



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

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KEY POINTS

- Sierra Leone launches Ebola Recovery Programme
- In Guinea, Boke no longer an Ebola active prefecture

Key Political and Economic Developments

1. Sierra Leonean President, Ernest Koroma, last Friday officially launched an Ebola recovery programme, vowing to defeat the virus and revive critical infrastructure. Dubbed a “battle plan,” the President said that during the first nine months, there would be emphasis on four priority sectors – health, education, social protection, and revamping the economy and livelihoods. Subsequently, there would be a two-year plan during which, among others, healthcare, road networks, energy, agriculture, water and the private sector, will be boosted to transform the economy. President Koroma hopes to invest in these sectors the \$804.2 million pledged to Sierra Leone at the July International Ebola Recovery Conference in New York.

Response Efforts and Health

2. In total, 27,724 confirmed, probable and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries. There have been 11,274 reported deaths.
3. Sierra Leone reported one confirmed new case over the week. However, the new case came from Tonkolili district, which had gone about 150 days without any EVD case. The National Ebola Response Centre has sent top officials and rapid response teams to the district to investigate the source of the EVD case and ensure that all contacts are identified and traced.
4. In Guinea, WHO reports that as of 23 July, there were 60 community deaths, 59 of which were buried in secure conditions (among which zero tested positive). There are now four active prefectures: Fria, Conakry, Coyah and Forecariah, and two prefectures on alert: Dubreka and Kindia. Boke is no longer considered an active prefecture following the end of the period of monitoring for all contacts. Meanwhile, the number of missing contacts continues to decrease. As of 23 July, only five contacts were missing. However, the five missing contacts are said to be in the high-risk category.
5. UNMEER Guinea Ebola Crisis Manager, Mr Abdou Dieng, over the weekend briefed the Coalition des Femmes Leaders de Guinée (Coalition of Women Leaders in Guinea) on UNMEER’s work in the areas of epidemiology, social mobilization, coordination and fundraising. He explained that the mission would phase out by 31 July and highlighted the support of the donors and Guinean government. Mr. Dieng lauded EVD response workers for their sacrifices. He recalled that when UNMEER was first deployed last year, there were about 800 EVD cases per week in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia but that now, there are about 30 cases per week.
6. A team from the Guinea’s International Organization for Migration visited Sierra Leone over the weekend to share information with their Sierra Leonean counterparts and develop a standardized approach to Health and Humanitarian Border Management (HHBM) as well as other areas of intervention. The IOM teams met in Kambia and Freetown and visited Port Loko Wharf and the Suzan’s Bay Community Health Centre, in Freetown. IOM trainers and officials from the NGOs, Concern Worldwide, GOAL and Save the Children, have been mentoring local Sierra Leonean healthcare workers.

Logistics

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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 150 million in commitments.
10. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.57 billion, which is around 69% of the total ask.
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. The Ivorian reggae star, Tiken Jah Fakoly, is planning to organize a music competition on the theme "Africa, Stop Ebola" to reinforce the need for community engagement in the EVD response. The competition, which will be held on the 28 and 29 July, will feature local artists. The competition may be climaxed by a concert.

Essential Services

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Upcoming Events

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Attachments and resources

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