

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

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KEY POINTS

- Paramount Chiefs meet to discuss community ownership of response activities in Kambia and Port Loko districts of Sierra Leone.

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NSTR.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,352 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,178 reported deaths.
3. On 17 June, UNMEER Acting SRSG, Mr. Peter Graaff visited Boké and Kamsar prefectures of Guinea, where he met with the Governor as well as with prefectural and local authorities. The authorities briefed the Acting SRSG on the epidemiological situation, the activities carried out to resolve recent cases of resistance and the challenges faced by the Ebola response in the area. They highlighted the need for several triage facilities in the health centres of Kanfarandé, Malapouya, Sansalé, Koréra and Tanèné and the need to make the sanitary cordons fully operational
4. In Sierra Leone, there was one newly confirmed case over the weekend – in Western Area Urban (Magazine Wharf area of Freetown). This brings the provisional total for the week to 21 June to 10 newly confirmed cases in 3 different districts (Kambia, Port Loko and Western Area).
5. Paramount Chiefs from Kambia and Port Loko met on 20 June with Ebola response officials in both districts to discuss community ownership of response activities as a mechanism for getting to zero transmission. The Chiefs recommended that response workers, particularly contact tracers, should be recruited from the districts. They also spoke about the need for adequate food supplies to quarantined homes. The Paramount Chiefs committed themselves to encouraging traditional healers to report all sick people to the authorities and stressed the importance of ending all secret burials. The traditional leaders will also now lead sensitization campaigns in the communities.
6. In Guinea, final data from the last Forécariah active Ebola case search and sensitization campaign reveals that 8,557 persons were visited, 73 alerts were received and 29 community deaths and 39 suspected cases were reported.
7. A new campaign of 'reinforced surveillance' could be launched this week in localities of Forécariah and Dubréka. Restriction of movement between affected localities and their surroundings will be implemented for 21 days. The local populations will receive food distributions from WFP during this period. Ebola response teams and prefectural authorities have held meetings with representatives of the local populations to inform them about the details of the campaign.

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 totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.52 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. IOM has received funds from USAID for cross-border activities and sensitization activities in the prefectures of Lola, Yomou and Nzerekore.

Essential Services

13. On 18 June, a trans-border meeting was organized in Forécariah between prefectural authorities of Kambia, in Sierra Leone, and Forécariah to discuss a trans-border action plan.
14. During a recent visit to the five localities targeted by the new campaign of 'reinforced surveillance' the National Coordination delegation noticed that all these localities had important problems related to water, suggesting that this may be connected to the spread of the Ebola virus in these localities. The National Coordination have requested UNICEF to drill water wells in these localities.

Upcoming Events

15. NSTR.

Attachments and resources

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