



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

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### KEY POINTS

- Further preparedness measures taking place in Guinea-Bissau, following newly confirmed Ebola cases in adjacent border areas of Guinea.
- Response efforts continue in Boké prefecture, as preparations for the forthcoming sensitisation and early Ebola case search campaign progress in Dubréka.

### Key Political and Economic Developments

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### Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,055 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,142 reported deaths.
3. In Sierra Leone, the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) reported 2 newly confirmed cases over the weekend, 1 in Port Loko (Kaffu Bullom) and 1 in Western Area (Urban), bringing the provisional total number of newly confirmed cases for the week to 31 May to 10.
4. The Sierra Leone Ebola Crisis Manager today led a team of UNMEER and Sierra Leone National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) colleagues to Guinea. They will be holding discussions with their Guinean counterparts on ways to more effectively coordinate Ebola response operations, particularly cross-border issues.
5. Following significant gains in the fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone, 14 UNMEER Field Crisis Managers (FCMs) have ended their contracts and have handed over responsibilities to UN Agency focal points. The FCMs represented each of Sierra Leone's districts and were responsible for coordinating district level response operations and liaising with UN Agencies, the District Ebola Response Centres (DERCs) and NGOs.
6. The IFRC published a statement on 27 May informing that they had sent two epidemiologists and a preparedness coordinator to Guinea-Bissau to trace contacts and prepare for a possible Ebola outbreak there. IFRC informed that at least one sick person was believed to have recently crossed the border several times from Guinea to Guinea-Bissau. IFRC further added that efforts to trace that person had so far been unsuccessful.
7. In Kamsar (Boké prefecture, Guinea), further response efforts have been reported: Community Agents have recently been recruited and trained; surveillance teams are already operational; the Ebola transit centre should be operational by 10 June; and the Guinean Red Cross has increased the number of safe and dignified burial teams. *Comment:* the number of burial teams may still be insufficient if President Condé formally includes Boké on the list of prefectures where the emergency measures must be applied (since, in these prefectures, all deaths should be followed by a safe burial). 233 case contacts were being monitored in Kamsar as of 27 May.
8. The forthcoming sensitization and active Ebola case search campaign in Dubréka, likely to be launched on 5 June, will have most of the same features as the recent campaign in Forécariah. The campaign will last for 30 days. 5 health checkpoints will be installed with 3 teams of 6 agents deployed at every checkpoint. The prefectural coordination will move during the campaign from Dubréka to Tanene, the scene of the current Ebola chain of transmission.
9. In Thianguigay, Banguigny sub-prefecture, Dubréka (Guinea), elements from the local population impeded the work of a Red Cross safe and dignified burial team last week. Another case of resistance was reported in Dubréka when a family impeded the transfer of an Ebola case to the Ebola treatment

facility. In the same prefecture, a family went to a private clinic where a suspected Ebola case was hospitalized and took the relative to his domicile. Both suspected cases reportedly died.

### **Logistics**

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

### **Resource Mobilisation**

11. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.5 billion, which is around 66% 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. As part of efforts to build capacity of national authorities as UNMEER Sierra Leone winds down operations, UNMEER Information Management Officers held Quantum Geographic Information System (QGIS) training over the weekend for 31 NERC staff at the Former Special Court in Freetown. The purpose of the workshop was to teach some of the applications of the QGIS open source platform, including the designing and printing of maps.

### **Essential Services**

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### **Upcoming Events**

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### **Attachments and resources**

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