



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

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### KEY POINTS

- Provisional total of 19 newly confirmed cases for Sierra Leone during the week to 14 June.
- In Sierra Leone, preparations for the 21-day Ebola response surge in Ebola-active districts of Kambia and Port Loko continue.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NSTR.

### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,275 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,149 reported deaths.
3. Over the weekend, the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) in Sierra Leone reported 2 newly confirmed cases, one in each of the districts of Kambia (chiefdom of Tonko Limba) and Port Loko (chiefdom of Kaffu Bullom), bringing the provisional total for Sierra Leone for the week to 14 June to 19 newly confirmed cases.
4. Following Sierra Leone President Koroma's directive for a 21-day Ebola response surge in chiefdoms in Port Loko and Kambia districts still recording Ebola cases, the UNMEER Ebola Crisis Manager travelled with NERC officials today to review District Ebola Response Centre (DERC) plans for these districts and hold further discussions on implementation. The Communications Pillar has put together a national communications plan that consists of, among others, a press briefing to launch 'Operation Northern Push' followed by a series of radio and TV interviews of NERC and DERC officials as well as influential community leaders. The Pillar will harmonize the national plan with district plans and begin implementation immediately.
5. In the context of the new emergency measures announced by Guinean President Condé, newly installed health checkpoints are in the process of being established in Coyah and Boké.
6. Following the re-emergence of newly confirmed cases in Kindia prefecture, Ebola responders such as WHO and ALIMA are currently focusing on infection prevention and control in health facilities in neighbouring Guinea Forest Region. A series of training workshops are planned for health workers in the coming days.
7. Prior to the commencement of the recent early Ebola detection and sensitization campaign in Tanene sub-prefecture of Dubréka prefecture, Guinea, a survey amongst approximately 5% of the targeted population revealed that 98% of the local populations believed in the existence of Ebola, 96% knew their symptoms and most of them knew the Ebola prevention measures. The only gap in their knowledge of Ebola prevention measures was related to actions in the event of a fatality - many of them were unaware of the importance of avoiding direct contact with corpses. The Commission highlighted the importance of radio broadcasting to fill this gap.

### Logistics

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 totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.52 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.

10. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 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. On 10 June, social mobilizers supported by UNICEF sensitized 1,350 people in 12 localities of Forécariah (Guinea).
13. Anthrologica, a research-based organization that specializes in applied anthropology of global health issues, recently published a paper about resistance to the Ebola response in Guinea.
14. In Conakry (Guinea), WHO has recently trained 50 Community Surveillance Agents to work in Ratoma commune.

#### **Essential Services**

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#### **Upcoming Events**

16. UNMEER Acting SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff arrives in Guinea today.

#### **Attachments and resources**

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