



**Government of Sierra Leone**  
Ministry of Health and Sanitation

**Be Organised  
and Save Lives**



### **Triage: Emergency Signs Women**

Women with emergency signs require immediate treatment to avoid death.

- Any bleeding
- Convulsion or fit ( now or at home)
- Restless, confused or unconscious
- Severe abdominal pain
- Cold and clammy skin, rapid or feeble pulse (signs of shock)
- Blurred vision, severe headache
- Swollen and painful leg/s
- Chest pain
- Fast breathing or difficult breathing

### **Triage Emergency Signs Child**

Children with emergency signs require immediate treatment to avoid death

- Obstructed breathing
- Severe respiratory distress (rapid difficult breathing, chest in-drawing)
- Central cyanosis (blue around lips)
- Signs of shock (cold hands *plus* capillary refill longer than 3 seconds, *plus* weak, fast pulse)
- Coma, Convulsions
- Signs of severe dehydration

### **Priority Signs Women**

- Vomiting everything
- Fever (more than 38.5 °C)
- Swollen face, hands and legs
- Diastolic blood pressure 90 mmHg or more
- Yellow eyes
- Very pale
- Cough 14 days or more
- Abdominal pain
- Escape of liquor

### **Priority Signs Child**

The priority signs identify children who are at higher risk of dying. Assess without delay and put on the priority bench

- Tiny baby: any sick child aged under 2 months
- Temperature (child very hot)
- Trauma or other urgent surgical condition
- Pallor (severe)
- Escape of liquor
- Poisoning
- Pain (severe)
- Respiratory distress (rapid/difficult breathing)
- Restless, continuously irritable, or lethargic
- Referral (urgent)
- Malnutrition: visible severe wasting or Oedema of both feet
- Burns