

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

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### KEY POINTS

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- The EU on Monday announced a new € 29 million funding package for the EVD response.
- A total of 14,413 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in 8 countries. There have been 5,177 reported deaths.

*The United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) mourns the passing of Marcel Rudasingwa, Assistant Secretary-General and the mission's Emergency Crisis Manager in Guinea. UNMEER SRSG Anthony Banbury said that in just a short space of time, Mr. Rudasingwa played a pivotal role in the Organization's and the international community's response to the Ebola crisis in Guinea. A Rwandan national and career UNICEF employee, Mr. Rudasingwa passed away on Sunday night in his hotel room in Conakry. It has been confirmed that his death was not related to Ebola.*

### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. Mali said Monday it had placed nearly 600 people who may have been exposed to EVD under daily surveillance as the country battles to contain the spread of the virus. After the deaths of a Guinean imam and the Malian nurse who treated him in the capital Bamako, a friend who had visited the imam in the Pasteur clinic also died of probable EVD, while a doctor at the clinic who contracted the disease is undergoing treatment. President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, on a visit to the imam's home village of Kouremale on the Mali-Guinea border, urged locals to take all precautions in "the war" against Ebola. "We will not close the border, but don't let anyone enter Mali without having washed their hands or taken their temperature," the president told medical workers.
2. The US added Mali to the list of countries whose travelers face special EVD screening on arrival, along with Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, the three most affected countries in the outbreak. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Homeland Security announced the provision, for roughly 15 daily arrivals out of Mali, saying that there have been a number of confirmed cases of EVD in Mali in recent days, and a large number of individuals may have been exposed to those cases. There are no direct flights from Mali to the US.
3. The EU on Monday announced € 12 million (US\$ 15 million) in funding for Mali, Senegal and Ivory Coast "to help them prepare for the risk of an Ebola outbreak through early detection and public awareness measures". The funding was part of a new € 29 million package for West Africa as a whole, which comes on top of the € 1 billion previously announced by the EU and its member states. The remainder of the funding will go to transporting aid and equipment to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea and for evacuating infected international aid workers to hospitals in Europe.

### Human Rights

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### Response Efforts and Health

5. The EVD related death of an imam in Kerouane, Kankan region, Guinea, was followed by contamination of several of his family members through unsafe burial practices. This is especially worrying considering that there is no ETC or transit center in Kankan. 76 contacts are being followed up in the region by seven health workers equipped with motorbikes provided by UNICEF.

6. Almost 200 people have received GlaxoSmithKline's experimental EVD vaccine in trials in the United States, Britain, Mali and Switzerland, and the safety data so far are "very satisfactory," scientists said on Monday. The trials, which began just over two months ago, have been using healthy volunteers, rather than patients with Ebola, to test whether the vaccine is safe for humans. The experimental shot uses a single EVD gene from a chimpanzee virus to generate an immune response. Because it does not contain any infectious virus material, it cannot infect those being vaccinated.
7. A total of 14,413 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD have been reported in 8 countries. There have been 5,177 reported deaths.

### **Logistics**

8. Since the beginning of the outbreak, UNICEF has brought 967 metric tons of emergency aid into Liberia, including essential protective gear, tents, diarrheal kits, emergency health kits, and sanitation supplies such as chlorine.
9. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

### **Resource Mobilisation**

10. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements of US\$ 988 million has been funded for \$ 694 million, which is around 70 per cent of the total ask.
11. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has US\$ 71.9 million in commitments. In total \$ 121 million has been pledged.
12. All humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (<http://fts.unocha.org>) of contributions by e-mailing: [fts@un.org](mailto:fts@un.org).

### **Outreach and Education**

13. After initial resistance and hesitation in the village of Dandano, in Macenta prefecture, Guinea, a large-scale social mobilization campaign involving 172 men and 28 women was organized last week under the leadership of UNICEF and WHO, with the participation of government officials. This mobilization has led to the identification of 35 suspected cases that have been sent to an Ebola Treatment Center.
14. The world's top football players, including Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, Barcelona's Neymar Jr., Chelsea's Didier Drogba and Bayern Munich's Philipp Lahm, are joining forces with global health experts to help raise global awareness in the fight against EVD. In a new campaign "11 Against Ebola", players from some of Europe's biggest clubs come together to promote preventative measures aimed at communities affected by EVD. Using the slogan "Together, we can beat Ebola" and the hashtag #wecanbeatebola, players share 11 simple health messages to prevent the spread of the disease.
15. Supported by UNICEF, hygiene promotion efforts (awareness raising and community mobilization) through community meetings and door-to-door visits reached 14,729 persons in six counties in Liberia (969 in Nimba, 1,543 in Grand Gedeh, 4,587 in Maryland, 3,135 in Gbarpolu, 2,987 in River Gee and 1,508 in Cape Mount) with EVD prevention and home protection messages this week.

### **Essential Services**

16. With implementing partners, UNICEF supports the identification of children with severe acute malnutrition at the community level in five districts in Sierra Leone (Bombali, Kambia, Kono, Moyamba, and Port Loko). Last week, 1,099 children were screened and referred for treatment, of which 662 were severely malnourished and 437 were moderately malnourished.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 11 December - Global Compact CEO-level Action Pledge Event at the UN.

### **Attachments and resources**

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