

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

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### KEY POINTS

- As a contribution to ongoing efforts by the affected countries to design their national EVD recovery strategies, UNDP has published a report on “Recovering from the Ebola Crisis.”
- NERC Sierra Leone confirm that the child in Kailahun reported to have died of Ebola on 03 April had actually died of other causes.
- Sensitization campaigns gather pace in Forécariah and Coyah, Guinea.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. UNDP has published a report entitled “Recovering from the Ebola Crisis”. The report is a contribution to ongoing efforts by the Governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to design their national EVD recovery strategies. It was prepared by a joint team of experts led by UNDP and comprising UN agencies and the World Bank, European Union and African Development Bank, in consultation with the African Union, Economic Community of West African States and Mano River Union. In addition to studying existing assessments of the impact of the Ebola crisis, the team visited the three countries from 12 – 16 January 2015 to consult with governments and development partners.

### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 25,516 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 10,573 reported deaths.
3. Following a report on 3 April of an Ebola case in Kailahun District (Sierra Leone) the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) yesterday announced that the district was still Ebola-free. The NERC stated that the child earlier reported to have died of Ebola had actually died of other causes. As soon as the case was announced on 3 April, the NERC set up a Rapid Response Team (RRT) comprising representatives of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, the WHO and the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) to go to Kailahun to investigate the incident. The team from Freetown was joined by district teams from Kenema and Kailahun, all playing active roles in the investigation. UNMEER provided logistical support to the team.
4. Having gone 42 days since the last confirmed case of EVD, Kono and Tonkolili districts of Sierra Leone are now Ebola-free. This brings to 7 the number of districts that are free of Ebola in Sierra Leone (the others are Pujehun, Bo, Kailahun, Kenema and Bonthe). Some districts, such as Moyamba, fall short of the 42-day period, but have not reported cases recently. However, cases are still being reported in Western Area Urban and Rural, Kambia, Port Loko and Bombali districts.
5. On 7 April, the NERC Sierra Leone organized the first of four regional workshops on EVD event management in Bo City for the Southern Province districts of Pujehun, Bo, Bonthe and Moyamba. The workshop is aimed at the formation of RRTs in each district within the context of ‘getting to and staying at zero.’ Each team is expected to have the capability to handle any Ebola cases that may flare up. Individual district plans will be consolidated into a national rapid response plan and standard operating procedures.
6. The County Health Team (CHT) along with WHO and UNMEER Liberia conducted training on enhanced surveillance in Barclayville, Trehn, Dorbor and Buah, Grand Kru County on 4 April. 165 participants were trained including general community health volunteers (gCHVs) and their supervisors.

### Logistics

7. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.
8. The WFP-managed Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) continues to support the Ebola response with the movement of passengers and light cargo throughout the West African region. To date, over 11,000 passengers have been transported via the fleet of four fixed wing aircraft and three helicopters. All of

the helicopters are specially equipped to perform medical evacuation of health and non-health responders. UNHAS has been facilitating this service since December 2014.

9. On 3 April, the Government of Japan donated ten tank trucks to the *Société des Eaux de Guinée* (Water Society of Guinea) and five 4x4 vehicles to the Guinea Health Ministry.

### **Resource Mobilisation**

10. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totaling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.42 billion, which is around 63% of the total ask.
11. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 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. A series of sensitization campaigns have recently been reported in Forécariah and Coyah. On 3 April, the Imam Mamadou Saliou Camara of Conakry visited Forécariah and held a sensitization meeting with youth on EVD prevention. On 4 April, El Hadj Mohamed Saïd Fofana, Prime Minister of Guinea, visited Forécariah and Pamelap (on the border with Sierra Leone) for a sensitization campaign. UNICEF in Forécariah has organized a training session on EVD prevention for 28 religious leaders, who would help sensitize local populations. UNMEER in Coyah prefecture was informed that a local organization '*Association des Personnes Guerries et Affectées d'Ebola en Guinée*' (Association of persons affected and recovered from Ebola in Guinea) has carried out door-to-door sensitization campaigns throughout the Coyah prefecture.
14. In the Guinea Forest Region, WHO and the Guinean Red Cross are working together on an interactive radio programme aimed at ending incidents of stigmatization and rumours towards EVD response workers and survivors.

### **Essential Services**

15. The Logistics Cluster continues to work closely with UNICEF and partners in their support to schools across Liberia. Within this collaboration, the Logistics Cluster has currently allocated one Mobile Storage Unit to UNICEF at the SKD main logistics hub with a floor surface of 320 m<sup>2</sup> for the kitting of books and other learning materials. These supplies will reach students in over 4,000 schools in Liberia.
16. The INGO Action Contre la Faim (ACF) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) have jointly evaluated the water, sanitation and hygiene needs at the health centre in Benty, Forécariah prefecture. ACF has also started construction of a number of wells in Forécariah.

### **Upcoming Events**

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### **Attachments and resources**

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