative, Women Deliver, TED Women, mWomen, Bush Institute.

