Presentation Title: What are the factors affecting uptake of cervical cancer screening among women of reproductive age in Sierra Leone?

Background: Cervical cancer is the second most prevalent cancer, and the leading cause of cancer-mortality among women of reproductive age in Sierra Leone. Early screening for cervical cancer has been shown to reduce mortality rates and prevent progression of the disease to late stages. However, recent data reported lower cervical cancer screening rates in Sierra Leone, the reasons for which are not known. Although barriers to cervical cancer have been identified for neighbouring countries, barriers to care are highly context-specific, mainly due to differences in healthcare systems and demographics. Therefore, the aim of this study is to assess factors affecting uptake of cervical cancer screening among women of reproductive age in Sierra Leone.

Themes:

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| Innovation and Technology | Health and Wellness | Culture and Society | Sustainability and Conservation |

Comments: Generally well-written with clear background information/context. I would expand on how you will go about assessing factors affecting cervical cancer screening, ie. methods. If word count permits, speculate on the results given existing literature. All the best at MURC!