



# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

15 April 2015



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases of Ebola rose to 3,124 this week, according to WHO's Epidemiological Situation Report. The total number of confirmed, suspected and probable cases climbed to 3,564.
- The number of confirmed deaths from Ebola rose to 1,933, with a total of 2,347 confirmed, suspected and probable deaths.
- UNICEF's activities this week focused to a large extent on preparing for the four-day emergency health campaign in Forécariah starting on 12 April 2015. UNICEF's supply and WASH teams sent soap and other supplies, while the Communications for Development (C4D) team prepared and trained social mobilizers, crafted health and hygiene-related messages, and helped organize radio broadcasts. The health team ensured that facilities had essential medicines to treat a range of common illnesses that might be identified as part of the sweep.
- In addition to its intensified efforts in Forécariah, UNICEF continued its regular work as part of the Ebola response.
- Countrywide, UNICEF and partners distributed 8,157 household WASH kits benefitting 57,009 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brought the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 240,526 and the total number of beneficiaries to 1.6 million people.
- UNICEF and its C4D partners also delivered 875 educational talks, 469 mass sensitization sessions, 2,033 home visits and 1,021 door- to-door sensitizations reaching a total of 39,654 people.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 13 APRIL 2015

**3,564**

Cases of Ebola (3,124 confirmed)

**2,347**

Deaths (1,933 confirmed)

**596**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**349**

Deaths of children and youth aged 0-17 (confirmed)

**4,350,633**

Children in affected areas

**187**

Cases among health workers with 94 deaths (confirmed)

**USD 93,514,000**

UNICEF funding needs until June 2015

**USD 8,375,998**

UNICEF funding gap (8.96%)

## Leadership and Coordination

- UNICEF and partners this week prepared for the 12 April 2015 launch of a four-day door-to-door communication campaign reaching 60,000 households in Forécariah, a prefecture bordering Sierra Leone. The Government-led pilot project, which may be extended to other Ebola-affected areas, aims to ensure that every household has been reached and given appropriate prevention information about how Ebola spreads and how people can protect themselves and their families. The campaign also offers individuals the chance to voice their concerns and ask questions. Staff and volunteers working on the campaign will encourage people to report immediately those suspected of being sick and urge them to seek early treatment. Ambulances, testing laboratories and Red Cross safe burial teams are also being mobilized.
- UNICEF is taking the lead in social mobilization activities during the four-day campaign and has organized the formation of 506 door-to-door teams. A dedicated Task Force was convened to craft clear and easily understandable messages.
- UNICEF also played a key role in organizing logistics, making sure that bars of soap are distributed to each household, fuel for cars and motorbikes, and no-contact thermometers were in place. The agency also ensured that local health centres had enough medicines available to treat other illnesses detected through the door-to-door campaign.
- In addition to preparing for the campaign in Forécariah, UNICEF continued its work as part of the Government's 45-day Emergency Health Plan to end the outbreak of Ebola in Conakry and four other target prefectures: Coyah, Dubréka, Boffa and Kindia. As previously reported, UNICEF established social mobilization hubs – or “partner platforms” – at the heart of each of Conakry's communes and in the other prefectures. These are intended to encourage on-the-ground cooperation and partnerships for better implementation of the plan.

## WASH

- Preventing the transmission of Ebola remains a key element of the national response. To this end, UNICEF and partners distributed 8,157 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soap) benefitting 57,009 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 240,526 and the total number of UNICEF beneficiaries to 1,638,682 people.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Scouts:
  - have put in place hygiene and sanitation facilities at the International Fair in Conakry which ran from 26 March to 12 April 2015.
  - have conducted door-to-door visits to promote hygiene and hand washing as a way of preventing the spread of Ebola. They also showed films on proper hygiene in the five communes of Conakry.
  - in partnership AGIL, an NGO that promotes good governance, they distributed 8,003 household WASH kits in Boffa.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Centre d'Ecoute, Conseil et Orientation des Jeunes, distributed 154 household WASH kits in Kindia.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the NGO Terre des Hommes, made progress in its work to improve hygiene, sanitation and access to safe water in 30 primary schools and 15 health centres in the Kindia region. Four schools are already connected to the drinking water network of the national water company, Société des Eaux de Guinée. Work to improve access to wells is also ongoing in several sub-prefectures.

## Health

- UNICEF and WHO supported the Ministry of Health in finalizing the Early Recovery Plan which will be presented at a World Bank Spring meeting in Washington DC on 17 April 2015. The plan has three main elements: ending the Ebola outbreak; improving health facilities and services at district level; and strengthening governance in the health sector at all levels.
- The Government is continuing the elaboration of its National Health Development Plan, with the support of UNICEF. The next step is a workshop from 5 to 8 May 2015 to identify the challenges and bottlenecks. UNICEF will recruit two national consultants to support the process.

- UNICEF also supported the creation of a technical note on the provision of health services at community level.
- UNICEF, WHO and the Government continued their preparations for the next measles vaccination campaign in 13 districts starting on 15 April 2015. Some vaccines and other supplies have already reached Kankan and N'zérékoré prefectures and more supplies are on their way.

## Nutrition

### **Ebola-related activities**

- UNICEF and partners provided therapeutic food and counselling to 1,918 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted).
- UNICEF and partners provided specific nutrition support to 1,300 infants and young children who have lost one or both parents to Ebola, children in foster care and children in care centers.

### **Other activities**

- The fortnightly Nutrition and Food Security Cluster meeting was held on 9 April 2015. The main focus was on establishing liaisons with other multi-sectorial nutrition and food security platforms in the country including the Alliance Globale pour l'Initiative Résilience and the NGOs Forum.
- The first regional Nutrition and Food Security working group was established in N'zérékoré on 13 April 2015. The main topic of discussion was how to strengthen the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition programme in the region under the Ministry of Health's leadership.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

### **45-Day Emergency Health Campaign – Forécariah**

- UNICEF led the social mobilization and communications activities included in the four-day emergency health campaign in Forécariah running from 12 to 15 April 2015.
- UNICEF supported the creation of 506 teams for the door-to-door visits in Forécariah. The teams consist of one health worker and three community workers. The health workers are from diverse organizations including the Community Watch Committees, the Ministry of Youth, the Scouts, the Red Cross, the Centre d'Ecoute, Conseil et Orientation des Jeunes and the Centre Africain de Formation pour le Développement. Ebola survivors, traditional healers and religious leaders are also involved.
- UNICEF and its health partners trained 80 of these community and health workers on 9 April 2015 in interpersonal communication and community engagement, the provision of psychosocial support and how to report data. Those 80 people in turned trained another 1,518 individuals.
- A Task Force was set up to craft the key messages to be discussed in the campaign. These include how to recognize the symptoms of Ebola, how to stay healthy, the importance of safe burials, how to report suspected cases and the importance of contact tracing.

### **Other Ebola response activities**

- UNICEF continued to work with religious leaders around the country. The Islamic League organized a mass sensitization in Siguiri and helped address community resistance to Ebola messaging in the prefecture of Fria.
- Rural radio stations continued to broadcast messages about health and hygiene in the context of Ebola.

## Child Protection

- As part of its contribution to the Government's intensified activities to stop the transmission of Ebola in Conakry and five surrounding prefectures, UNICEF's child protection team trained 902 health workers and 1,597 community leaders from Forécariah, Coyah, Kindia, Dubréka and Boffa in providing psychosocial support. These trainees will lead teams involved in the door-to-door sensitization activities. The majority of these workers are currently involved in the campaign in Forécariah.
- The 5,457 children identified so far who have lost one or both parents to Ebola continued to receive UNICEF support, including financial and psychosocial support, home visits and schools kits.

- Community volunteers and social workers this week organised 116 outreach sessions in which 2,536 children (including children who have lost one or both parents) were reached for the first time. This brings the total number of children who have received psychosocial support to date to 73,111 (or 61 per cent of the 120,000 targeted).
- Community volunteers and social workers also organized 143 community dialogue sessions nationwide, as well as making 87 follow-up visits to families taking care of children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola.
- UNICEF has set up 27 additional Community Councils for the Protection of Children (CVPE) and trained their members, bringing the total number of active CVPE to 574.

## Education

- The situation has changed little since last week. Figures compiled by the Ministry of Education's Information Management Unit (with UNICEF support) show that, at primary school level, 88 per cent of pupils enrolled during the 2013/14 school year were attending classes in March 2015, up from 81 per cent in February 2015. At secondary level, 81 per cent of the number of students enrolled during the 2013/14 academic year were attending classes, up from 77 per cent in February 2015.
- In Kérouané, the prefecture most affected by Ebola in the region of Kankan, UNICEF funded the training of 25 teachers in providing psychosocial support. This brings the total number of teachers who have received training to 251, out a target of 310 teachers. The teachers who have just received training are expected to train 655 more teachers.

## Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF sent 6,000 household WASH kits to Forécariah for distribution as part of the Government-led 45-day campaign. An additional 5,000 household WASH kits will be sent to WFP in Forécariah as soon as the agency confirms that space is available.
- UNICEF also sent a logistics team to Forécariah (one logistician and five warehouse staff) to support the campaign.
- UNICEF handed over 279 bicycles to partner NGOs involved in child protection in Mamou, Kankan, Kissidougou and Nzérékoré to facilitate the supervision of children affected by Ebola.
- UNICEF completed the construction of four road health checkpoints in Coyah; construction of checkpoints in Forécariah and Dubréka are in progress.
- UNICEF, with WHO and the Central Pharmacy of Guinea (CPG), is assessing the needs for replenishing personal protective equipment to be used in health facilities. UNICEF is also conducting a technical review of the development plan proposed for the CPG within the context of efforts to strengthen the health system overall.

## Media and External Communications

UNICEF is informing 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 coverage

- The Ebola Deeply website carried a story about the 45-day Emergency Health Campaign, using a UNICEF photo to accompany the article.  
[Letter from Conakry: 'In Guinea, The Road to Zero is More Like A Rollercoaster'](#)

### Local media coverage

- Guinée News ran a story about UNICEF's sensitization activities in schools.  
[Les élèves disent "Ebola ça suffit"](#)

- The same website also ran a story about UNICEF Guinea's deputy representative, Guy Yogo, meeting with traditional healers in Forecariah to discuss issues including community surveillance.

[L'UNICEF rencontre les guérisseurs traditionnels à Forécariah](#)

## Funding

Funding Requirements until June 2015, as defined in Humanitarian Appeal revised in Dec 2014					
Appeal Sector	Original Ebola Requirements (USD)	Revised Ebola Requirements (USD)	Funds received (USD)	Funding gap	
				\$	%
C4D/Social Mobilization*	12,533,400	15,307,000	16,036,056	-729,056	-5%
Nutrition	3,121,200	5,100,000	2,000,000	3,100,000	61%
Health + HIV/AIDS + ECCCs	16,699,500	35,233,000	32,876,537	2,356,463	7%
WASH	18,343,800	15,639,000	14,286,114	1,352,886	9%
Child Protection	1,345,000	6,620,000	6,159,860	460,140	7%
Education	489,013	8,869,000	7,338,062	1,530,938	17%
Cross Sectorial	2,599,353	6,746,000	6,441,373	304,627	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,130,866</b>	<b>93,514,000</b>	<b>85,138,002</b>	<b>8,375,998</b>	<b>8.96%</b>

\*While the funding requirements for the C4D/Social Mobilization sector have already been revised upwards, the needs in this sector remain high if UNICEF is to reach every individual with appropriate information on Ebola. It is expected that funding requirements will be revised yet higher in due course to take into account the evolving situation. While the number of cases of Ebola countrywide is falling, the disease is proving difficult to eradicate in Conakry and five other provinces, necessitating accelerated social mobilization efforts.

## Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for EVD response						
Country: Guinea, 15/04/2015						
Indicators	Pillar / Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
<b>EPIDEMIOLOGY</b>						
Children 0-17 years affected by Ebola		4,350,633				
Cases among children 0-17 Years		596				
Registered Ebola orphans		5,457				
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention messages				1,004,106	798,847	80%
Sub prefectures reporting resistance/ reticence to cooperating with Ebola responders in past week				0	2/342	
Proportion of population surveyed who rejected alternatives to traditional burials/funerals				<3%	3% (44/1,458)	
<b>CCC</b>						

Ebola CCCs functional against target set for the current reporting period				6	3	50%
<b>WASH</b>						
Ebola community treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services	27	27	100%	20	20	100%
Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station and/or WASH support	800	187	23%	600	116	19%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	4,666,667	2,706,757	58%	3,500,000	1,683,682	48%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed				67,500	62,100	92%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Registered Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of support				120,000	73,111	61%
Registered children who lost one or both parents or primary caregivers to Ebola who received a minimum package of support				6,000	5,457	91%
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Health structures in Ebola-affected areas provided with essential commodities package				800	723	90%
<b>HIV AIDS</b>						
HIV positive pregnant/ breast feeding women receiving ART for PMTCT				6,608	3,961	60%
Exposed new born provided with Anti Retro Viral (ARV) for PMTCT				6,608	1,214	18%
<b>NUTRITION</b>						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				2,600	1,246	48%
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Teachers trained in providing psycho social support				27,510	3,578	13%
Schools equipped with minimum hygiene package for Ebola prevention	12,455	12,455	100%	7,176	7,176	100%
Children in school benefitting from learning kits				100,000	110,165	110%
Children in school benefitting from minimum hygiene package	2,704,477	2,704,477	100%	1,437,648	1,437,648	100%
Teachers trained in Ebola prevention	82,168	80,657	98%	15,931	15,931	100%

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