



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

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KEY POINTS

- In Sierra Leone, Parliament adopts recommendation suspending officials for violating Ebola funds management rules
- In Guinea, decrease in the number of new confirmed cases

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. The Sierra Leonean Parliament has adopted recommendations by its Public Accounts Committee (PAC), including the suspension for six months of the former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, its Director of Financial Resources and a Senior Procurement Officer for violating procurement rules in the management of Ebola funds. However, some opposition politicians argued that more high-level individuals should have been punished. The PAC deliberated on the Auditor General's report on the management of Ebola funds that was submitted to Parliament last February.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,642 confirmed, probable and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,261 reported deaths.
3. In Guinea, there were 13 confirmed EVD cases in the week ending 12 July, compared with 18 in the preceding week. Three prefectures reported cases: 3 from Forecariah, 9 from Conakry and 1 from Fria. Conakry, for the first time in several months, is the prefecture reporting more cases (69%). During the period, there were 4 active prefectures: Boke, Forecariah, Fria and Conakry, and two prefectures in alert: Coyah and Dubreka. 4 of the confirmed cases were unknown contacts and one was a known but missing contact. One of the unknown contacts was a health official with the Ebola Treatment Center in Forecariah.
4. According to WHO, during the week ending 12 July, there were 558 community deaths in Guinea, of which 554 (99%) were buried in secure conditions (among which three tested positive.)
5. Following an increase in the number of EVD cases in Sierra Leone last week, response workers in the Ebola-affected districts are jointly investigating any possible links between the new cases. The National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) has reported there are difficulties in locating missing contacts and has urged response workers and the population at large to remain vigilant.
6. UNMEER Sierra Leone Crisis Manager, Bintou Keita, has visited Ebola-affected communities in Western Area and Kambia District to monitor progress in the implementation of the response surge. She was briefed on gaps in response as well as ongoing efforts to mitigate such gaps. In Samu Chiefdom, Kambia District, the ECM visited Camp Hope (renamed Khakhilie Bankhiu, meaning House of Hope), which houses people under quarantine. She praised facilities in the camp and urged response workers to strengthen efforts to achieve zero transmission.

Logistics

7. In Guinea, IOM informed is establishing three Provincial Emergency Operations Centers (PEOCs) in Boke, Fria and Telimele, which is expected to boost efficiency.

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 1.53 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.
10. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 141 million in commitments.
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.

Outreach and Education

12. In Guinea, response workers are intensifying mobilisation and education in Boke prefecture following reports that inhabitants of Kolaboui, Malapouya and Kamsar communities were refusing to cooperate with Red Cross safe burial teams.

Essential Services

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Upcoming Events

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Attachments and resources

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

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