



## HIGHLIGHTS

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- A UN system meeting at UNMEER HQ in Ghana produced an operational framework for a unified and coordinated approach to the international support provided to the affected countries
- The UN Secretary General's Ebola Multi-Partner Trust Fund has deposits of USD 8.8 million. USD 43.5 million has been pledged against a target of USD 100 million by the end of October

## Key Political and Economic Developments

1. A four-day UN system meeting at UNMEER HQ in Ghana produced an operational framework for a unified and coordinated approach to the international support provided to the affected countries. The Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General, Director General of the WHO, Executive Director of WFP, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and SRSG Banbury attended the meeting. This senior delegation of UN officials also met with the President of Ghana, Mr. John Dramani Mahama. The issue of EVD preparedness was a key topic of that discussion.
2. Liberia's President, Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, has made an impassioned plea for all nations to commit to the fight against Ebola ahead of a meeting of EU foreign ministers today. She said a generation of Africans were at risk of "being lost to economic catastrophe" because of the epidemic, warning that the "time for talking or theorising is over".
3. The Inter-Parliamentary Union has called on governments and international donors to urgently mobilize increased financial, medical, and logistical assistance to Ebola-affected areas in a resolution adopted at its 131st Assembly in Geneva.
4. Food prices have risen by an average of 24 per cent across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone forcing some families to reduce their intake to one meal a day. The FAO and WFP said that decisions by these three governments to quarantine districts and restrict movements to contain the spread of EVD have also impacted markets and reduced food security.

## Human Rights

5. UNICEF in Liberia has supported an interim care center for children needing 21-day observation and a transit center for children that survived Ebola yet have no known relative to return to after being treated.

## Medical

6. A total of 9216 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in seven affected countries (Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, and the US) up to the end of 14 October. There have been 4555 deaths.
7. UNICEF reports that of the EVD confirmed cases around 22 per cent are children and youth (0-17 years). To date, 1,965 children have been identified as being affected by the Ebola crisis, including 568 children who have been orphaned.
8. The WHO has now officially declared the Ebola outbreak in Senegal over, highlighting the critical importance of preparedness in countries at high risk of an outbreak of EVD. Important success factors in preventing the spread of EVD in Senegal included strong political leadership, early detection and response, public awareness campaigns, and strong support from partner organizations.
9. Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) will work in collaboration with key partners in the affected countries, including the WHO, in order to implement fast-tracked clinical trials for some of the new treatments for Ebola at existing treatment sites. Experimental treatments are currently being selected and trial designs are being developed to ensure that disruption to patient care is minimal, that medical and research ethics are respected, and that sound scientific data is produced. MSF does not usually engage in research and trials for drug development, but faced with this massive outbreak, it is taking exceptional measures.

## Logistics

10. The East African Community is sending over 600 health workers including 41 doctors to the affected countries.
11. The African Development Bank will deploy 85 health workers from across Africa, support an incentive scheme designed to supplement the salaries of over 2,000 health workers in the three affected countries and train about 500 local health and community workers.
12. The UK's latest Ebola aid flight carrying medical supplies landed in Freetown, Sierra Leone. This was the UK's sixth aid flight and carried almost USD 1.4 million worth of medical equipment needed for the 92 bed treatment facility it is building in the city, including blood banks, centrifuges and protective equipment.
13. US President Obama announced the deployment of National Guard and Reserve forces to help contain the EVD outbreak. They are expected to help build 17 ETCs with 100 beds apiece. President Obama also appointed an Ebola Czar, Mr. Ron Klain, to coordinate the overall US response.
14. UNICEF has begun training survivors of EVD to help treat cases in the affected countries.
15. WFP is supporting Sierra Leone by procuring 74 World Bank-funded vehicles including ambulances, mortuary vehicles and pickup trucks.
16. The EU has reportedly reached an accord with the US to provide reliable medical evacuation for international responders to the EVD crisis, with more detail to be provided in coming days.
17. US President Obama said, in reference to call for travel bans to the US from affected countries that, "we can't just cut ourselves off from West Africa", explaining it would make it harder to move health workers and supplies into the region, and would motivate people trying to get out of the region to evade screening, making it harder to track cases.
18. Air Cote d'Ivoire has announced that it will be resuming flights to the affected countries from today.
19. Several countries in the Caribbean, including Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago announced they are implementing travel restrictions in view of the EVD outbreak.
20. Brussels Airport says it will today begin screening passengers arriving from Ebola-stricken countries Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
21. The WHO announced that it would publish a full review of its handling of the Ebola crisis once the outbreak was under control.

## Outreach and Education

22. OHCHR has reported on the training of 178 traditional healers in Guinea on EVD awareness-raising and prevention measures as well as the training of 260 young people from rural communities and of 540 young people from areas of the city.
23. UNICEF is supporting 110 social workers and mental health clinicians to provide psychosocial, family tracing, reunification and reintegration support services to 668 children in Liberia.
24. The Sierra Leone Ministry of Education, with support from UNICEF, is now providing school-aged children with an emergency radio education programme. Daily lessons are broadcast across the country on a network of over 40 radio stations. All 7,740 schools remain closed across the country.
25. With UNICEF support, radio broadcasts of Ebola prevention and protection messages on 50 radio stations in Liberia targeted an estimated 1.5 million listeners across all 15 counties last week. As part of this, 2 new radio spots using testimonials from survivors and their family were aired on 20 national radio stations with the aim to create a general environment of acceptance and normalization.
26. UNDP-facilitated footage is being used on both domestic and international BBC news programmes. The BBC has also launched an Ebola public health information service on the smartphone messaging service WhatsApp.

## Resource Mobilisation

27. The UN Secretary General's Ebola Multi-Partner Trust fund now has deposits of USD 8.8 million. In total, USD 43.5 million has been pledged against a target of USD 100 million by the end of October.
28. Germany has increased its financial contribution for Ebola response efforts six-fold to USD 127 million.
29. Canada has announced that it will increase its total EVD related aid to USD 53 million.
30. China pledged USD 16 million of additional aid to help fight the EVD outbreak and Korea has pledged to dispatch medical personnel. Both commitments were made at the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit

31. Funding is urgently needed to scale-up UNICEF's response to the crisis. Over 58 per cent of its US 61 million appeal remains unfunded.
32. WFP had a funding shortfall of 47 per cent for its emergency operation in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Total requirements for the operation are approximately USD 93 million.

#### **Essential Services**

33. The WFP has begun food distribution on the outskirts of Freetown, Sierra Leone, to 265,000 people. This is the biggest one-off food distribution in the country since the start of the EVD outbreak.
34. UNICEF signed a project cooperation agreement valued at over USD 1 million with Save the Children for the provision of health, nutrition and WASH interventions Liberia.
35. The Ministry of Agriculture in Guinea, FAO and the WFP have initiated a rapid assessment of the impact of the EVD outbreak on agriculture and food security.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- 11 December - Global Compact CEO-level Action Pledge Event at the UN