



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

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KEY POINTS

- UNMEER SRSG on a five-day visit to Sierra Leone
- No New confirmed cases in Liberia

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. NSTR.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,652 confirmed, probable and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,264 reported deaths.
3. In Liberia, there are currently 6 confirmed EVD cases including 2 deaths (same situation as last week). Over 120 suspected contacts, including close relatives of the deceased cases are being traced and monitored on a daily basis. Health authorities continue to investigate the source of transmission of the current outbreak. The affected communities in Margibi and Montserrado Counties remain under voluntary self-observation. In Guinea, on 18 July WHO reported 3 new confirmed EVD cases from Ratoma in Conakry and 1 new case on 19 July from Benty subprefecture, Forecariah. The three confirmed cases were from known contacts. Sierra Leone's National Ebola Response Centre reported 1 confirmed new case on the 18 July from Port Loko and 1 confirmed new case on 19 July from Western Area Urban.
4. Liberia's Minister of Health has directed response teams in Montserrado County to function 24 hours a day. The Minister also requested all counties to strengthen case reporting process. Meanwhile, Sinje lab, previously in Grand Cape Mount, has been transferred to the Eternal Love Winning Africa Hospital 3 in Montserrado County.
5. In Liberia, UNICEF-led teams are carrying out social mobilization, psychosocial support and surveillance in Ebola-affected communities. About 100 volunteers have been deployed in Bong and Grand Bassa Counties while another 100 are supporting response efforts in Montserrado County. In addition, UNICEF has provided food to patients at the Ebola Treatment Units and prenatal vitamins to pregnant women in households under precautionary observation.
6. In Sierra Leone, WFP has provided standard dry food ration to 750 quarantined households and communities to support Operation Northern Push in Port Loko and Kambia Districts. WFP also provided 14 light vehicles to support the operation.

Logistics

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

Resource Mobilisation

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 Sierra Leone, social mobilization and community engagement activities in Port Loko and Kambia Districts have been intensified. Already, social mobilization teams have reached 6,741 people through community meetings and a further 31,396 people in 5,064 houses with pertinent Ebola messages. Also, traditional leaders, including paramount and section chiefs and over 264 traditional healers have been engaged. In Port Loko, social mobilizers have sensitized 12,527 students on key Ebola prevention behaviours.
12. An Ebola awareness-raising campaign is underway in Margibi County targeting 16,530 people in 3,120 households. House-to-house visits and dialogues with traditional healers and religious leaders are ongoing. . EVD awareness and prevention messages are being broadcast 8 times a day on community radio stations in Margibi and Montserado Counties.

Essential Services

13. NTSR

Upcoming Events

14. UNMEER SRSG, Peter Graaff, arrives in Sierra Leone today on a 5-day visit during which he will travel to Kambia District to attend cross-border collaboration meetings. He will also meet with the UN Country Team in Sierra Leone and join the UN Resident Coordinator to address a press briefing on Ebola recovery and UNMEER transition.

Attachments and resources

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

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