

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

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### KEY POINTS

- On Saturday 9 May, WHO declared the end of the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, 42 days after the burial of the country's last confirmed case.
- In Sierra Leone, there have been no reported Ebola cases for the last 5 consecutive days (6 – 10 May) according to the National Ebola Response Centre.
- Further details provided by the National Coordination on the focus and objectives of the next sensitization and case search campaign in Forécariah, Guinea.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

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### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 26,722 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,064 reported deaths.
3. On Saturday 9 May, WHO declared the end of the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, 42 days after the burial of the country's last confirmed case. Celebratory speeches and announcements have noted Liberia's successes and achievements, whilst emphasizing the importance of ongoing vigilance and the maintenance of positive behavioural changes implemented during the Ebola response, including enhanced infection prevention and control activities. Following the official declaration from the WHO, President Sirleaf led an array of government officials, international and local partners, amongst others on a tour to several health facilities including Ebola treatment units, an interim care centre for Ebola orphans, and met with widows and other survivors.
4. In Sierra Leone, there have been no reported Ebola cases for the last 5 consecutive days (6 – 10 May) according to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC).
5. The Guinea National Coordinator has provided further details on the forthcoming campaign of sensitization and Ebola case searches in Forécariah. The focus of the campaign will be locations where there have been confirmed Ebola cases during the last 21 days with a targeted population of 32,570 persons from 6,524 families. 98 teams will work on this campaign, each composed of one health agent, one sensitizer and one Community Agent. New sensitization messages, focused on rapid notification and safe burials, will be created.
6. The Guinea National Coordinator also outlined the specific objectives of the campaign as follows: 1) to create a group to analyze the epidemiological situation in Forécariah in order to establish a list of targeted locations; 2) to install mobile health clinics to receive patients, who will be tested for Ebola and triaged; 3) to identify Ebola cases in the homes through door-to-door searches; 4) to create community networks for community surveillance and notification of Ebola cases; and 5) to create multidisciplinary 'teams of integrated and reinforced supervision' to verify and investigate all alerts.
7. As a result of recent demonstrations in Dubreka and Ratoma (Conakry), the Guinean Red Cross reported difficulties carrying out several safe and dignified burials.

### Logistics

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 totaling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.51 billion, which is around 67% 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. Further sensitization activities have been held in Guinea over the last few days. In Kindia a session was organized by the Communication Commission to sensitize locals to Ebola prevention and safe burials. In Dubreka, 72 imams and persons working in burials, together with 147 members of the Comités Villageois de Veille (CVV), were trained on Ebola prevention and surveillance.
13. In Guinea, the prefectural coordination in Nzérékoré presented an update on a project designed to digitally collect data on community deaths. A contact list of key informants (district leaders and sectors heads), gathered by UNMEER, WHO and the town council of Nzérékoré, is already accessible.

#### **Essential Services**

14. In Guinea, UNICEF distributed motorbikes to the 34 quarter chiefs in Ratoma commune of Conakry and PRIDE, an implementing partner of UNICEF, distributed 15,548 hand-washing kits to families in the Prefecture of Nzérékoré.

#### **Upcoming Events**

15. Acting UNMEER SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff will be travelling to Sierra Leone and Guinea later in the week.

#### **Attachments and resources**

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