

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

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KEY POINTS

- Preliminary data indicates that there were a total of 24 newly confirmed cases in Guinea and Sierra Leone during the week to 14 June, 6 of them from unknown sources of infection.
- Official launch of Operation Northern Push yesterday in Sierra Leone.

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NSTR.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,309 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,169 reported deaths.
3. Preliminary data indicates that there were a total of 24 newly confirmed cases in Guinea and Sierra Leone during the week to 14 June, compared to a total of 31 during the previous week. 6 of the cases, mostly from Guinea, came from unknown sources of infection.
4. 10 of the newly confirmed cases in the week to 14 June were in Guinea (compared to 16 the previous week), half of them emanating from unknown sources of infection. 4 cases were in the prefecture of Dubréka, 3 were in Forécariah, 2 were in Boké and there was a single case in Conakry. In Dubréka and Boké, all of the cases again emanated from the same sub-prefectures - Tanene and Kamsar respectively. All 4 of the cases in Tanene were from people on existing contact lists, but both cases in Kamsar were from unknown sources of infection. Two sub-prefectures were affected this week in Forécariah – Moussayah and Sikhourou, the 2 cases from the latter were from unknown sources of infection. The single case in Conakry came from Matam, again from an unknown source of infection.
5. 14 newly confirmed cases were reported in Sierra Leone in the week to 14 June (compared to 15 the previous week). All cases emanated from just 2 districts: Port Loko and Kambia. There were 8 cases in Port Loko: 6 from Kaffu Bullom chiefdom (including the one case in Sierra Leone last week from an unknown source of infection) and 2 from BKM. There were 6 cases in Kambia from 3 different chiefdoms (4 in Tonko Limba, 1 in Magbema and 1 in Samu). The capital, Freetown, has not reported a newly confirmed case for 17 days.
6. According to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), zero newly confirmed cases were reported in Sierra Leone during the first two days of this week (15 – 16 June).
7. In Sierra Leone, the NERC yesterday officially launched Operation Northern Push designed to identify, contain and eradicate Ebola from the infected areas in Kambia and Port Loko districts. At a media briefing yesterday, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NERC said that the Operation will include a significant security element, but that it would not be a military or security operation in the traditional sense. The increased presence of the armed forces and police is designed to ensure the safety and security of communities during the surge activities, he added. There are also plans to implement much better quarantine procedures while increased efforts will be made to find, isolate and treat people who abscond. There will be an increase in community surveillance, enhanced by a stricter enforcement of Safe Dignified Burial and by-laws. The CEO maintained that the operation was not a lock down as had been reported in the media.
8. Teams of response workers, including social mobilizers, surveillance and contact tracers are moving from other parts of Sierra Leone to Port Loko and Kambia districts to support Operation Northern Push. A massive media campaign is already underway, particularly on local radio stations, where NERC

officials are amplifying messages relating to quarantine, safe and dignified burials and other aspects of the response.

Logistics

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

Resource Mobilisation

10. 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.
11. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 million has been pledged.
12. 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

13. In Guinea, social mobilizers, supported by UNICEF, conducted door-to-door sensitization activities in Conakry, Boffa, Boké and Forécariah this week. With UNICEF funding, the Association of Ebola Survivors and RTI International-Stop Palu identified and provided psychosocial support to 17 Ebola survivors and 37 Ebola victims in Coyah.

Essential Services

14. In Guinea, UNICEF provided 30,000 bars of soap and 10,000 hand-washing kits in Fria this week.

Upcoming Events

15. NSTR.

Attachments and resources

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