

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

1 December 2014

### KEY POINTS

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- Mali has no more confirmed cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).
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### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. The UN Special Envoy on Ebola, Dr. David Nabarro, has made a visit to Guinea. Dr. Nabarro was accompanied by his special adviser Dr. Anders Nordstrom, Ambassador for Global Health at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They met on 27 November with President Alpha Condé as well as with the National Ebola Coordination Cell, key humanitarian partners and the UN Country Team. On 28 November, Dr. Nabarro chaired a Town Hall at UNMEER HQ and held a series of meetings with UNMEER senior management. On 29 November, the delegation travelled to Nzérékoré to attend the inauguration of the country's fourth Ebola Treatment Center (ETC).
2. President Alpha Condé of Guinea hailed the visit of French President François Hollande to his country as "highly symbolic". He added that the people of Guinea were grateful for this visit and that the country would spare no effort to stop the spread of EVD. France has established a cell in its embassy in Conakry to coordinate EVD response efforts.
3. Mali has no more confirmed cases of EVD after the last patient known to be suffering from the virus was cured, President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita said on Saturday. Mali has registered 7 deaths from EVD, after the virus spread from neighboring Guinea. Six of these people infected have died, the WHO said. A further 285 people who came into contact with them are being monitored but have shown no sign of the disease.

### Human Rights

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### Response Efforts and Health

5. The head of the case management pillar of the National Ebola Coordination Cell in Guinea informed that, as of Friday, Ebola transit centers had been established in Kérouané, Forécariah, Dalaba, Pita and Siguiri. Another 5 transit centers are nearing completion and should be operational by 5 December. The transit centers have an 8-12 bed capacity and are designed to isolate suspected EVD cases and provide preliminary care pending the transfer of patients to an ETC.
6. An existing laboratory in Fish Town, River Gee county, Liberia, will be relocated to Tapeta, Nimba county, and a new lab will be added in Greenville, Sinoe county. This follows an expedited assessment of lab locations conducted by Sandia Labs at the request of the CDC.
7. On Thursday 27 November, the UNMEER ECM in Liberia hosted the first NGO partnership meeting, to seek inputs from a broad range of implementing partners. Building county level capacity to decentralize policy discussions and coordination was deemed of high importance. Partners agreed that UNMEER has a central role in this regard. In addition, partners agreed to rationalize ad hoc coordination and create specific task groups to address issues such as CCC strategy and funding imbalances. The NGO partnership meeting will be held on a bi-weekly basis.
8. The first ETC in Makeni, Sierra Leone, was opened by President Koroma and Trevor Endres, the general manager of Addax Bioenergy Limited, which constructed the US\$ 300,000 ETC as part of its contribution in the EVD response.
9. As part of UNICEF's overall EVD response, a total of 37,695 household protection kits have been released as of last week. Protection kits, containing basic protective gear and disinfectants, are

designed to help frontline health workers to protect themselves against EVD or to protect the family when a sick person's EVD status is unknown. These kits complement infection prevention and control measures and are suitable for use in CCCs, primary healthcare facilities or at home.

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### **Logistics**

11. WFP in Guinea, on behalf of Alima, organised the transportation of 6.3mt of cargo by UNMEER Mi8 helicopter from Kissidougou to Nzérékoré for onward delivery to the Nzérékoré Ebola Treatment Center. The opening ceremony of the Nzérékoré ETU was held on 29 November 2014.
12. WFP in Guinea is dispatching 3 medical waste incinerators to ETCs in Coyah, Kerouane and Beyla.
13. The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is facilitating the setup of a double-drop flight to Conakry and Freetown transporting essential cargo on behalf of the humanitarian community. This essential cargo will include small consignments of medical supplies, burial equipment and PPEs. The flight is planned to take place during the first week of December.
14. Discussions are ongoing regarding WFP's securing of dedicated helicopters for the Rapid Reaction Teams in Liberia; WFP, UNMEER, UNHAS, UNMIL and the US Department of Defense are developing a "fly away" supply kit for the teams, which would be transported on these helicopters.
15. WFP informed on 27 November that in Guinea, it had distributed nearly 3,000 tons of food assistance to 170,000 beneficiaries during the month of November and plans to distribute 4,000 tons during the month of December. Since the month of April, WFP has distributed nearly 8,000 tons of food assistance to 400,000 beneficiaries in Guinea.
16. For regular logistics operational information please visit <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>.

### **Resource Mobilisation**

17. The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totaling US\$ 1.5 billion, has been funded for \$ 860 million, which is around 57 percent of the total ask.
18. The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has US\$ 71.9 million in commitments. In total \$ 121 million has been pledged.
19. 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**

20. According to UNICEF, women in Samana sub-prefecture (Beyla prefecture), an area where there has been community resistance to EVD response, abandoned plans to march in protest against the presence of EVD responders after a sensitization by women leaders via rural radio. Also in Beyla, an agreement was reached for the establishment of a rapid response team within the prefectural communication commission. This cell plans advocacy activities to overcome community resistance.
21. In Liberia's Grand Geddeh county, WHO, UNICEF, IRC and other partners conducted community engagement activities in Zwedru together with the county health team. The main aim was to have an interactive and informative session with community members and to share health information on EVD. More than 200 EVD posters were distributed. Teams also brought the emergency hotline telephone numbers to the attention of the communities.

### **Essential Services**

22. UNICEF formed a partnership with Africa Humanitarian Action this week to expand the coverage of essential health services to 14 primary healthcare facilities in Montserrado County, Liberia, serving 158,181 people, including 26,890 children under five and 7,909 pregnant women. The provision of lifesaving medical and nutritional supplies is key in enabling access to lifesaving interventions.

### **Upcoming Events**

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

### **Attachments and resources**

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