

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

15 December 2014

KEY POINTS

- The last patient being treated for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Mali has made a full recovery.
- UNICEF and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs have supported the rehabilitation of 47 out of 52 water points in Kindia, region, Guinea.
- 18,188 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries, where there have been 6,583 reported deaths.

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. The last patient that was being treated for EVD in Mali has made a full recovery, a senior health ministry official said Thursday. The person had tested negative on his second EVD test on December 6. The patient was the only person still being treated for EVD in Mali. If no new cases arise, Mali will be declared EVD-free on 18 January 2015.
2. A man who entered Guinea-Bissau from neighboring Guinea the day after the border reopened is being treated for suspected EVD, a medical official said on Friday. The traveler was running a temperature and put under surveillance as he tried to pass through the Fulamori border crossing. He took advantage of lax security among border guards to escape observation and boarded a bus headed for the eastern city of Gabu, where he was apprehended. "He had a temperature higher than 39 degrees Celsius (102 Fahrenheit). It is for this reason that we have isolated him pending further analysis of his case," said Gilda Helena De Almeida Vieira, head nurse at a health post in the western village of Buruntuma. 8 fellow passengers were quarantined.

Human Rights

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Response Efforts and Health

4. The Sierra Leonean National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), with UNMEER support, will for the first time pay hazard payments to Ebola Response Workers (ERWs) using mobile money. This marks an important shift from cash payments to an electronic solution that improves the overall efficiency, timeliness and security of payments for the ERWs. The transition to electronic payments will bolster the effectiveness of fiscal operations through efficient receipts and payments, as well as the security of transactions targeting the ERWs. It will help to eliminate wastes and leakages and ensure a strong transaction audit trail. This cycle of hazard payments will be made from December 15, 2014 to December 19, 2014 through a consortium of private sector partners, namely Airtel, Africell, and Splash Money.
5. UNICEF in Liberia, together with the NGO IntraHealth and the Liberian health ministry, are piloting mHERO - an SMS-based tool that can be used on basic mobile phones. mHERO stands for Mobile Health Worker Electronic Response and Outreach. It will allow the ministry to instantly send critical information to health workers' mobile phones during the outbreak and in the future. The pilot will start with 430 health workers in Grand Gedeh, Grand Cape Mount and Margibi counties.
6. According to WHO, the total number of children under 18 infected by EVD in Guinea stands at 432, representing 20% of the total number of confirmed cases. 134 children under the age of 18 have survived EVD, and 260 children have died. A total of 37 infected children are currently being cared treated in Ebola Treatment Centers.
7. In Bombali, Sierra Leone, as of 10 December, the 15 UNICEF-supported Community Care Centers (CCCs) have seen 160 patients. In Tonkolili the first of 13 CCCs is operational. The construction of 12 CCCs in Kambia is scheduled to be completed today. UNICEF will also support 2 CCCs in the Western Area, each with a capacity of 24 beds. Construction at these sites is also underway. This week, training will start for 96 clinical staff and 96 hygienists who will be working at the 12 CCCs in

Kambia. To date, 224 clinical staff and 224 hygienists have been trained in EVD case management, including IPC, to work at the 28 UNICEF-supported CCCs in Bombali and Tonkolili.

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Logistics

9. The Logistics Cluster, through WFP Common Services, is coordinating an additional shipment of ambulances to support Ebola Treatment Centres in Sierra Leone; the ambulances are scheduled to be airlifted from Accra to Freetown in the coming days.
10. 30 WFP long-haul trucks, which were dispatched from Guinea, have now arrived at the main hub in Monrovia. These trucks will be used to augment transport capacity serving the five operational Forward Logistics Bases (FLBs) in Liberia.
11. A Logistics Cluster-funded inter-agency flight landed in Conakry and Freetown on 11 December. The fully loaded Boeing 747 transported protective equipment, medical supplies, ICT equipment, and logistics support equipment on behalf of 11 humanitarian organisations. 30 metric tons of these essential items were offloaded in Conakry on behalf of IFRC, WHO, UNFPA, UNMEER and WFP.
12. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

Resource Mobilisation

13. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totaling US\$ 1.5 billion, has been funded for \$ 1.08 billion, which is around 72 percent of the total ask.
14. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has US\$ 108.2 million in commitments. In total \$ 131 million has been pledged.
15. All humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (<http://fts.unocha.org>) of contributions by e-mailing: fts@un.org.

Outreach and Education

16. In Kindia prefecture, Guinea, the Minister of Youth and Youth Employment launched a training of trainers funded by UNICEF which is intended to reach 15,000 young people. They will then convey the key messages of prevention and the fight against EVD in all sub-prefectures, in order to promote behavior change and help lift community resistance.

Essential Services

17. The French NGO Enfants du Monde informed UNMEER that it is carrying out a census of children affected by EVD in Macenta prefecture, Guinea, in order to be able to provide them with support. UNMEER has requested Enfants du Monde to report its findings to the prefectural coordination body, in order to improve information sharing and avoid duplication with possible partners already involved in this segment of the EVD response.
18. UNICEF and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs have supported the rehabilitation of 47 out of 52 water points in Kindia, region, Guinea. The intervention benefits a total of 14,100 people who now have access to adequate, clean and safe drinking water. 150 more water points are planned.

Upcoming Events

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Attachments and resources

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