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📍 Makeni, Sierra Leone, Africa



*Imagine a world where every global citizen has an equal chance at living a healthy life  
— a world where everyone is connected to health systems and receiving informed care.*

That world is what drives us at **HEAP — the Health Equity Acceleration Partnership**.

Many of us already benefit from a digital landscape that delivers improved health insights and outcomes. But in Sierra Leone, Africa, remote communities are eager to join that landscape and yet face barriers to using electronic health systems.

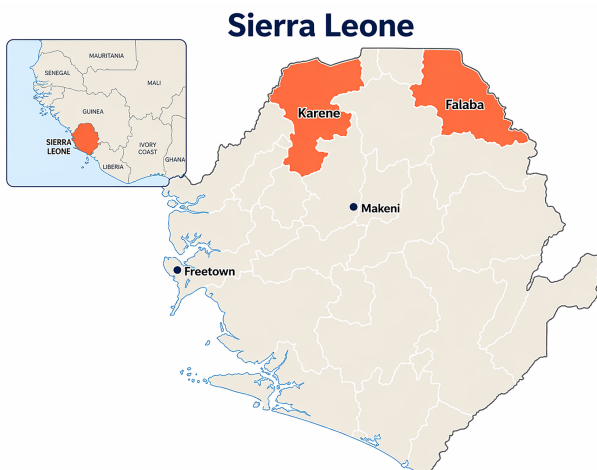
HEAP connects under-resourced communities to their country's digital health systems — creating a conduit for improved health outcomes. We understand that health equity is a movement, which we seek to advance through community-engaged partnership.

Please join us in this movement! Your tax-deductible donation is an opportunity to make a difference.

## Our Story

HEAP grew from a longstanding collaboration between Sierra Leonean digital health community leader, **Vamba Lolleh**, and digital health equity leader, **Andy MacKelfresh** from the United States. Since April 2024, their innovative conversations shaped a shared vision for practical steps to connect rural communities in Sierra Leone to their national health system.

We founded HEAP in October 2025 as a grassroots, nonprofit, non-governmental organization that provides the structure through which our vision becomes reality. HEAP is strategically guided by global health leader **Dr. Mohamed Bailor Barrie**, who has successfully implemented health programs in Sierra Leone.



## Our Year-One Goal

**\$49,000**

to establish HEAP's on-the-ground operations and launch our digital health literacy programs in Falaba and Karene districts of Sierra Leone.

*Your early gift at [heapwave.org](https://heapwave.org) directly establishes our organization, funds community-engaged research, and enables digital support to improve health outcomes of real global citizens.*

# Why Digital Health Literacy Matters in Sierra Leone

## The Challenge

Sierra Leone has invested in digital health infrastructure — including a national digital health roadmap and electronic disease surveillance systems. Yet many rural health workers still lack the practical digital skills needed to use these tools consistently and effectively. When technology is introduced without sufficient training, its promise goes unrealized.

## Why It Matters

Digital health literacy shapes how well health workers record information, report disease events, and use digital tools to support patient care. In remote communities, these skills can strengthen disease surveillance, improve consistency of care, and help connect underserved populations to the national health system. Without targeted support, rural districts risk being left behind as digital systems expand.

## What HEAP Is Doing

HEAP is supporting health workers in under-resourced communities through community-engaged digital health initiatives in Sierra Leone. Our initial focus is on the Falaba and Karene districts — laying the groundwork for hands-on training, local partnerships, and a baseline assessment so that all future support is practical, measurable, and locally grounded. Our offices are in Makeni, Sierra Leone and Charlotte, North Carolina, United States.

## Your Impact

Your donation helps build the early foundation for this work: establishing operations, supporting community-engaged research, and enabling hands-on support for health care workers to improve their digital health literacy. In settings where resources are limited, even modest support creates meaningful, lasting change.

**⚠ Your support is especially critical right now.** Recent U.S. restrictions on foreign assistance have adversely affected health programs throughout Sierra Leone. The impact of a single U.S. dollar is greatly amplified there. Your gift has the power to go far.

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