



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

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KEY POINTS

- Preliminary data indicates that there were a total of 12 newly confirmed cases in the 2 most affected countries during the week to 24 May (9 in Guinea and 3 in Sierra Leone), compared to a total of 35 during the previous week.
- In Sierra Leone, there have been no newly confirmed Ebola cases reported in the last 6 consecutive days (21 – 26 May inclusive), according to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC).

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. To mark one year since the first Ebola case was confirmed in Sierra Leone (25 May 2014), President Ernest Koroma met with a group of Ebola survivors, promising them that they would be provided support to allow them to live normal lives. The President also informed leaders of political parties that lifting or relaxing trade and travel restrictions will depend on advice from groups that are involved in the Ebola response. Party leaders had urged the president to consider lifting such restrictions.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,013 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,134 reported deaths.
3. Preliminary data indicates that there were a total of 12 newly confirmed cases in the 2 most affected countries during the week to 24 May, compared to a total of 35 during the previous week. 9 of the newly confirmed cases were in Guinea (compared to 27 the previous week) – 5 cases in the prefecture of Forécariah, 3 in Dubréka and 1 in Boké. 3 newly confirmed cases were reported in Sierra Leone in the week to 24 May (compared to 8 the previous week) with 2 cases in Western Area (Urban) and 1 in Port Loko.
4. In Sierra Leone, there have been no newly confirmed Ebola cases reported in the last 6 consecutive days (21 – 26 May inclusive), according to the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC).
5. Kambia District in Sierra Leone has recorded zero cases for 12 days. The NERC's change of strategy by allowing local Chiefs, Members of Parliament representing the District and other influential members of that district to lead community engagement, as well as enhanced cross-border collaboration has helped to drive down transmission. Quarantining of homes in Moa Wharf, an area in the east of Freetown which was an Ebola hotspot in April, has been lifted after completing 21 days without any new transmission in the community.
6. In Boké (Kamsar sub-prefecture), UNICEF has agreed to support the construction of an Ebola transit facility as requested by the Guinea National Coordination.

Logistics

7. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

Resource Mobilisation

8. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.51 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.
9. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 million has been pledged.

10. 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

11. In Guinea, social mobilisers and Community Watch Committees (CWC) in Conakry, Coyah, Forécariah, Kindia and Boffa conducted a variety of sensitisation sessions on Ebola related topics including the importance of hand washing with soap, the importance of seeking early treatment and safe burials.
12. In Dubréka (Guinea), UNICEF and partners trained 37 young people and 62 women leaders in active case detection, notification of suspected Ebola deaths and supervising the movement of people within their communities.

Essential Services

13. In Guinea, UNICEF and partners identified 13 children who have lost one or both parents to Ebola in two households in Somayah and in Doumbouyah School in the rural commune of Coyah. The children will be registered and provided with a package of care including cash transfers to the caregivers.

Upcoming Events

14. UNMEER Acting SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff departed Conakry yesterday evening, bound for New York and Washington DC. He returns to the mission area on 4 June.

Attachments and resources

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