

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

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## **KEY POINTS**

• First newly confirmed Ebola case in Freetown since 29 May.

## **Key Political and Economic Developments**

1. NSTR.

# **Response Efforts and Health**

- 2. In total, 27,331 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,173 reported deaths.
- 3. In Sierra Leone, after two days without any newly confirmed Ebola cases earlier in the week, there have been 5 cases reported by the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) in the last two days (17 18 June) 2 cases each from the districts of Kambia (Tonko Limba chiefdom) and Port Loko (Marampa chiefdom) and for the first time since 29 May, a newly confirmed case was also reported from Western Area Urban (Magazine Wharf area).
- 4. Guinea has reported only 3 confirmed cases in the first four days of this week so far all of them from the prefecture of Forécariah (Farmoriah and Sikhourou sub-prefectures).
- 5. UNMEER Acting SRSG, Mr. Peter Graaff and members of the National Coordination visited Forécariah on 15 June to evaluate the most recent sensitization and active Ebola case search campaign and to prepare for a new campaign of 'reinforced surveillance' next week in the localities of Bouramayah and Yawouryah, in Moussayah sub-prefecture; Kouliyire, in Kalia sub-prefecture and Kolotoyah, in Sikhourou sub-prefecture.
- 6. In Kamsar this week, CDC and WHO continued a series of workshops on prevention and control of infections for health agents. Sensitization sessions on Ebola prevention were also being organized at schools, to women working in the markets and to local and traditional authorities. The chief of Kamsar's Ebola Treatment Centre, with UNICEF support, has set up a team of 17 people to operate the centre.

#### Logistics

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

#### **Resource Mobilisation**

- 8. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.52 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 (<u>http://fts.unocha.org</u>) of their contributions via the e-mail address: <u>fts@un.org</u>.

#### Outreach and Education

- 11. UNICEF has donated 187 mobile phones to the Comités Villageois de Veille (CVV) in Forécariah in order to improve the alert system and the contact tracing activities.
- 12. UNMEER Information Management Officers have trained NERC staff on the use of GPS in tracking and locating quarantined homes in Port Loko and Kamba districts. The aim is for the NERC officials to be able to identify accurately and as quickly as possible homes that are under quarantine. Application of

GPS technology to locate quarantined homes will assist response organizations, including UNMEER, WFP, UNICEF, and others in making precise and informed decisions on necessary logistical support. As well, quarantined homes where individuals are escaping from will be identified in a timely manner. The trained NERC officials are expected to go to the districts to support Operation Northern Push.

#### **Essential Services**

13. In Guinea, a project to build and equip 21 health centres specializing in treatment of infectious diseases, such as Ebola, Meningitis, Measles or Cholera, is ongoing. The project is being financed by the African Development Bank.

## **Upcoming Events**

14. NSTR.

## Attachments and resources

15. Reliefweb: Maps on the EVD response.