

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

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There was no report on Wednesday 24 June

KEY POINTS

- First meeting of the Consultation Framework between the Government of Guinea and its international partners on the post-Ebola recovery plan was held in Conakry.
- New campaigns of reinforced surveillance and social mobilisation in Guinea.

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. On 22 June the first meeting of the Consultation Framework between the Government of Guinea and its international partners on the post-Ebola recovery plan was held in Conakry. The Guinean Prime Minister presided over the meeting at which several Guinean ministers, World Bank Group, bilateral cooperation representatives and UN entities were in attendance. During his speech, the Minister of Economy informed that this was the official launching of the Consultation Framework, which was created by a Ministerial order on 16 February 2015. The meeting aims at preparing for the International Ebola Recovery Conference on 9/10 July 2015 in New York. According to information provided on 22 June, the needs for post-Ebola recovery in Guinea are estimated at US\$ 1.535 billion.

Response Efforts and Health

- 2. In total, 27,467 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,217 reported deaths.
- 3. UNMEER Acting SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff was in Guinea Bissau this week. He met with Prime Minister Domingos Simões Pereira, the Minister of Health and numerous UN and non-UN partners. He visited a standby Ebola treatment unit at the Simao Mendes Hospital and also travelled to Quebo to look at prevention and surveillance measures put in place at the Cuntabane border post adjacent to Guinea.
- 4. In Guinea, the 'Campaign of Reinforced Surveillance and Social Mobilization' was launched in Kolotoyah, Forécariah prefecture on 24 June by local authorities, UN agencies and representatives of the National Coordination. The campaign in Tamaransy, Boké prefecture, was expected to be launched on 25 June.
- 5. Also in Guinea, UNMEER and WHO organized a mission to Dambadera locality, in Thionthiam subprefecture, Telimele prefecture. The aim of the mission was to investigate a series of reported community deaths and the possibility of an active chain of transmission in the locality. The mission found that six community deaths had occurred in the locality from 16 to 27 May. These community deaths have been considered Ebola-probable cases and their contacts have been registered in order to be traced. The mission noticed several challenges faced by the Ebola response in the area: a) access constraints to several localities; b) resistance of local populations towards contact tracing; c) lack of swab kits for Ebola tests; d) lack of respect for Ebola prevention measures related to corpses and community deaths; e) poor communication and sensitization of the Community Agents; f) poor Ebola surveillance. The mission made some recommendations to the National Coordination and the prefectural authorities in order to fill these gaps.
- 6. Discussions continued this week regarding safe burials in Guinea. Noting that they do not have enough vehicles to ensure safe burials across the country, the Guinea Red Cross again suggested maintaining Ebola tests for all deaths in all areas of Guinea but allowing non safe burials for Ebola-negative corpses in non-active areas.

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 1.52 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.
- 9. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 141 million in commitments.
- 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 response to new infections in Boké, the Comités Villageois de Veille (CVV) and Community Agents are receiving refresher training. Local populations, women organizations, religious and community leaders are being contacted to request their support for the Ebola response in the prefecture. Furthermore, two ambulances have been transported from Dubréka and two other ambulances should arrive soon from Conakry. UNICEF has begun the installation of a temporary Ebola treatment facility in Boké.

Essential Services

12. NSTR.

Upcoming Events

13. UNMEER Acting SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff will be visiting Sierra Leone early next week.

Attachments and resources

14. Reliefweb: Maps on the EVD response.