

2022 UPDATE

Hello Friends,

We wanted to touch base with you and thank you for supporting Aminata Maternal Foundation in the past and in helping us achieve our mission to **bring an end** to unnecessary maternal and infant deaths in Sierra Leone and also provide you with an update of how we are striving to achieve this important pursuit.



Patient treatment at Aberdeen Women's Centre is always only possible thanks to you, our wonderful supporters. In 2021, Aberdeen Women's Centre safely delivered **2,202 babies** and helped change the lives for **518 first time teenage mothers** providing a safe, nurturing and educational space for them during the most vulnerable time of their life. By rebuilding their self-esteem and confidence, teaching them new skills and allowing them to thrive with peers, has transformed their lives.



Thanks to the incredible work of staff at Aberdeen Women's Centre whilst COVID-19 is still having its effect in Sierra Leone, they remained loyal to the children's clinic with **18,500 consultations** last year and conducted **118 life changing fistula surgeries**.

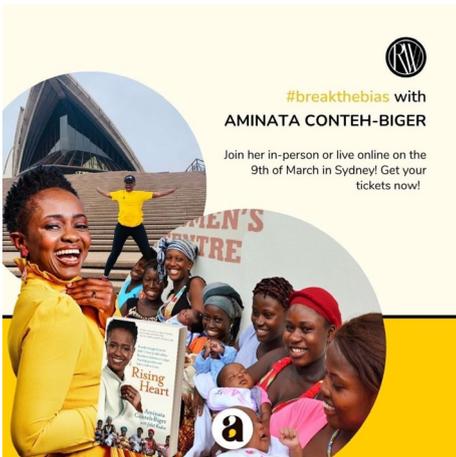
Your continued support to Aminata Maternal Foundation not only has a direct and important impact on individual lives but has a **long term benefit on the maternal health within Sierra Leone**.

Smile for Maternal Health

Keep your eye out for our new appeal to be launched soon to help raise awareness for maternal health in Sierra Leone. During April and May this year we will be asking for your support by sharing a smile. Why smile? Whether you are a mother, have a mother or know a mother, we all have a connection to motherhood and universally we all have a reason to smile for maternal health. The past two years have been particularly challenging and the pandemic has many devastating effects. Teenage pregnancies have escalated in Sierra Leone and the demand for maternal health professionals is at a crisis. We can achieve great things to make important changes in Sierra Leone, let's start with a smile. Share your best smiley selfie, tag a great mum, hashtag #smileformaternalhealth and let's fill our socials with smiles this Mother's day to raise awareness for the maternal health crisis in Sierra Leone. #smileformaternalhealth #aminatamaternalfoundation



Remarkable Women



Join Aminata, Tracey Spicer and Jana Pittman and host Shivani Gopal for the International Women's Day event of the year on March 9 in-person tickets are now sold out but online tickets still available.

Enjoy keynote stories and insider talks with three inspirational leaders and have the opportunity to ask questions during a Q&A on the couch as they collectively #BreaktheBias for women and for the world in 2022. Get your online access at www.themarkablewoman.com.au/international-womens-day

We want you to know that these critical projects and programs don't just happen on their own. It's only with the help of kind and generous donors like you, that what could mean an end for so many women and young girls in Sierra Leone, is now a beginning.

We are excited for what is in store this year and look forward to working with Aberdeen's Womens Centre and sharing with you more updates on our vital work to support the maternal health of women and young girls in Sierra Leone.

With deepest gratitude,

Aminata Conteh-Biger
Chief Executive Officer
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