

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

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KEY POINTS

- Liberia could begin a 42-day countdown tomorrow
- Acting SRSG meets Sierra Leonean President, Ernest Koroma
- UNICEF intensifies social mobilization in Guinea

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. UNMEER Acting-SRSG Peter Graaff on 23 July met with Sierra Leone's President Ernest Koroma. Mr. Graaff congratulated the President on the success of the recently held Ebola Recovery Conference in New York and used the opportunity to explain UNMEER's transition.

Response Efforts and Health

- 2. In total, 27,723 confirmed, probable and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,273 reported deaths.
- 3. In Liberia, with 16 days in Margibi County and 11 in Montserrado County without any new confirmed cases, Liberia could begin a 42-day countdown as from tomorrow, which may lead to the country being declared Ebola-free for the second time. The four cases that have been discharged were provided full food and non-food packages.
- 4. In Sierra Leone, The Acting-SRSG Peter Graaff on 22 July in Kambia participated in the first of a series of regional meetings planned to better coordinate Ebola response. The meeting brought together representative of seven Sierra Leonean districts that share a border with either Guinea or Liberia, and from Forecariah, Guinea. Participants shared experiences, success stories, lessons learned and best practices in cross-border collaboration. The District Coordinators and Medical Officers were joined by Surveillance and Social Mobilization pillar leads. The Guinean team made a presentation. The meeting demonstrated a willingness to share stories and the need for cross-border collaboration.
- 5. In Guinea, as of 21 July, one new confirmed and four new suspected EVD cases were reported. The confirmed case was a known contact from the Sanoyah-Textile area of Coyah. The suspected cases were came from Conakry. WHO reports that as of 21 July, there were 77 community deaths, all of which were buried in secure conditions (among which zero tested positive). In addition, 2284 out of 2,315 contacts are being followed. There are now five active prefectures: Boke, Fria, Conakry, Coyah and Forecariah, and two prefectures on alert: Dubreka and Kindia.

Logistics

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

Resource Mobilisation

8. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 141 million in commitments.

 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

10. In Guinea, UNICEF continued its social mobilization activities in Conakry, Boké, Coyah, Dubréka and Forécariah—the prefectures that have recently reported new Ebola cases, including through door-to-door visits to 26,806 households. Also, UNICEF has continued to support the implementation of the latest monitoring initiative aimed at strengthening community and local authority engagement and stronger active case finding. In Kolotoyah, Forécariah, sensitization activities continued to strengthen trust in health services. EVD education has also continued on 22 radio stations countrywide

Essential Services

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Upcoming Events

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Attachments and resources

13. Reliefweb: Maps on the EVD response.