• Guinea was declared Ebola free on 29 December. As of 27 January 2016, Guinea has reached Day 30 of the phase 3 countdown, which is a total of 90 days, ending on 27 March.

• Guinea is closely working with Sierra Leone on cross border intervention to strengthen surveillance as new cases are reported in neighboring Kambia.

• UNICEF and the Ministry of Health are planning a fourth round of vaccination campaign against the Polio virus. Scheduled from 28 to 31 January, an estimated 2,578,947 children from 0 to 59 months, are targeted. UNICEF is deploying 27 staff to ensure supervision of the vaccination campaign in close collaboration with regional and local health authorities.

• To strengthen the community-based surveillance during the phase III of the Ebola response, UNICEF and the local NGO AGIL, are collaborating with Ministries of Social Affairs and Youth to implement a communication action plan for 11 priority Prefectures.

• Under the Education Cluster and through the Nobel Prize Project funded by ECHO, 54 trainers were trained on psychosocial support in Boké prefecture. This brings the total of trainer trainees to 134 teachers who will train 5,389 other teachers throughout the prefectures of Boffa, Boké, Coyah, Dubréka, Forécariah and Kindia.

• Thanks to funding from GAVI, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health (MoH) scheduled a countrywide measles vaccination campaign from 8 - 14 February, targeting some 2,278,971 children between 9 and 59 months.
Leadership and Coordination

- Following the resurgence of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Liberia, and most recently in Sierra Leone, within the 90 days after they were officially declared Ebola free, UNICEF in Guinea continues to support National Coordination in developing strategies to mitigate risk and strengthen preparedness for a timely and effective response. Using the micro-containment approach, the interventions are part of a strategic UN rapid response mechanism including supplies and deployable staff. UNICEF has also developed an internal preparedness plan for every program section to ensure readiness.

- In mid-January, the WASH cluster validated its priority areas/prefectures of intervention based on scenarios of Ebola resurgence, new cholera epidemic and possible flooding. The annual work plan of the cluster as well as a new strategic document was also validated with all stakeholders.

Communication for Development (C4D)

- To strengthen the community-based surveillance during the phase III of the Ebola response, UNICEF and the local NGO AGIL (Association Guineenne d’Initiatives Locales), are collaborating with Ministries of Social Affairs and Youth to implement a communication action plan in 11 priority prefectures. Thanks to this partnership, 750 youth, among which 150 from the prefecture of Forécariah (closest to Kambia in Sierra Leone) have been trained. These youth will be deployed in the 11 priority prefectures (Conakry, Forécariah, Coyah, Fria, Boké, Kindia Boffa, Siguiri, Macenta, Lola, and Dubréka) to conduct outreach activities aiming to increase the notification of alerts on febrile and suspect cases.

- UNICEF, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Action, deployed 2,000 women across 10 health districts (Forécariah, Coyah, Boke, Boffa, Dubréka, Matam, Dixinn, Matoto Kaloum and Ratoma), among which 300 women were deployed in Forécariah to lead social mobilization and advocacy activities on the community-based monitoring and the use of health services in case of sign or symptoms.

- Communication and social mobilization activities are being implemented on site and sensitization messages aired through national and local media, including 33 rural and 45 private radio stations, to better inform and prepare communities on the forthcoming polio vaccination campaign. C4D is deploying 8 UNICEF staff in Boké, Mamou, Kindia, Labé, Kankan, Faranah and Nzérékoré to support the campaign.

Child Protection

- During the reporting period, UNICEF and partners conducted 539 community dialogues to sensitize 8,653 people, including 513 key leaders and 4,212 women, on the importance of solidarity with Ebola survivors in several prefectures of Guinea.

- In January 2016, UNICEF and partners organized 520 educational talks on Ebola with the participation of 8,322 people, among which 4,226 were women.

- UNICEF and partners organized 4,195 plays and recreational sessions, with the participation of 250 new children (142 girls) who had not previously participated. Among the new children there are no orphans (who lost one or both parents). This brings the total number of children that have received psychosocial support to 134,800.

- During the period covered by this report, cash was transferred to 530 parents/caregivers hosting 1,444 children, among which 706 are girls in 14 of the 27 affected prefectures, during the last week of December 2015. So far, a total of 5,831 children have benefited from different rounds of cash transfers, out of the 6,220 registered.
**WASH**

- UNICEF and the SNAPE, which is the Government water agency, acknowledged final receipt of the 50 boreholes, realized in the prefectures of Faranah, Dabola and Kissidougou.
- Also, on another project, UNICEF and SNAPE have completed three (3) boreholes out of fifteen (15) planned in the prefectures of Faranah and Kissidougou. The three water points in Banian district of Faranah will ensure access to safe drinking water for some 900 people in need.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the NGO Action for the Protection of Humanity (APH), continues the rehabilitation of latrines blocks in primary schools of Macenta and Guéckédou. During the reporting period, eight (8) new blocks have been rehabilitated (4 in Macenta and 4 in Guéckédou), reaching forty-eight (48) latrines blocks out the sixty (60) planned.
- In partnership with SNAPE, UNICEF is supporting the digging of twelve (12) new boreholes along with twelve (12) latrines blocks, in selected health structures of the region of Nzérékoré. As of 27 January, five (5) boreholes are finalized in Yomou and Macenta with ongoing progress.
- In January the national NGO CEAD (Centre d’Aide au Développement) supported by UNICEF, realized fourteen (14) boreholes in the administrative region of Nzérékoré, thus reaching a total of sixty-eight (68) out of seventy (70) planned.
- With funding from the World Bank, UNICEF and SEG, which is the national water service provider, acknowledged final receipt, of the seven (7) public water fountains in Conakry.
- UNICEF and the international NGO ACF (Action Contre la Faim) are implementing WASH in a health project in the prefectures of Labe and Forécariah. Some obtained results are:
  - 14 health posts and health centres equipped with a functioning water system in Labe and Forécariah;
  - 4 health centres in Labe, equipped with 9 blocks of latrines;
  - 1 health centre equipped with a three cabins latrines in Forécariah;
  - 4 incinerators installed and functional in Labe;
  - 30 burning pits functional in 25 health post of Forécariah and 5 in Labé.
- UNICEF in partnership with SNAPE has also finalized five (5) boreholes out of twelve (12) planned in health centers of the region of Boké, and twelve (12) in middle Guinea (7 in Mamou and 5 in Labé) out of eighteen (18) planned in rural health centres.

**Health**

- UNICEF and the Ministry of Health are planning a fourth round of vaccination campaign against the Polio virus. Scheduled from 28 - 31 January, an estimated 2,578,947 children from 0 to 59 months (based on the national census), are targeted throughout the 38 health districts of Guinea. UNICEF is deploying 27 staff to ensure supervision of the vaccination campaign in close collaboration with regional and local health authorities. To date, vaccines and monitoring tools are disseminated to the country and sensitization messages validated with C4D section for broadcast in rural radios. Also, UNICEF supported a workshop in early January. This gathered 85 regional and local health directors, who discussed bottlenecks and agreed to reinforce the monitoring system of routine vaccination for much valuable results.

**Nutrition**

- Since the beginning of the outbreak UNICEF and partners have provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,244 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of an initial 2,600 targeted) as well as ready-to-use infant formula to 2,380 infants whose mothers have been affected by Ebola.
To scale up the routine vitamin A supplementation (VAS), and to improve its coverage, UNICEF and Helen Keller International (HKI) proposed a plan that was validated by the Ministry of Health at the end of December 2015. Several related activities are planned for 2016.

On December 30, 2015, the Ministry of Health with the support of UNICEF and other partners elaborated, “The Code of Marketing in Breast-milk Substitutes” in order to contribute to the provision of safe and adequate nutrition for infants, through protection and promotion of breast-feeding, as well as the proper use of breast-milk substitutes, when necessary, on the basis of adequate information and through appropriate marketing and distribution channels.

**Education**

UNICEF and partners continue monitoring the implementation of Ebola prevention protocol, including hand washing and temperature monitoring, for children at schools in several prefectures located in the region of Boké and Nzérékoré. Observation from missions in randomly visited schools revealed that Ebola hygiene protocols are not being systematically implemented by teachers and pupils, including in the high risk prefecture of Forécariah.

Under the Education Cluster, UNICEF through the Nobel Prize Project funded by ECHO, supported the training of 54 trainers on psychosocial support in Boke prefecture. This brings the total of trainer of trainees to 134 teachers who will train 5,389 other teachers throughout the prefectures of Boffa, Boké, Coyah, Dubréka, Forécariah and Kindia.

UNICEF and its partner APH, conducted 42 sensitization sessions on the benefit of hand-washing for the prevention of Ebola and other water-borne diseases in schools premises. A total of 273 people, including teachers and members from the community-based organizations, were targeted in the prefectures of Guéckédou, Macenta and Yomou.

**Human Resources**

As of 22 January 2016, UNICEF Guinea has 165 staff members, of which 44 are international professionals, and 119 national staff. In addition to the main office in Conakry, UNICEF has three zonal offices in Conakry, Kankan and Nzérékoré which together have 63 employees. Staff from the main office are deployed constantly in the field to direct and coordinate programme and operational activities as well as support social mobilization and C4D activities. Through its partnerships with various national and international NGOs, UNICEF is coordinating the activities of around 700 social mobilizers and C4D specialists.

**Media and External Communications**

UNICEF continues to inform its audiences through regular press releases and social media posts, in English and French. UNICEF Guinea frequently posts updates about the emergency and its response on Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Tumblr pages.

**International media**

On 14 January, the Spain daily newspaper wrote online and in print, an article on the end of the epidemic in Guinea and West Africa, featuring an interview of UNICEF Communication Specialist Timothy La Rose who highlighted the role of socio-anthropologists in the EVD response.

**Local media**

**El fin del ébola no hace bajar la guardia**
In early January, www.aminata.com wrote an article featuring Mrs. Francine, a health worker in Guéckéou, explaining how Ebola impacted the communities in terms of stigma, fear and the daily work in health centers. Today, inhabitants of Guéckéou are re-starting life after a period of hardship.

Guéckéou est en train de renaître après l’épidémie d’Ebola.

On 14 January, www.guineematin.com made an alert on what could be child trafficking activities in the prefecture of Koundara, near Senegal and Guinea Bissau. Local authorities reported that at least 48 young infants below 15 years old were saved by the police. UNICEF and the Ministry of social affairs are collaborating to find more.

48 enfants interceptes à la frontière Guinéo Sénégalaise.

Funding

UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) is appealing for USD 5 million for Guinea to support the needs of children and communities affected by the Ebola crisis until the end of the phase 3 in March 2016.

As of 27 January 2016, the new HAC is 0% funded, with a gap remaining at USD $ 5,000,000.

UNICEF Guinea greatly appreciates the contributions that have been received from: OFDA/USAID, ECHO/European Union, the World Bank, GIS, and OCHA/CERF, French Committee for UNICEF, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Canada, Belgium, MPTF, GAVI, SIDA, United Arab Emirates, etc.
# Programme Results

**UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response**

**Guinea, 27 January 2016**

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<td>to Ebola and child survivors of Ebola who received a minimum package of</td>
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<td><strong>HEALTH</strong></td>
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<td>Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support</td>
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