



UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) External Situation Report

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KEY POINTS

- Increase in cumulative weekly EVD cases in Guinea
- UNMEER SRSG visits Sierra Leone, meets response workers
- In Liberia, UNICEF, WFP, others ramp up logistics and other support

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NTSR

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,573 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,246 reported deaths.
3. In Guinea, there were 4 active prefectures (Boke, Dubreka, Forecariah and Conakry) and one prefecture in alert (Coyah) in the week ending 5 July. During the period, there were 18 confirmed EVD cases, compared with 12 in the preceding week. Three prefectures reported cases. Eleven of the reported cases came from Forecariah, 6 from Boke and 1 from Conakry. Forecariah is again the prefecture reporting more confirmed cases (61%). In total, 44% of the confirmed cases during the period were unknown or missing contacts. In Forecariah, 54% of the confirmed cases were unknown or missing. In Boke, however, only one confirmed case was unknown.
4. In Sierra Leone, 10 new District Surveillance Officers (DSOs) have arrived in Port Loko district and another six are expected today, 8 July, to support Operation Northern Push (ONP). ONP is designed to engage communities to end transmission in Kambia and Port Loko districts.
5. To support ONP, WFP is providing one-month food packages to quarantined households. Other humanitarian partners are providing complementary fresh food and non-food items to support the needs of those in quarantine.
6. UNMEER SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff is visiting Sierra Leone for three days. Mr. Graaff travelled to Port Loko district Wednesday, 8 July, to hold meetings with officials of the District Ebola Response Centre, the US Centre for Disease Control, Goal and the UK Department for International Development as well as the UN response team. Before departing Sierra Leone, he is expected to meet with representatives of the donor group and the NERC leadership, and engage top local journalists to explain UNMEER drawdown and the need to mobilize the population in the EVD fight.
7. In Liberia, UNICEF has so far delivered more than 1000 hygiene kits to households, schools and health facilities in EVD-affected communities. Health facilities are also being decontaminated. In addition, handwashing stations with chlorine have been installed at two checkpoints (Marshalls and Firestone), and rain boots were provided border officials and social mobilization teams.

Logistics

8. UNMEER Sierra Leone has donated 41 vehicles to government, some local and international NGOs involved in Ebola response, and the Mano River Union. Only credible organizations that are involved in Ebola response were selected as beneficiaries. The vehicles are to support the efforts of these institutions to achieve and sustain zero EVD. Computer sets were also donated to

Njala University. UNMEER ECM told the beneficiaries to strengthen efforts to end Ebola in the country.

9. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

Resource Mobilisation

10. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.53 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.
11. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 141 million in commitments.
12. All humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (<http://fts.unocha.org>) of their contributions via the e-mail address: fts@un.org.

Outreach and Education

13. In Guinea, the EVD coordination authorities and international partners on 1 July launched a 'micro-cerclage' campaign (formerly known as 'Campaign of Reinforced Surveillance and Social Mobilization) in Bamba and Kawonso, Tanene subprefecture. The campaign could end on 10 July when the 21 days of tracing the present contacts will end and if there are no more EVD confirmed cases in these areas.
14. Social Mobilisation Pillar in Sierra Leone is planning to reinforce messaging of post EVD exposure (e.g. no unprotected sex) nationwide. This follows reports that some EVD survivors were breaking the rules.
15. In Liberia, UNICEF is carrying out a mop-up campaign targeting 16,530 people in 3,120 households in EVD-affected communities. Already, house-to-house visits and dialogues with traditional healers and religious leaders have reached 2, 529 in 672 households, so far.

Essential Services

16. In collaboration with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security (MAFFS), WFP last week distributed food assistance to 225 farmer households in Tonkolili District. 30,000 households are expected to benefit from the distribution. So far, more than 4,000 children under five in Sierra Leone have received a supply of a highly nutritious corn soya blend for the treatment of moderate to acute malnutrition, under WFP's targeted supplementary feeding programme. Distributions are ongoing throughout the country to reach all moderately malnourished children

Upcoming Events

17. NTSR

Attachments and resources

18. Reliefweb: [Maps on the EVD response](#).

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