

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

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KEY POINTS

- In Sierra Leone, there have been no newly confirmed Ebola cases reported in the last 3 consecutive days (22 – 24 May inclusive), according to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC).
- In Guinea, interventions and response strategies are being deployed in Kamsar (Boké Prefecture) and Tanene (Dubréka Prefecture), following outbreaks in these areas.

Key hand Economic Developments

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Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 26,979 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,125 reported deaths.
3. There have been no newly confirmed Ebola cases reported in the last 3 consecutive days (22 – 24 May inclusive), according to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC).
4. Following recent newly confirmed cases in Kamsar (Boké prefecture), increasing efforts from partners were reported in the last couple of days. An Ebola testing laboratory was installed by WHO in Kassapo Health Center, which should now be fully operational. A transit facility is being planned for patients waiting for their Ebola results. WFP has pre-positioned food for 130 households and will start distribution once they receive the final list of contacts from WHO. The IFRC has rented a house in Kamsar as an operational HQ for the Guinean Red Cross to decentralize the response from Boké town and improve efficiency in response to alerts. Finally, one of the two redeployed UNMEER Field Crisis Managers has arrived in Boké and OCHA has also deployed a Field Coordinator.
5. 71 people were vaccinated by WHO trial vaccination teams in Kamsar on 20 May. Anaim hospital staff members, who were in contact with one patient later declared an Ebola case, were also reported by WHO as being amenable to vaccination.
6. A delegation composed of National Coordination Cell members and partners visited Dubréka on 21 May to identify the outbreak's causes in Tanéné sub-prefecture and to agree upon a response strategy with the Dubreka prefectural coordination cell. A plan was agreed which includes nutritional support, early detection, a strengthened sensitization to Ebola and greater involvement of local authorities. Another visit from the National Coordination Cell's members and partners will take place on 28 May to finalize and implement this strategy.
7. During the National Coordination Cell's meeting on 22 May, on-going investigations were reported in relation to two suspected cases in Gaoual prefecture, neighbouring Guinea-Bissau – a prefecture which has never been affected by the Ebola outbreak. One of the suspected cases died and the other was evacuated to Coyah Ebola treatment facility.

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.

Outreach and Education

12. The Ebola Crisis Manager for Sierra Leone was interviewed this weekend by UN Radio in Liberia. She spoke about the current Ebola situation and the lessons Sierra Leone has learnt from Liberia. She reiterated that finally getting to zero can be a difficult phase of the response and said that it would require everyone to stay the course. UN Radio broadcasts to most areas of Liberia and also to border towns, which include several Sierra Leonean communities.
13. A 2-day course on 'Ebola specific border management and community-based orientation and training' organized by the Liberian Ministry of Health with support from WHO, IOM, UNMEER and Global Communities concluded in Gbarnga (Bong County) on 22 May. More than 100 participants from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization (BIN) and border communities, comprising health officers, community leaders and NGOs attended the training which focused on Ebola border screening, reporting on cross-border data, management of high risk contacts at land border crossings and proper use of infection prevention and control materials in the border areas. The Community Event Based Surveillance (CEBS) training also focused on the roles of local communities in surveillance activities within their area and how best the country could maintain zero infections in the long term through community engagement. This is the 5th orientation/training facilitated by UNMEER Liberia and partners (other training took place in Grand Cape Mount, Nimba, Lofa, Gbarpolu and Bong Counties).
14. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed school kits to Ebola orphans in Leapeleta village (N'zérékoré region) as well as rain boots and coats, a megaphone, a telephone with SIM card, and hand washing kits to Comités Villageois de Veille (CVV) members in order to support their activities.
15. Further Ebola sensitisation and awareness programmes were implemented in the last few days in Guinea. On 21 May, sensitization through a theatre play and movie screening took place in Manéah community, Coyah prefecture. WHO reports that secondary school teachers in Banian and Tino sub-prefecture (Faranah prefecture) were given awareness training on Ebola prevention, on 21 and 22 May, respectively. On 21 May, UNICEF organized sensitization sessions for members of youth and women associations and the Union of Transporters as well as for religious leaders.

Essential Services

16. As part of the discussions on post Ebola recovery and reintegration programmes held in Voinjama, Lofa County (Liberia), FAO's food security and livelihoods project seeks to target Ebola-affected communities, particularly widows and survivors. The project is scheduled to start in the coming months and includes distribution of seeds and tools for crop cultivation to target beneficiaries in order to improve crop yield and harvest lost during the Ebola outbreak.
17. UNMEER Sierra Leone has formally commissioned a \$15,400 water borehole project at the Observatory Interim Care Center (OICC) at Kontolor, eastern Freetown. The borehole was funded as part of UNMEER's Quick Impact Projects (QIPs), which support projects critically important to Ebola response efforts. The Kontorloh OICC has hosted up to 60 children, though just three are currently admitted. The Centre cares for asymptomatic children whose parents or guardians might have been exposed to Ebola and are taken to treatment or holding centres. Until now, managers at the Centre purchased water daily. In addition, the OICC plans to supply water from the borehole to a nearby school.

Upcoming Events

18. UNMEER Acting SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff is visiting Freetown today and Conakry tomorrow, before travelling to New York on 27 May.

Attachments and resources

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