

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

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### KEY POINTS

- President Koroma praises the role of women in the fight against EVD
- Last patient released from N'zérékoré ETU in Guinea  
Response partners continue to support restoration of essential services

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. On 9 March, while celebrating the International Women's Day, President Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone acknowledged the role played by women in the fight against EVD. Recall that a study released on 27 February by the Government of Sierra Leone, UN Women, OXFAM and Statistic Sierra Leone found that women were disproportionately affected by EVD.

### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 24,202 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 9,936 reported deaths.
3. On 9 March, the NERC in Sierra Leone reported 12 new confirmed cases. The Western Area Urban (7 cases), Kambia (3), Port Loko (1) and Bombali (1) accounted for all the new reported cases.
4. On 9 March, the last EVD patient in the ETU in N'zérékoré was discharged and accompanied by ALIMA to the patient's native village in Fogna. Additionally, the 12 contacts under monitoring in Yomou are in their final week and are expected to complete their 21-day mandatory monitoring on 13 March. As of 6 March, there are no EVD patients in the N'zérékoré ETU.
5. Response efforts in Guinea continue to face challenges. The NERC reported that two suspected cases in Kindia could not be reached, three suspected cases refused to be transferred from Maneah to the ETU in Coyah and on 9 March a doctor tested positive for EVD in Donka hospital. The community death reported in yesterday's Daily Sitrep in Kito Island tested positive following a post mortem test.
6. In Liberia, WHO, UNMEER and the CHT of Grand Kru County conducted re-orientation EVD case management training of health workers in Rally Time Hospital and Behwan Health Center. Separate training for laboratory personnel on sample collection and handling was also delivered. Additionally, John Snow International (JSI) and the CHT conducted a training of trainers on Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) for health workers which will be rolled out in all health facilities in the county.
7. Following difficulties in the use of thermoflashes in Nimba County, Liberia, WHO has completed guidelines for their proper use which will be shared with relevant partners.
8. In the previous week in Sierra Leone, WFP supplied 51 quarantined homes in Port Loko and Kambia District with one month's food assistance to ensure that basic food needs are provided during quarantine. WFP also provided food commodities to communities of Port Loko, Kambia, Bombali and Koinadugu Districts. In February alone, WFP provided nearly 3000mt of assorted food commodities to over 197,000 beneficiaries.

### 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 totaling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.31 billion, which is around 58% of the total ask.

11. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 136.8 million in commitments. In total USD 140 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](mailto:fts@un.org).

### **Outreach and Education**

13. Response partners in Guinea are taking a number of steps to tailor efforts to address local challenges. *Centre Africain de Formation pour le Développement* (CENAFOD) and UNICEF are supporting the sensitization campaign on non-stigmatization of discharged patients in the Prefecture of Lola. CENAFOD and UNICEF identified seven women groups in the Sub-Prefecture of Tounkarata, Lola to work on the planned anti-rumours and non-stigmatization campaigns. The identification of potential women's groups for the campaign will continue in Gama, Brema and Foubadou. A total of 38 people were reached in the campaign which will also be extended to hair salons.
14. On 8 March, community mobilizers started door-to-door awareness and active case searching in Grisby farm, Touh, Blaoh, Compound and Shohgbay Town in Butaw District, Sinoe County as part of a quick impact project (QIP) supported by UNMEER Liberia.

### **Essential Services**

15. As a part of their mobilization campaign in Guinea, PRIDE distributed hand washing kits donated by UNICEF to the neighbourhoods of Kpelekoly and Homeakoly in the Urban Community of Lola and in Gbatota of Gueasso. This activity will continue in other villages of the Prefecture. In Lola, DRC distributed food commodities to 24 contacts in Fogna and 2 more in Diawassou, while WFP continued the distribution in Lainé.
16. UNMEER, WHO and Global Communities facilitated the County Health Team (CHT) of Bong County, the Commissioner for Panta/Kpai district to deploy 9 general Community Health Volunteers (gCHVs) to Jowarh crossing point at the Guinean border to screen people crossing the borders. UNMEER provided the CHT with work gear and equipment. The gCHVs are now deployed at 3 international border crossing points (Jowarh, Gbaota and Garmu). The team also assessed that there is a need to deploy gCHVs at inter-county check points.
17. WHO is responding to a request from the Education Cluster (Ministry of Education, UNICEF and partners) to provide technical public health advice on implementation of practices to support the safe re-opening of schools. This includes IPC measures, appropriate use of thermal scanners, the referral system for students or staff requiring health assessment and appropriate use of school space for distancing an unwell student or staff member awaiting further assessment. In support of the Ministry of Education and UNICEF, as lead UN agency, WHO and partners are also monitoring implementation (i.e. placement of hand washing stations) in schools over a five week period.
18. UNICEF Sierra Leone continued to roll out the training of Community Health Workers (CHW) in the "No Touch Policy" guidelines in Koinadugu district. In the previous week, 68 Peripheral Health Units (PHUs) trainers were trained. The PHU trainers will be engaged in training 200 Community Health Workers (CHWs) in three chiefdoms (Sinkunia, Kasonko and Dang). To date, UNICEF has supported the training of 5,727 CHWs nationwide.

### **Upcoming Events**

19. NSTR

### **Attachments and resources**

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