

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

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### KEY POINTS

- Following 6 consecutive days (21 – 26 May) of zero newly confirmed cases in Sierra Leone, the National Ebola Response Centre has reported 3 new cases in each of the last two days (27 – 28 May).
- Increased response efforts in Kamsar (Boké Prefecture, Guinea), including the establishment of a testing laboratory.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NSTR.

### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,040 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,140 reported deaths.
3. Following 6 consecutive days (21 – 26 May) of zero newly confirmed cases in Sierra Leone, the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) has reported 3 new cases in each of the last two days (27 - 28 May) – 2 cases from Western Area (Urban) and 4 from Port Loko (Kaffu Bullom).
4. A confirmed Ebola case in Fria prefecture (Guinea) was reported during the National Coordination meeting on 27 May. The case was a community death which was safely buried in Horèguilinthiowol locality, Banguigny sub-prefecture. WHO discovered that the person had recently arrived from Tionthan sub-prefecture of Telemele prefecture. WHO and prefectural health authorities will launch investigations in both localities. Community Agents will be identified and formed in Horèguilinthiowol locality.
5. Following a spate of recent Ebola cases in Kamsar, Boké prefecture (Guinea), a testing laboratory has been established there. The laboratory will speed up the decision-making processes on suspect cases and community deaths. Furthermore, a team from the National Coordination came to Kamsar to help implement a system of triage at Anaim hospital and set up the support team for the prefectural coordination. The Social Mobilization platform is now fully functional in Kamsar under the leadership of UNICEF. All communications and other sensitization activities are being channelled through this platform.
6. The forthcoming early Ebola detection and sensitization campaign in Dubréka (Guinea), will cover the localities which have had confirmed Ebola cases during the last 21 days. Approximately 43,500 families in around 40 localities will be targeted. It is planned to have 749 teams each composed of a health, community and mobilization agent. 3 June is the provisional date for the launch of the campaign.
7. On 26 May, a delegation of the Guinea National Coordination visited five Forécariah localities to monitor the early detection and sensitization campaign. They informed that the deployment of the mobile health centres has been a notable success, since the local population had not wanted to go to centres linked to Ebola treatment. The delegation informed, however, about several problems faced by the campaign including: a lack of fuel; lack of pharmaceutical drugs in the health centres; long delays in test results; and problems related to the distribution of food to families due to census inaccuracies during the campaign planning stage. WFP assisted over 35,000 people in 20 villages with food rations for the whole household for 21 days. Additionally, in response to newly confirmed cases in Boké, WFP has delivered food to almost 300 contact cases and their households, who also received hygiene kits provided by UNICEF.
8. During the Guinea National Coordination meeting on 27 May it was informed that nine contacts of Ebola cases from Dubréka have been lost and that they may have moved to Conakry.

## Logistics

9. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.
10. A container-stacker was donated by the UK Department for International Development to the WFP-led Logistics Cluster in Sierra Leone; the vehicle was transported from Freetown to Port Loko Forward Logistics Base (FLB), augmenting the FLB's capacity and flexibility in moving and storing items.

## Resource Mobilisation

11. 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.
12. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 140 million in commitments. In total USD 142 million has been pledged.
13. 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

14. Following the latest confirmed cases of Ebola in Boké, UNICEF has put in place 128 *Comites de Veille Villageois* (CVV) to carry out sensitization and community engagement activities. CVVs and Community Agents in Baguinet, Tormelin and Banguigny sub-prefectures, as well as in the locality of Fria, were provided with training this week. Most of the CVVs in Matam and Dixinn, Conakry, as well as in Coyah and Forécariah are operational and carrying out sensitization activities. In Forécariah the communication commission is providing refresh training to nine CVVs in several localities of the prefecture.
15. Ebola prevention activities are being organized in the transport systems of Conakry city. In that context, sensitization activities are being carried out to drivers of buses and taxis. Health checkpoints have been established in several docks of the city.

## Essential Services

16. Last week, WFP provided food assistance to nearly 24,000 people living in communities in Kono, Kailahun and Kenema (Sierra Leone) under the *transition* phase of its Emergency Operation; this assistance is provided to those communities that have now been declared free of the virus but where resumption of livelihoods still constitutes a challenge. Moreover, deliveries of WFP food rations to volunteers involved in the school cleaning campaign were completed in Bombali and Tonkolili districts, reaching over 3,000 people in more than 300 schools. WFP is collaborating with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to start food distribution to volunteers involved in the same activity in 431 schools in Kambia and 709 in Port Loko.
17. In Sierra Leone, following the national screening for malnutrition, WFP is preparing to roll-out a targeted supplementary feeding programme in the first week of June to provide three months of food assistance to children identified with moderate acute malnutrition.

## Upcoming Events

18. NSTR.

## Attachments and resources

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