

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

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### KEY POINTS

- On a visit to Liberia, SRSG discusses progress towards UNMEER's transition and observes training on cross-border screening as well as infection prevention and control.
- UNMEER Sierra Leone assessment of the state of preparedness for school re-opening.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. On 9 April, UNMEER SRSG Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed met the President of Liberia, the Incident Management System (IMS) leadership and UNMIL senior management where he discussed progress towards UNMEER Liberia's transition and shared observations on EVD trends in the other two countries. The SRSG congratulated the President on Liberia's continued advancement on EVD control, including quick and effective management of a recent new case, particularly related to triage. In addition, along with the Resident Coordinator, he reiterated the UN system's commitment to accompany Liberia in reinforcing resilience and recovery while strengthening a sub-regional approach to health and social-economic issues.
2. The Manu River Union (MRU) held an extraordinary technical and ministerial meeting in Monrovia from 8 – 9 April on the post-Ebola socio-economic recovery plan.
3. The Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission arrived in Conakry on 8 April for a familiarization tour of the three EVD affected countries. He met President Alpha Condé, who thanked the Ambassador for the efforts of the UN in the Ebola response.

### Response Efforts and Health

4. In total, 25,556 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 10,587 reported deaths.
5. UNMEER SRSG Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed is undertaking a field visit to Gbahrpolu County (Liberia) today to observe the training of Liberia Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization officers on cross border screening and infection prevention and control (IPC) compliance, in addition to sensitization sessions of community leaders on their role in Ebola prevention.

### Logistics

6. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.
7. Within the framework of the WFP-WHO Joint Partnership, on 11-12 April WFP will be hosting a workshop in Sierra Leone for WFP and WHO focal points, regional coordinators and site managers from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The workshop will allow WFP and WHO logistics teams to evaluate the first months of the cooperation and extract best practices for a consolidated approach across the region. The project builds on the mutual strengths of the two organizations, enabling WHO health responders to focus on IPC and contact tracing through WFP's operational support.
8. The extension works at WFP main logistics hub in Port Loko, are scheduled to finish on 20 April. A team of over 150 staff is extending the storage space, taking it to almost 8,000m<sup>2</sup>, by setting up a total of 14 additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). The extension is part of WFP's strategy to centralize storage in one location for the Ebola response in Sierra Leone.

### Resource Mobilisation

9. 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.

10. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 million has been pledged.
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](mailto:fts@un.org).

### **Outreach and Education**

12. An MRU workshop on joint border Ebola sensitization has been held in Pujehun, Eastern Sierra Leone, which shares a border with Guinea. Participants from across the three affected countries attended the workshop. Joint border Ebola sensitization activities are essential to halting transmission. Ebola response workers in Koinadugu and Kambia have also conducted similar workshops, which have led to more robust Ebola awareness at the borders.
13. On 7 April, UNICEF, one of its partners and the prefectural coordination conducted sensitization sessions on EVD prevention to religious leaders in Boffa prefecture.
14. On 4 and 5 April Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) organized two-days of training for health staff involved in blood samples collection in Lambanyi, Conakry.

### **Essential Services**

15. UNMEER Sierra Leone Field Crisis Managers have carried out an assessment of the state of preparedness for school re-opening in the districts. They found that while most preparatory tasks have been accomplished, challenges still remain in certain areas. For example, while teachers have been trained in EVD awareness and protection, psychosocial counselling and IPC measures, more public information and communication was required to raise awareness among parents, students and the general public. Other concerns have been raised about the Ministry of Education not listing all schools in each district, which means that some schools may be left out of the re-opening arrangements. UNMEER has been requested to work with WHO and UNICEF to closely monitor the situation and provide further feedback particularly when schools re-open.
16. Save the Children in the Guinea Forestière Region continues its assistance to EVD orphans hailing from Zouguéta and Méassampa. On 2 April, they paid a visit to those orphans and also held a sensitization campaign on the overall practices of hygiene and hand washing habits, an event that was followed by the distribution of chlorine and soap.

### **Upcoming Events**

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### **Attachments and resources**

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