

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

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### KEY POINTS

- A total of 9 newly confirmed Ebola cases in Guinea and Sierra Leone for the week ending 10 May. Sierra Leone has now gone 7 consecutive days without reporting a single newly confirmed case.
- Preparations for the forthcoming 16 May sensitization and active Ebola case search campaign in Forécariah continue.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. The International Monetary Fund has published an end-of-Mission press release about its recent 23 April to 8 May visit to Guinea. The press release states that, although macroeconomic stability has been maintained in Guinea, its economic growth has slowed to 1.1 per cent due to the social and economic consequences of the Ebola outbreak. *Comment:* In April 2015, the United Nations Development Group calculated that West Africa as a whole may lose an average of at least US\$3.6 billion per year from 2014 to 2017 as a result of the Ebola outbreak.

### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 26,724 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,065 reported deaths.
3. Provisional data indicates that there were a total of 9 newly confirmed Ebola cases in Guinea and Sierra Leone for the week ending 10 May: 7 were in Guinea (including 6 in Forécariah) and 2 were in Sierra Leone (both in Western Area Urban, which includes the capital Freetown). The 2 cases in Sierra Leone were reported on 4 May; the country has now gone 7 consecutive days without reporting a single newly confirmed case.
4. As preparations for the forthcoming 16 May sensitization and active Ebola case search campaign in Forécariah continue, further details are emerging. The campaign will target 21 localities in 8 sub-prefectures and movement restrictions for local populations will be in place. Training for the supervisors and community agents took place on 10 May and prefectural coordination authorities are currently visiting the targeted localities to conduct a preparatory mass sensitization campaign. The prefectural coordination has received 13,200 masks, 25,000 pairs of gloves and 70,000 bars of soap. WFP has been requested to deliver food rations during the campaign, ensuring food needs for 35,000 beneficiaries. Registration of beneficiaries will start this week. In addition, WFP is reinforcing staff capacity in the area and is planning the provision of additional logistical support for the distributions.
5. In Sierra Leone, implementation of the Kambia Community Action Plan continues, including community engagement meetings, active case finding, security reinforcement and support, cross-border collaboration, radio messaging and engagement with commercial motor-bike riders. The campaign is expected to conclude by 23 May.
6. The President of Sierra Leone recently made a number of decisions on the future of the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), including its new physical location, approval of its business case through October 2015, the placement of the disaster preparedness and management capacity and the establishment of a national ambulance service.

### Logistics

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 1.51 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.
9. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 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](mailto:fts@un.org).

### **Outreach and Education**

11. In Guinea, several mass sensitization campaigns relating to hygiene, safe burials and Ebola prevention have been ongoing in Kindia during the last few days. Also in Kindia, the Communication Commission organized a meeting with community leaders to discuss solutions to continued resistance to safe and dignified burials.
12. A pilot programme is being implemented in Boke prefecture, Guinea. The programme, implemented in partnership between the Guinean Government, the French Institut Bioforce and the French Army, is called 'Equipe Régionale d'Alerte et de Riposte contre les Epidémies' (Regional Team of Alert and Response to Epidemics). 24 people from Boke have already received training in Meneah, Coyah, and have returned to Boke where they will be trained and equipped by Bioforce staff.

### **Essential Services**

13. IOM plans to rehabilitate the office of the Health Communal Department in Ratoma, Conakry.
14. A cross-border meeting between representatives of the prefecture of Faranah (Guinea) and Koinadougou (Sierra Leone) was held from 8 to 10 May. The participants agreed on a protocol that should be signed by national authorities before the end of May. The objectives of the meeting were to review the Ebola situation in the cross-border area; to share the strategies and lessons learned from both sides of the border; to agree on joint interventions in the border areas; to reinforce collaboration between both districts and to implement a sanitary control system on both sides of the border.
15. On 10 May, Dr. Sakoba, the head of the National Coordination in Guinea, stressed the importance of proposing measures to facilitate the return to their community of Ebola survivors with a detectable presence of the virus. Dr. Sakoba referred to a case of a woman who recovered from Ebola two months ago but who had not been discharged from the Ebola treatment facility in Kindia because her breast milk still tested positive.

### **Upcoming Events**

16. NSTR.

### **Attachments and resources**

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