

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

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KEY POINTS

- WFP continues to leverage expertise in support of response efforts
- UNMEER increases focus on district level intervention in drive to zero EVD cases
- Overview of Needs and Requirements (ONR) funding gap about USD 1 billion

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NSTR

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 24,247 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 9,961 reported deaths.
3. In Sierra Leone, UNMEER approved three quick impact projects to improve WASH facilities in, and enhance the hygiene conditions of, quarantined homes in the Moyamba and Kambia districts. UNMEER provided training and three smartphones to DERC data managers in Kambia to enhance data reporting and plans to provide technical training in data management for DERC personnel in Bo district.
4. In Sierra Leone, the DERC and UNMEER in Kono presented an overview of the situation and overall Ebola response efforts to Mr. Walter Lindner, Germany's Ebola Emergency Response Envoy for West Africa. District officials requested assistance on cross border issues, while Mr. Lindner underscored that the fight against EVD is not over.

Logistics

5. WFP continues to support the transportation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the region. Last week the team at WFP's Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Accra, assembled 25 PPE kits on behalf of WHO, providing items such as gloves, masks, goggles and gowns to 12,500 health workers. Fifteen of these kits are being shipped to 13 countries across West Africa as part of a preparedness initiative and 10 kits will remain in stock at the hub in Accra, ready for immediate dispatch.
6. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

Resource Mobilisation

7. 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.
8. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 136.8 million in commitments. In total USD 140 million has been pledged.
9. 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

10. In Sierra Leone, UNMEER participated in a Communications Pillar session which reviewed the revised national communications strategy. The campaign will focus on key messages pertaining to safe burials, quarantine and stigmatization. It is also expected to enhance community engagement as community leaders are central to the campaign drive. Additionally in Kambia district, UNMEER partnered with the

UK DEST, WHO, UNICEF, DERC, CDC to finalize a media strategy to support response efforts and UNICEF will provide training to all media personnel.

11. In the previous week, In Liberia, UNICEF social mobilization and community engagement efforts reached 10,896 households across all 15 counties with direct door-to-door efforts. UNICEF supported 329 community meetings and group discussions on EVD prevention practices that reached 11,099 men, 12,740 women and 9,148 children, including 1,685 community leaders and elders.

Essential Services

12. WFP is providing logistics support to health partners for the safe re-opening of schools. In Guinea, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster is facilitating the distribution of 2,000 'School in a Box' units, on behalf of UNICEF, which will cover the five Prefectures of Forest Guinea: Nzerekore, Macenta, Lola, Beyla and Yomou.
13. Response partners continue to provide support to efforts in restoration of schools in Guinea. EVD materials for schools in N'zérékoré will be distributed this week. The Prefect of N'zérékoré noted that due to a decline in EVD cases in the area, including the sub-prefectures of Womey, Palé and Koropara and the decrease in livelihoods, families have become more food-insecure. WFP said they will look into the school-feeding programmes. In N'zérékoré, Save the Children has identified 76 children in 36 households of Ebola victims, that will receive material assistance.
14. In addition to the ongoing renovation activities of the offices of the Prefectural Coordination and the Community Radio in Yomou, the EVD Coordinator requested UNMEER to facilitate local authorities to renovate their warehouse. Current storage facilities are reportedly not adequate for medical and other fragile items. UNMEER will reach out to response partners.
15. UNICEF continued to monitor the safe re-opening of schools. In Liberia, UNICEF assesses that 81.4 per cent (or 3,287 out of 4,038) of targeted schools have received back to school kits containing infection prevention and control (IPC) supplies. Cluster partners are verifying last mile distribution. Efforts to provide IPC kits for schools omitted in the first round of distribution are underway while the validation exercise of the additional school lists in each county continues.

Upcoming Events

16. NSTR

Attachments and resources

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