

BOTTLENECKS IN THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH AND WATER IN SIERRA LEONE, 2010-13

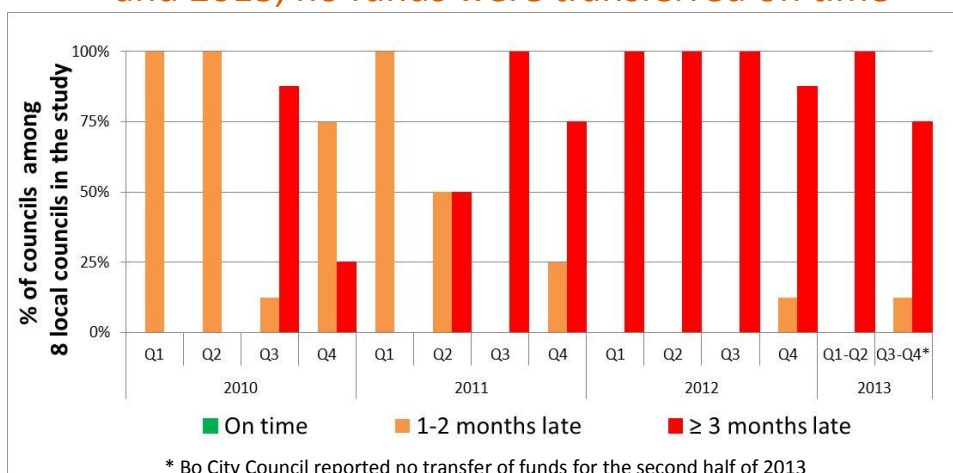
How do LATE and INCOMPLETE funds affect our health services?



"The funds we get from the council are not sufficient to maintain the ambulance and most of the time the funds are received late. A lot of mothers have died as a result of late referrals, either the ambulance is in the garage or is on another referral trip... We need more ambulances in the district and more funds to run them."

Funds from central government to local councils are transferred late—between 2010 and 2013, no funds were transferred on time

"The availability of water sources and sanitation facilities are often not taken into consideration when health centres are built, simply because the funding is limited and does not even come on time within the quarter."



PROBLEM 1: LATE DISBURSEMENT

- Ⓒ No health funds were ever released in the **first month** of the quarter (i.e. on time)
- Ⓒ Between 2010 and 2013, health funds were released an average of **4 months late**
- Ⓒ There are **no clear timelines** for disbursement of health and water funds to ministries, departments and agencies

PROBLEM 2: INCOMPLETE DISBURSEMENT

- Ⓒ Funds released to the health sector are often **lower** than what is budgeted
- Ⓒ In 2013, **11%** of budgeted health funds were not disbursed
- Ⓒ The completeness of disbursement varies across districts. For example, in 2012, **25%** of **Pujehun's** budgeted funds were not disbursed



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TAKE ACTION!

You can help ensure ALL allocated funds are released ON TIME to your local council!

Put your signature or mark below and take this signed form to the **City Council Mayor** and/or **District Council Chairman**.

“I am calling on our ministers to:

@ Draw up clear timelines for the release of health and water funds

@ Ensure all budgeted health funds are released

@ Strengthen financial governance

@ Improve capacities of finance staff”

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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