



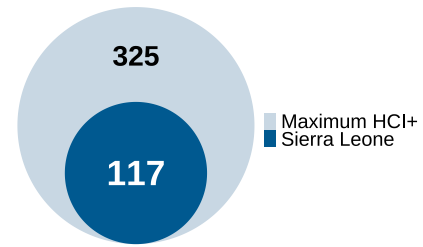
SIERRA LEONE

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa
Income Category: Low Income

Human capital - people’s knowledge, skills, and health - drives productivity and growth. The Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+) measures the human capital a child born today can expect to accumulate over their working life, extending the original HCI by incorporating tertiary education and work experience. This brief summarizes **Sierra Leone’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

What is Sierra Leone’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

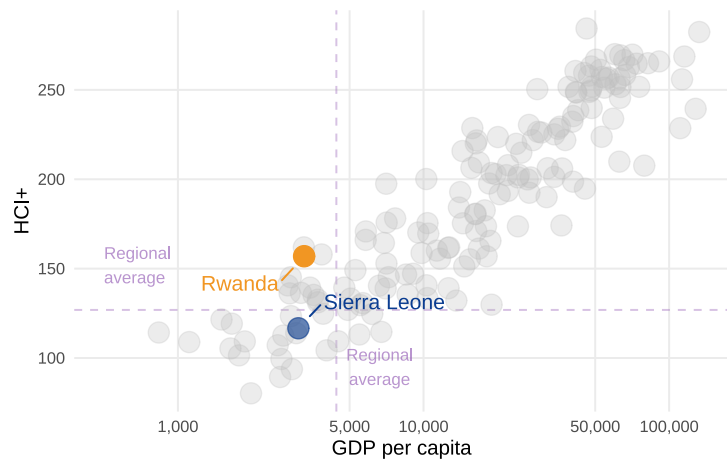
Sierra Leone’s HCI+ score is 117 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 69%.



How does Sierra Leone’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

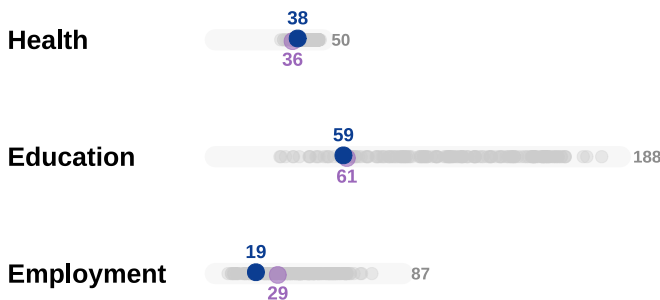
Sierra Leone’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region (126)** and higher than the average for **low-income countries (116)**.

Among Sierra Leone’s income level peers, **Rwanda is the top performer in HCI+.**



What explains Sierra Leone’s HCI+?

The HCI+ has three components corresponding to health, education, and employment.



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 38**, slightly higher than the **regional average of 36**.

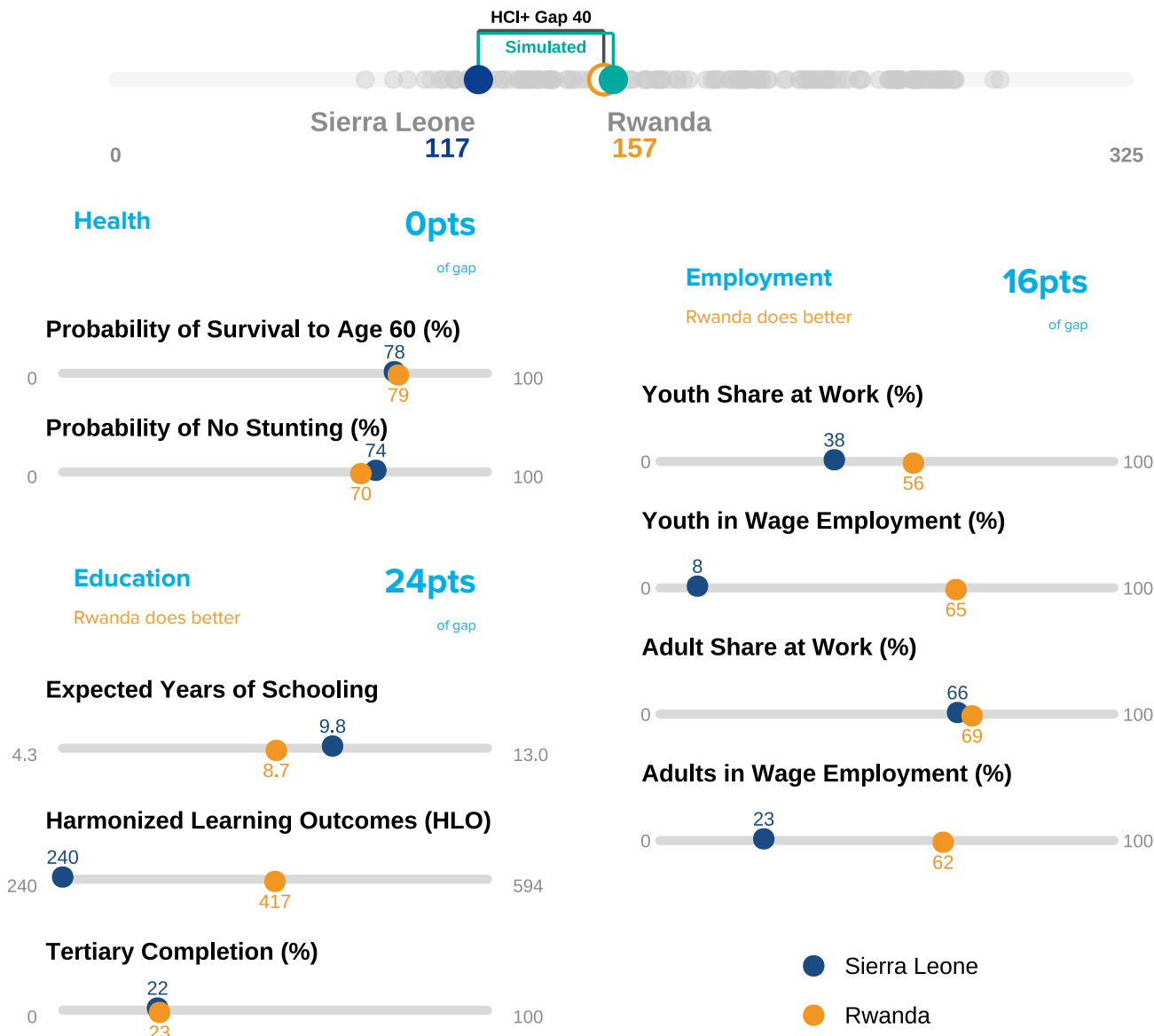
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 59**, slightly lower than the **regional average of 61**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 19**, lower than the **regional average of 29**.



What indicators are responsible for Sierra Leone's HCI+ gap with Rwanda?

Sierra Leone's HCI+ score (117) is lower than Rwanda's (157). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Sierra Leone and Rwanda are **Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), adult in wage employment, and youth share at work**. Raising these indicators to Rwanda's levels would increase Sierra Leone's score to **160**, boosting future income by approximately 43.1%.



What is Sierra Leone's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Sierra Leone is 116** compared to **118 for men**. The 2-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 2% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Sierra Leone.



Note: All values are derived from internationally comparable public datasets.

