

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

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### **KEY POINTS**

- In Liberia, ETUs ready for EVD patients
- In Sierra Leone, Kambia District hosts cross-border meeting
- In Guinea, FAO project aims to detect EVD in animals

# **Key Political and Economic Developments**

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#### **Response Efforts and Health**

- 2. In total, 27,585 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,253 reported deaths.
- 3. Liberia's Ministry of Health has so far confirmed 5 EVD cases in the recent outbreak in Nedowein, Margibi County. That includes two new cases confirmed on 7 July, which are on the contact list and are being actively monitored. As of 9 July, there were 132 contacts (115 in Margibi County and 17 in Montserrado County) from the five cases. Nine homes are under voluntary precautionary observation, with food, water and other supplies such as hygiene kits having been rapidly deployed to support these families and their communities. Hand washing stations have been installed in six communities in the affected communities.
- 4. In Liberia, the source of transmission of the recent EVD outbreak is still unknown but investigations continue. Meanwhile, Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) are ready to receive referred patients. There are approximately 90 beds in the ETUs that are on alert for referrals. The Government continues to advocate for testing of all corpses and conducting of safe and dignified burials.
- 5. In Guinea, FAO is implementing a project that will rapidly detect EVD in animals and prevent animal-tohuman transmission. The project involves developing animal surveillance systems and supporting the collection and analysis of epidemiological data in animals. Local partners will be trained in the collection of wildlife epidemiological data using appropriate biosecurity measures. Already, FAO has selected 50 persons as part of a network conducting surveillance of human and animal diseases in the Mamou prefecture.
- 6. In Sierra Leone, the bi-monthly cross-border taskforce meeting was hosted by the Kambia District Ebola Response Centre on 9 July. Surveillance and social mobilisation response workers from Guinea's Forecariah Prefecture and Northern Sierra Leone attended the meeting. Both teams shared experiences and updated on their respective epidemiological situations, quarantine and social mobilisation activities. The Guinean team also briefed on recent efforts to curtail EVD transmission in the sub-prefecture of Benty, including measures to prevent movement of missing contacts across the border to Kambia District.
- 7. UNMEER Acting-SRSG Mr. Peter Graaff on 9 July met with 15 publishers, editors and proprietors of various media institutions in Sierra Leone. He briefed them on the Ebola situation in the region, UNMEER transition and post-Ebola, and lessons learned. The SRSG reminded that getting communities' cooperation has proven to be an effective way to achieve zero transmission. He said that even as UNMEER winds down its operations, the UN will continue to support the governments in Ebola-affected countries to strengthen social services, particularly the health system.

#### Logistics NTSR

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

# **Resource Mobilisation**

- 9. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.53 billion, which is around 67% of the total ask.
- 10. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 141 million in commitments.
- 11. 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**

- 12. EVD spot messages by religious leaders are being aired on community radio stations throughout Liberia, particularly in Margibi county.
- 13. In Liberia, the International Medical Corps (IMC) has completed a three-day Infection Prevention and Control refresher training for all staff of the Eternal Love Winning Africa hospital in Monrovia. Training was focused on screening EVD patients as well as waste management.

# **Essential Services**

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Upcoming Events

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Attachments and resources

16. Reliefweb: Maps on the EVD response.

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