

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

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### KEY POINTS

- Fuel shortage in Guinea is having an impact on the Ebola response.
- The planned launch campaign “Zero Ebola in 60 days” is put on hold due to persisting resistance by the local communities to EVD response.
- On 16 January, ECOWAS is organising a High-level Coordination meeting of ECOWAS partners on the fight against EVD.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. Guinea is facing a fuel shortage which is impacting the Ebola response. The UNMEER Field Crisis Manager for Macenta reported that on 8 January the Guinea Red Cross was unable to transport a suspected case to the Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) due to the fuel shortage. Reports indicate that local authorities have been working on to support the French Red Cross at the ETC. In addition the UNMEER Field Crisis Manager for N'zérékoré, Lola and Yomou has reported that fuel supplies are down to 5,000 liters (10 days of supply) at the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) and that radio stations which broadcast sensitization messages have not been working for 4 days.

### Response Efforts and Health

2. The County Health Officer (CHO) in Bong County, Liberia informed that 11 dead bodies from Monrovia were intercepted by the County Health Team (CHT). While the county continues to have a low infection rate, there is a need to control migration of EVD cases from Monrovia and other parts of the country.
3. The salaries of 94 (out of 106) Ebola response workers were paid in Sinoe county, Liberia. They also received new contracts. The payments for the staff at the holding centre in Bong County and the Ganta ETU in Nimba County are pending. The CHT of Bong County, in coordination with the NGO eHealth Africa, is trying to pay a month's salary for the staff at the holding centre.
4. UNMEER provided technical support to a community-based organization, Peace Link Liberia, which is developing a conflict assessment checklist aiming to identify, map and document potential conflict areas resulting from the EVD outbreak in Lofa County, Liberia. The assessment will provide information to partners in planning for post-EVD recovery, reintegration and peacebuilding programmes.
5. The planned launch of the campaign “Zero Ebola in 60 days” (refer to Sitrep of 5 January) which was to be held in Forécariah prefecture, Guinea on 10 January has been put on hold due to the continuing resistance of the communities to EVD response in that area. According to WHO, on 6 January, there were 31 sub-prefectures in the country where EVD response efforts were facing community resistance.
6. In total, 20,972 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been reported 8,259 deaths.

### Logistics

7. WFP has so far conducted two Medical Evacuation (Medevac) trainings in Guinea: the first was in partnership with ALIMA in Macenta, and the second, was in partnership with MSF-Belgium in Gueckedou on 8 January. These trainings aim to familiarise WFP's operational partners, the crew of the dedicated Bell 205 Helicopter and WFP staff, with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) required to perform this type of technically-specific Medevac. WFP is planning to organise more trainings of this kind with relevant partners as a key preparedness measure and to ensure that these complex procedures are correctly and efficiently executed in the event of a real Medevac.
8. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

## **Resource Mobilisation**

9. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totaling USD 1.5 billion, has been funded for USD 1.16 billion, which is around 77% of the total ask.
10. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 134.9 million in commitments. In total USD 140 million has been pledged.
11. 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](mailto:fts@un.org).

## **Outreach and Education**

12. General community health volunteers (gCHVs) continue to conduct active case search, community awareness campaign on EVD and psychosocial activities in Lofa County, Liberia. The CHT has requested additional support from partners to help address the issues related to the motivation of the gCHVs as well as their remuneration.

## **Essential Services**

13. In addition to the procurement of 15,000 thermo-guns (refer to Sitrep of 6 January), UNICEF initiated procurement of sanitation and hygiene supplies (hand-washing buckets, sprayers, protective equipment for cleaning) to ensure that all 5,181 Liberian schools have the essential hygiene and hand-washing materials to promote safe learning environments and to be in compliance with the endorsed protocols upon reopening.

## **Upcoming Events**

14. On 16 January, ECOWAS is organising in Accra, Ghana a High-level Coordination meeting of the ECOWAS partners on the fight against EVD; SRSG Ould Cheikh Ahmed will attend the meeting. Preceding the meeting, a Technical Coordination meeting will be held on 15 January.

## **Attachments and resources**

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