

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

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KEY POINTS

- UNMEER releases Geo-Information Management Services application for Liberia
- WFP and logistics partners continue to ensure support to affected countries
- UNICEF supporting affected countries with safe re-opening of schools

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. UNMEER Information Management (IM) Team in Monrovia, Liberia has released the Geo-Information Management Services (UNMEER GIMS) v1.0, web mapping tool/application. A primary goal of the UNMEER GIMS is to allow people who are not Geographic Information Systems (GIS) professionals to do self-service mapping and expand the creative use and sharing of geospatial data to support EVD response efforts in West Africa, especially in Liberia. The UNMEER GIMS can be freely accessed at <http://www.unmeer-im-liberia.website>.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 22,828 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been reported 9,152 deaths.
3. UNICEF Guinea has finished the construction of six CCCs of which three (Kourémalé, Kouroussa and Kissidougou) are now equipped, staffed and ready to receive patients. The other three can be made fully operational should the need arise. UNICEF and the Government will discuss with their partners how additional CCC may be used with a view to reinforcing the health system in Guinea.
4. As part of the Ebola Recovery Plan in Sierra Leone, UNMEER, UNDP and UNICEF provided support to the Ministry of Health to devise strategies on environmental crisis management. The plan includes among others, proactive implementation of environment-related projects, improvement of existing measures that were realized as environmental drivers during the EVD outbreak; assessments of environmental risks to ensure that permits or agreements are issued in accordance with standards; and environmental and waste management audits to ensure that any liabilities during the handover or exchange of resources are considered as well as tasks and responsibilities of national authorities and areas where the UNCT partners can provide support.

Logistics

5. WFP, in partnership with the Senegalese authorities, has been constructing a Humanitarian Terminal (Terminal H) in Dakar. Terminal H is the gateway (entry and exit point) to the Humanitarian Air corridor from Senegal to the Ebola-affected countries. Located on "Ouakam Air Force Base" at Dakar Leopold Sedar Senghor International airport, this Terminal is the base of UNHAS/UNMEER air operations in Senegal. The UNHAS West Africa support team is now based there, coordinating passenger and light cargo movements on behalf of the humanitarian community.
6. In Sierra Leone, WFP continued to provide food and nutritional support to patients in treatment centres, survivors discharged, quarantined homes, and hot-spot communities. WFP held the 6th food coordination working group for NGO partners providing food assistance to groups directly or indirectly impacted by EVD. Alongside food and nutrition support, WFP provided non-food items donated by Irish Aid to an orphanage in Kenema hosting 24 children whose parents are deceased due to EVD. In January alone, WFP provided food assistance to more than 274,000 beneficiaries throughout Sierra Leone.
7. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

Resource Mobilisation

8. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totaling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.23 billion, which is around 54% of the total ask.
9. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 136.8 million in commitments. In total USD 140 million has been pledged.
10. 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

11. In the previous week in Guinea, UNICEF and partners trained a total of 193 social mobilizers from the Centre d'Études de Recherches et d'Aide au Développement (CERADE), who will act as intermediaries between the Community Watch Committees (CWC) and the Communication for Development (C4D) prefectural coordinators from the Centre Africain de Formation pour le Développement (CENAFOD). They will serve as contact points in EVD monitoring activities organized by the WHO.

Essential Services

12. In Guinea, the Ministry of Education with support of UNICEF and other response partners continued to monitor the reopening of schools. With 99.42 per cent of schools now reportedly open, attendance still varies. Most of the 70 schools that have not opened yet are in Faranah and Forécariah where strong resistance to using school hygiene kits has been reported. In Sierra Leone, the Government is leading intensive planning to re-open more than 8,000 schools by the end of March 2015. The shutdown has left about 1.8 million children out of school. In the previous week, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and Freetown Teachers' College (FTC) with support of UNICEF completed training for 28 master trainers in EVD prevention, social mobilization and psychosocial support.
13. In the previous week in Monrovia, UNICEF supported training on the 'Protocols for Safe School Environments in the EVD Outbreak in Liberia' for district-level master training teams. Up to 99 teams made up of District Education Officers (DEOs) from the Ministry of Education (MoE), Environmental Health Technicians from the MoH, and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) experts from each district's lead NGO will conduct training in each district prior to the re-opening of schools. Distribution of school IPC supplies required to implement the Protocols began in Montserrado County started on 6 February. Supplies for about 1,000 schools will be delivered to all district distribution points within the county for the last mile delivery to schools. Also, as part of these efforts, UNICEF is conducting psychosocial support training for approximately 40 teachers. The training covers issues around coping with stress and recognizing children who have been psychologically affected by the EVD epidemic. The second phase of the course will also provide a brief introduction to psychosocial first aid.
14. On 7 February, WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, coordinated the airlift of 2.3mt of supplies to five locations in hard-to-reach areas in Liberia. In total, over 7,000 kits (some 2,700m3) will be delivered to over 4,000 schools, serving one million students. WFP has also provided 10 trucks to UNICEF for the transportation of WASH supplies for the safe re-opening of schools in Liberia.

Upcoming Events

15. NTSR

Attachments and resources

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