

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

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KEY POINTS

- 18 newly confirmed cases of Ebola were reported during the previous week (27 April – 03 May): 9 in Guinea (all in Forécariah) and 9 in Sierra Leone (5 in Kambia; 4 in Western Area Urban);
- Collaboration between Guinea and Sierra Leone on respective sensitization and case search campaigns in Kambia and Forécariah.
- Guinea intends to launch its next campaign in Forécariah on 12 May.

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. Sierra Leone President Koroma visited Kambia last weekend, addressing paramount chiefs, descendants and community leaders at the district council hall. The President emphasized that a lack of coordination among community leaders in the district had compounded the fight to stop the spread of what he termed "the stubborn virus".

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 26,536 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 10,980 reported deaths.
3. During the week ending 3 May, Guinea and Sierra Leone both reported 9 new confirmed cases, making a total of 18 confirmed cases for the week. In Guinea, all 9 cases were reported from Forécariah, whilst in Sierra Leone, Kambia reported 5 cases and Western Area Urban (which includes Freetown) reported 4 new cases.
4. On May 5, UNMEER and the head of the National Coordination, Dr. Sakoba, lead a delegation of national and international partners, including UN agencies and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to Forécariah. The delegation worked with the prefectural coordination on the planning for the next sensitization and Ebola case search campaign, which will be launched on 12 May. The first stage of the campaign will consist of four days of door-to-door search activities, and the second stage, which will run until 12 June, will involve encouraging patients to make use of 18 pre-positioned mobile health clinics. Following a presentation made by the Kambia (Sierra Leone) District Ebola Response Centre (DERC) to their Forécariah (Guinea) counterparts on May 4 as part of the Kambia Community Action Plan, the delegation then travelled to Pamelap, on the border with Sierra Leone, where they met with Sierra Leone Government and international Ebola response partners to discuss how to synchronize the respective Forécariah and Kambia campaigns.
5. In the absence of confirmed new cases in the next few days, Liberia will reach the milestone of 42 days consecutive days with no reported Ebola cases on Saturday, 9 May.

Logistics

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

Resource Mobilisation

7. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totaling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.5 billion, which is around 66% of the total ask.
8. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 million has been pledged.

9. 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

10. On 4 May, UNMEER Liberia conducted a field visit to border communities in Quardu Gboni district, Lofa County as part of the monitoring of a Quick Implementation Project (QIP) entitled 'Operation Stop Ebola', a social mobilization project for cross-border communities, implemented by PeaceLink Liberia. Activities to enhance community awareness on Ebola continued through door-to-door sensitization on the use of infection prevention and control and hygiene materials to more than 1,000 people in the district. Motorbikes were provided to the county health team (CHT) to monitor the 9 primary and 24 secondary check points. The CHT border check point monitoring report for April indicated that an estimated 50,861 travelers were registered and documented. On 5 May, another UNMEER-supported QIP, entitled 'Operation Ebola Must Go', trained 50 communicators and 5 data mobilisers on how to conduct social mobilization and door-to-door awareness on prevention and surveillance of Ebola and other diseases in Dugbe River district, Sinoe County.

Essential Services

11. On 5 May, 10 district health officers and 33 Officers in Charge from Sinoe County, Liberia, were given training on the forthcoming measles campaign by the CHT and the Ministry of Health with support from WHO. The 2-day district level training began with 3 districts and will roll out to the remaining 7 over the course of the week.

Upcoming Events

12. NSTR

Attachments and resources

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