

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

9 February 2015

### KEY POINTS

- French delegation visit Guinea
- Over 9,000 people died of Ebola in the three most affected countries
- Overview of Needs and Requirements (ONR) funding gap- USD 1 billion

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. From 5 to 7 January a French delegation visited Guinea. The delegation was composed of Ms. Christine Fages, Coordinator of the French inter-ministerial Task Force against Ebola, Pr. Jean-François Delfraissy, Coordinator of French national and international EVD response and Director of the national Agency of research on AIDS and viral hepatitis (ANRS), and Pr. Yves Lévy, President – General Director of National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM). The mission focused on Ebola response, transitioning to post-Ebola phase, research and treatments and training. The mission visited two Ebola Treatment Centres of Donka and Gbessia as well as met with NERC, UNMEER and UNCT.
2. Today, skirmishes between armed forces and the population were reported in the neighbourhood of Matoto in Conakry, Guinea, following the arrest of an imam for having been in contact with a body of a person who had died from EVD.

### Response Efforts and Health

3. In total, 22,525 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been reported 9,004 deaths.
4. Today, WHO will facilitate a two-day rapid refresher 'Keep Safe, Keep Serving' infection prevention and control training for all high-risk clinics in Margibi County, Liberia following the recent detection of a confirmed case who travelled from Montserrado to Margibi County. On 7 and 8 February, WHO provided technical support to the Ministry of Health for a rapid assessment of healthcare facilities in Montserrado County following a newly detected case in sector 4. Infection prevention and control training for staff at Pipeline Health Center and Benson Hospital, where healthcare workers were exposed to a recent EVD case, will also be held on 9 and 10 February.
5. On 7 February in Liberia, IOM facilitated training for 28 general Community Health Workers (gCHVs) in Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount (GCM) County on innovative ways to communicate the role of the ETUs in the EVD response and other key messages related to the ETUs as part of its social mobilization activities.

### Logistics

6. WFP continues to support 'last-mile' transport throughout the affected countries. Most recently in Guinea, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster coordinated the movement of urgent medical supplies from the Regional Health Department in Kankan, to an Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) in Siguiri, on behalf of the National Ebola Coordination Cell. The Logistics Cluster had also previously setup the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) at the Regional Health Department, which was storing these medical supplies before dispatch to their final destination.
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 1.23 billion, which is around 54% of the total ask.
9. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 136.8 million in commitments. In total USD 140 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. UNICEF is looking into financing the repair of the radio station in Lola to enhance social mobilization and community engagement following the micro-flare up of EVD in the previous week and persistence community resistance in the area.
12. In Guinea, the Prefectural EVD Coordinator of Nzerejore, expressed concerns on the stigmatization of EVD survivors in the prefecture.

## Essential Services

13. The County Health Team (CHO) in Bong County, Liberia organized a meeting of key partner, including WHO, UNICEF and UNMEER, where it was agreed that all 21 international and inter-county border points will be monitored for screening (initially only 15 border points were to be covered). The expenses for materials needed for screening at border checkpoints and the incentives for general Community Health Workers (gCHVs) will be provided by Africare, Project Concern International (PCI), UNFPA and Save the Children. Today, the CHO, supported by partners plan to conduct a spot assessment of the border points. In a related activity sponsored by WHO, two teams comprising of the CHO and partners visited border points in B'hai and Cavalla districts, Grand Geddeh County to sensitize the local authorities and health workers on the need to enhance border surveillance and triage. They also requested the communities to report the presence of strangers especially from Guinea.
14. During the Periodic Intensification of the Routine Immunization (PIRI), it was recorded that 22 children in Sinoe County and 18 in Sargvegs town were not vaccinated in Boreville due to rumours that vaccines contain EVD. People are associating the ongoing PIRI with the vaccine trials in Montserrado County. Unknown number of children did not receive vaccines due to the same rumours in Kapu's town, but the CHT along a joint team composed of UNMEER/WHO, Medical Teams International (MTI) and E-Health held a meeting with the town Chief who observed that a majority of the children were indeed vaccinated. The joint team is following up the situation and it is expected that the children will be vaccinated during the mop-up activities - usually conducted to target challenging caseload due to remoteness of area, accessibility or initial rejection by the parents.

## Upcoming Events

15. On 11 February in Sierra Leone, a training of journalists on combatting complacency and celebrating survivors will be held. The training will afford the social mobilization pillar the opportunity to further explain to media practitioners what is expected of the local population as schools plan to reopen. Participants will be drawn from TV, radio and newspapers as well as bloggers and social media.
16. On 14 February, UNAIDS and partners plan to use the opportunity of Valentine's Day to address condom use.

## Attachments and resources

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