Highlights

• Agreement was reached with the Government on the final design of the improved Community Transit Centres (CTCOM) which has a slightly larger bed capacity.

• The first UNICEF-supported CTCOM located in Kouremale, Singuiri Prefecture on the border with Mali (pictured above) has been handed over to Government and is expected to be formally opened in the next coming weeks.

• To date, according to WHO, 432 children have been infected by EVD in Guinea, representing 20% of the total confirmed cases (2,096). 134 children have survived and 260 children have died as a result of EVD infection. Currently 37 children are being treated in Ebola Treatment Centres (ETCs).

• Following high visibility incidents involving local communities against Ebola responders, the Government has sent Ministers to affected areas to ensure a productive community dialogue.

• UNICEF and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS) have supported the rehabilitation of 47 out of 52 water points in Kindia region. This intervention benefits a total of 14,100 people who now have access to adequate, clean and safe drinking water. 150 more water points are planned in the response plan.

• UNICEF’s Transit Center for unaccompanied/separated children established in Guéckédou (CATPE) was inaugurated by the Government and started operations on Sunday December 7th. 3 separated children (2 boys and 1 girl) cured from Ebola were received in the center and re-integrated back into their families.

As of 10 DECEMBER 2014*

2,354
Cases of Ebola (2,096 confirmed)

1,462
Deaths (1,218 confirmed Ebola)

432
Children (0-18) infected by Ebola

4.3 million
Children living in affected areas
(Source: UNICEF)

123
Confirmed cases and 53 confirmed deaths among health care workers

UNICEF funding needs until February 2015
USD 55.5 million

UNICEF funding gap
USD 22.9 million

*Source: WHO/OMS
Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

- During the first week of December, the Ebola outbreak continued to spread both geographically as well as in terms of human impact. With the prefecture of Télimélé now being affected, 18 prefectures (out of a total of 38) are now impacted by EVD, as compared to 17 prefectures last week;


- There were on average 20 new confirmed Ebola cases recorded per day for the reporting period and about new 100 contacts that need to be added to the list of traced persons.
- There are 109 patients hospitalized in Ebola Treatment Centers.
- 123 health personnel has been infected with Ebola (confirmed cases) with 53 deaths (confirmed).
- Weak service delivery (contact tracing, secured referrals, safe & dignified burials) is increasingly leading to reticence in some communities

Summary Analysis of Programme response

Health and Nutrition

The National Coordination Committee, the World Bank and UNICEF have agreed on establishing a total of ten Community Transit Centres (CTComs) with available funding provided by the World Bank. These centers will be located across the border entry points with Sierra Leone, Liberia and Mali, and in areas with high concentration of cases to follow the dynamics of the epidemic. Amongst those the National Coordination Committee – the overall body in charge of coordination - has requested UNICEF to established four “improved CTComs” (CTComs Ameliores) in Kouroussa,, Kissidougou,, Banankoro and Bossou, and six standard CTComs.
The main difference between CTComs and improved-CTComs is that the latter will have 12 beds (five beds for wet patients - highly probable cases and seven beds for dry patients/suspected cases) as well as better trained staff - Doctors and Nurses - who will be able to provide intra-venous treatment for advance cases. The main functions of CTComs and Improved CTComs are similar in that the objective is the rapid isolation of suspected cases and evacuation of confirmed cases to the nearest Treatment Center. The construction of the Kouremale CTCom is now finished and UNICEF and the National Coordination Committee are now planning the official opening of the Center once the manning staff is appropriately trained, with the CRCom increasing the number of patients in an incremental basis to ensure fully compliant protocols to treat possible patients and ensure the safety of health personnel. To ensure community ownership, and mitigate the chances of resistance, the opening will be preceded by a guided tour of the Center by local administrative and traditional authorities, religious leaders and communities (representatives of Village Watch Committees, representatives of women and the youth).

For the remaining sites, all the construction companies selected are on standby to ensure that local authorities and communities are fully onboard in advance. In the meantime, Village Watch Committees are being established in the catchment areas, construction expected to start next week at least at 4 selected sites.

UNICEF is supporting the Ebola Treatment Centers by distributing high-value nutritional supplies to children under five and pregnant and lactating mothers and nutritional supplies such as Ready-to-use Therapeutic Formula (RUTF) and Read to Use Infant Formulat (RUIF) in partnership with MSF, Alima and the French Red Cross. So far, 1032 discharged patients and 83 children have benefitted.
WASH

- The Netherlands Government, which was already supporting WASH programmes in Guinea agreed to the re-programming of USD 5.6 million to provide support to the WASH emergency response against Ebola.

- UNICEF has supported the establishment of WASH coordination along the cluster model, with more than nine meeting held already. This structure, which is co-lead by the Ebola National Coordination body, links in directly with the overall national inter-sectoral coordination (Education Cluster, Coordination Nationale, UNMEER, INGO, and CBOs partners). The WASH structure has produced an online platform to enable the access to harmonized tools, strategy and C4D materials ([https://sites.google.com/site/washguinee/](https://sites.google.com/site/washguinee/))

- UNICEF and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS) have supported the rehabilitation of 47 out of 52 water points in Kindia region. This intervention benefits a total of 14,100 people who now have access to adequate, clean and safe drinking water. 150 more water points are planned in the response plan.

- UNICEF’s contractors have drilled 22 boreholes in the Nzerekore and Kankan regions, two of the worst affected hotspots.

- Five CTCOM are under construction with adequate WASH support and infrastructures provided by UNICEF.

- In addition, UNICEF and partners are distributing 120,000 WASH family kits in Macenta and Gueckedou prefecture (Nzerekore qeq, Guinée Forestière region) and in Kourémal (border of Mali, Haute Guinée region). The distribution of the kits is done jointly with hygiene promotion in partnership with INGOs such as PLAN and local NGOs such as CENAFOB and CERADE. This intervention has been complemented by the distribution of 250 kits to ensure hygiene in public places such as mosques, and markets were distributed this week.

- 2 out of 10 “postes d’eau” are under rehabilitation/construction in Conakry.

- SFCG with support of UNICEF has developed a film on hygiene promotion for mass media diffusion. SFCG will drive through the villages to show the film.

- The distribution of washing hands kits for schools in the prefectures of Labe and Mamou regions was pursued: the kits were pre-positioned at the prefectural level for secondary and higher education establishments, and at sub-prefectural level for preschool and primary schools. To date, kits were prepositioned for 1,611 schools of the three prefectures of Mamou and four out of five prefectures of Labe.

Communication for Development (C4D)

- UNICEF facilitated the completion of the training package for the Community Watch Committees (CWC) including the finalization of the road-map, the training of two working groups, the Ebola Image box and printing of 100,000 copies, the tracking of resistance in Conakry to enable the analysis of causes and monitoring of the flows of information at the community level to ensure better policy making at national level – including the elaboration of a national M&E plan.

- Since the start of the Ebola response, UNICEF has so far supported the establishment of 1,150 Community Watch Committees (CWC) – with the latest ones established in Kindia and Foulaya prefectures in partnership with CNOSC. The CWC are to be strengthened following the agreement to pay a subsistence allowance to community members to enable adequate dedication. This coupled with the increasing government engagement at the district level, particularly in the worst hotspots, is part of the strategy to overcome community resistance, which is one of the major obstacles to ensure a successful response.
• UNICEF is also supporting the training of media in partnership with Internews to ensure a consistent and convincing messaging around radio stations, online sites and the national press agency – last week, 36 professional were training in N’Zerekore district.

![Distribution of UNICEF supported social mobilizers across 340 sous-prefectures. [Source: UNICEF Guinee, 9 December 2014]](image)

Child Protection

• UNICEF’s Transit Center for unaccompanied/separated children established in Guéckédou (CATPE) was inaugurated by the Government and started operations on Sunday December 7th, 3 separated children (2 boys and 1 girl) cured from Ebola were received in the center and re-integrated back into their families. Another separated girl whose mother had recently died in the ETC of Guéckédou is being cared in the transit center.
• 13 social workers and 150 community volunteer-trained by UNICEF on Psychosocial Support (PSS) – supported 2,550 affected children through 43 PSS community sessions and 375 families via home-based PSS.

• UNICEF provided family kits to 2,040 children having lost one or both parents and 174 contacts or survivor children.

• UNICEF provided the 106 villages with a working Child Protection Village Council (VCCP) non-food items to support children affected by Ebola, in particular those children who have lost one or both parents.

Education

• The weekly Education cluster meeting reviewed the progress in the implementation the road map, focusing on delivering by 24 December the various guidelines to decentralized levels necessary to ensure the effective collaboration between education, health and territory administration staff for to prevent and respond to Ebola in schools, including the terms of reference to organize field visits and verify preparedness checklists.

• In preparation for the re-opening of schools in January 2015, partners agreed to ensure the delivery of hand-washing kits before 24 December to ensure a smooth and safe re-opening of schools at the beginning of January. USAID confirmed its financial support to close the remaining gaps in hand washing kits through funding to be allocated to UNICEF and the NGOs Plan Guinea and Child Fund.

• In preparation for the re-opening of schools, UNICEF and Government are assessing the state of preparedness in the field. On a spot visit conducted in the prefecture of Forecariah, health and education staff and parent associations’ committees demonstrated a high level of awareness on Ebola Viral Disease and preparedness to avoid contagion.

Supply and Logistics

• The distribution campaign for WASH family kits was launched on 9 December in Gueckedou. In the coming weeks, UNICEF partner NGO ‘Plan’ will distribute 100,000 kits in the prefectures of Macenta and Gueckedou, two out of three worst hotspots.

• UNICEF completed the distribution of WASH kits for primary schools was completed in the 6 prefectures of Mali, Tougue, Lelouma, Koubia, Dalaba, Mamou. The distribution in other regions was discontinued due to a shortage of carton boxes for soap and chlorine.

• Following the prioritization of 10 CTCOMs by the National Ebola Coordination, UNICEF signed contracts with 3 companies. The first such CTCOM in Kouremale is nearing completion.

• UNICEF finalized the contracts with two companies to drill 30 boreholes in the affected communities of Gueckedou, Yomou, Kindia and Forecariah. The first company is deployed in Yomou and ready to start the first boreholes. In addition to this, UNICEF has an on-going project of drilling 50 boreholes in Kissidougou and Faranah communities, totaling 80 boreholes currently under development in affected regions. The installation of 10 water points in Conakry is in progress.

• UNICEF is supporting the capacity of national government structures through the deployment of one technical assistant to the Pharmacie Centrale de Guinee and a logistics officer to the Forest region (Nzerekore). In addition, the mission of a warehouse assistant deployed in Gueckedou has been extended for an additional 2 months.

Partnership and Humanitarian Coordination

• Further discussions took place with UNMEER in order to suggest improvements in the overall UNMEER-led coordination structure, including through a more efficient engagement with clusters/sect.

• The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) is holding its annual meeting in N’zerekore this week to review ongoing actions for the Ebola response and discuss proposed actions for 2015.
Further discussions took place with UNMEER in order to suggest improvements in the overall UNMEER-led coordination structure, including through a more efficient engagement with clusters/sectoral working groups under the UNMEER ‘social services’ coordination responsibility.

National Coordination mechanisms remain weak and heavily centralized to effeteley improve the response and address identified bottlenecks.

UNICEF has signed a Project Cooperation Agreement with the National Red cross to support the running of 10 CCC.

Through a Networking of partnership ( Consortium) with PLAN, CNOCS, CERADE, CENAFOD UNICEF has established 1,150 Community Watch Committee to foster community Engagement in the fight against Ebola.

Media and External Communications

UNICEF is informing its audiences through regular press releases and social media posts, in English and French. UNICEF Guinea also regularly posts updates about the emergency and its response in its Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Tumblr pages.

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Recent Press releases:
- Red Cross urges vigilance to avert holiday spike in Ebola cases
- Reuters: A UNICEF worker shares information on Ebola and best practices to help prevent its spread with residents of the Matam neighborhood of Conakry, Guinea in this handout photo courtesy of UNICEF taken August 20, 2014. REUTERS/Timothy La Rose/UNICEF/Handout via Reuters http://www.trust.org/item/20141211135142-h90pc/?source=gep

Recent Social media posts:
- Support for children affected by #Ebola in the prefectures of Macenta, Guéckédou, N’Zérékoré, Beyla et Conakry in partnership with the ministry of social action and NGOs. Children were given basic hygiene kits and clothes.
- Video of leaders sensitizing on #Ebola. Among them, the religious figures, UNICEF, WHO and UN representatives, a survivor, a doctor, … (link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvybgq3sxbY)
- UNICEF and partners mobilized to prevent stigma against healed Ebola patients who are being rejected by their communities and families when they come out.
• 2014 was a devastating year for children and in Ebola hit countries efforts are scaled up via community centers, health agents trainings, sensitization campaigns and orphans support.

**Funding**

• Pending final approval of the revised financial requirements for the 2015 HAC, the below budget is based on the 2014 HAC funding targets. During the reporting period new grants were received from the Government of the Netherlands (CTcom and WASH) and USAID/OFDA (education).

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<td>ECCCs</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>1,988,500</td>
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<td>Health + HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>16,900,000</td>
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**Programme Results**

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<td><strong>EPIDEMIOLOGY</strong></td>
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<td>Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week</td>
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<td>3%</td>
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<td>Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week due to contact at community level, within the health sector, or during funeral / burial procedures (*)</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td><strong>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</strong></td>
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<td>Percentage of District, County or Village Social Mobilization taskforces (SMT) reporting on the dashboard each week</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Percentage of districts, counties etc. with list of identified key religious leaders (including priests, imams, pastors, tribal leaders) or community groups who promote safe funeral and burial practices according to standard guidelines</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Percentage of chiefdoms, prefectures or villages with at least one security incident or other form of refusal to cooperate in past week</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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Percentage of patients who present at a CCC within 48 hours of becoming ill with any symptoms that could be EVD | 100% | N/A
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**CCC**

Percentage of CCCs functional against target set for the current reporting period | 70% | 0%

Percentage of CCCs established after a community dialogue process aligned with Global SOPs or according to norms established in country | 70% | 2%

**WASH**

Percentage of all Ebola community, treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services (**) | 100% | 100%

**PROTECTION**

Percentage of EVD-affected children provided with care and support, including psychosocial support | 70% | 2.12%

Percentage of children who have lost one or both parents/caregivers or who are separated from their parents/caregivers reintegrated with their families or provided with appropriate alternative care | 70% | 102%

**HEALTH**

Percentage of patients admitted to CCCs who are tested for EVD infection and whose test result is available within 36 hrs. | 100% | N/A

*The daily WHO Sitrep doesn’t mention the source of contamination. It is estimated that 100% of contamination cases are due to contact with EVD-infected persons, by contamination in health structures or during unsafe burials.

**The five (5) existing ETCs/TCs are covered. UNICEF provided WASH services to one TC (Forecariah) and support WASH infrastructures in CTCOMs.

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<td>27</td>
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<td>Non-Ebola Health centres in Ebola affected areas provided with Hand washing station</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>People benefiting from hygiene kits in Ebola affected areas</td>
<td>4,666,667</td>
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<td>Children benefiting from hand washing facilities at schools in Ebola affected areas</td>
<td>1,044,000</td>
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