



# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

18 March 2015



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases of Ebola rose to 2,966 this week, according to WHO's Epidemiological Situation Report. The total number of confirmed, suspected and probable cases climbed to 3,389. The number of confirmed deaths from Ebola gained to 1,829, with confirmed, suspected and probable deaths rising to 2,224.
- The National Coordination has put in place a one-month Interim Plan, from 14 March to 15 April 2015, to intensify its Ebola response in the prefectures of Forécariah, Coyah, Dubréka, Kindia, Boffa and in the five communes of Conakry. UNICEF will support this plan in the areas of social mobilization, community engagement and hygiene promotion.
- UNICEF and the Ministry of Education are conducting a joint monitoring mission to ensure that teachers, administrators and pupils are observing Ebola hygiene and safety measures in Faranah, Mamou, Kissidougou, Guéckédou and Macenta. The mission found that Ebola prevention measures in schools are, in large part, properly being applied.
- UNICEF and partners distributed 16,694 household WASH kits benefitting 116,858 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 167,363 and the total number of UNICEF beneficiaries to 1.2 million people.
- UNICEF took the lead in a measles campaign in the three villages hardest hit, in Lola prefecture, N'Zérékoré region. Sixty-nine cases of measles were reported in Kankan and the Ministry of Health, with UNICEF support, has started planning an immunization campaign there.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 15 MARCH 2015

**3,389**

Cases of Ebola (2,966 confirmed)

**2,224**

Deaths (1,829 confirmed)

**563**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**330**

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

**4,105,926**

Children in affected areas

**178**

Confirmed cases among health workers with 91 confirmed deaths

**USD 93,514,000**

UNICEF funding needs until June 2015

**USD 14,272,418**

UNICEF funding gap (15%)

## Situation Overview and Humanitarian Response

The National Coordination, with UNICEF support, has decided to put in place a one-month Interim Plan, from 14 March to 15 April 2015, to end Ebola. UNICEF will intensify its operations in the prefectures of Forécariah, Coyah, Dubréka, Kindia, Boffa and the five communes of Conakry. UNICEF's main activities are focused on promoting lifesaving behaviors through social mobilization, community engagement and behaviour change communication.

The number of confirmed, suspected and probable cases of Ebola rose to 178, out of which 95 are confirmed. Medical doctors continue to be infected by the Ebola virus. Four medics caught the disease this month, three working at the Ignace Deane Hospital in Conakry and one in Forécariah. The National Coordination decided to deploy Special Task Forces composed of Government technical officials, supported by technical and financial partners, in Conakry's three largest hospitals to ensure that greater leadership exists within their medical structures.

## Summary Analysis of Programme response

### WASH

- UNICEF constructed one additional water point this week in the N'Zérékoré region. This brings the total number of new water points built since the start of the outbreak to 127 (80 in Faranah, 47 in N'Zérékoré) and the total number of people with improved access to water to more than 38,100.
- Prevention remains a key element of the national response. To this end, UNICEF and partners distributed 16,694 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soaps) benefitting 116,858 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 167,363 and the total number of UNICEF beneficiaries to 1,171,541 people. UNICEF in partnership with AGIL, distributed 3,053 hygiene kits in Kaliah, Forécariah, the epicenter of the epidemic.
- The results of the WASH assessment in health facilities across the country was disseminated by the WASH Cluster 12 March 2015 based on the geographic localization of 1,127 public health structures. The needs for construction or rehabilitation of 414 safe drinking water points and 130 blocks of latrines were identified in the health centers and posts.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Centre d'Ecoute, Conseil et Orientation des Jeunes (CECOJE), conducted sensitization activities in Kindia as well as distributing 364 household WASH kits.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Action Contre la Faim (ACF), carried out hygiene promotion activities in the prefecture of Forécariah, which remains an Ebola hotspot, as well as distributing 3,125 household WASH kits. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed by UNICEF and ACF in the prefecture to 5,047 kits.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Plan Guinée, drilled two boreholes for use by health facilities in Bowa and Vasseredou, Macenta. UNICEF and Plan also built eight latrine blocks at health facilities in Guéckédou and equipped two hygiene committees there with mops and cleaning products.

### Health

- Following a confirmed outbreak of measles in Gaoual and Koundara districts of Boké region, the Ministry of Health, with UNICEF support, conducted a measles vaccination campaign in February 2015 with a coverage rate of above 90 per cent, reaching 88,052 children aged between six months and 10 years .
- Sixty-nine cases of measles were reported in the Kankan prefecture and the Ministry of Health, with UNICEF support, has started planning an immunization campaign there. A wider response supported by GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, is being negotiated.
- UNICEF took the lead in an immunization campaign in three villages hardest hit by measles in Lola prefecture, N'Zérékoré region. The results are as follows:

Villages	Children Vaccinated						TOTAL 6-59 months	%
	6-59 months	6-8 months	9-12 months		12-59 months			
			0 dose*	1 dose or more**	0 dose*	1 dose or more		
Keoulenta	563	0	1	1	56	4	62	11%
Deguelehoumo	89	5	1	0	24	0	30	34%
Gouamo	48	8	1	0	25	0	34	71%
Gbakoré	210	6	2	3	6	52	69	33%

\*Children that have not receive any previous measles vaccination.

\*\*Children that have previously received one measles vaccination or more

## Communication for Development (C4D)

### Coordination

- UNICEF and its social mobilization partners continued to provide support and training to Community Watch Committees (CWCs) around the country through prefecture coordination bodies.

### Religious leaders

- One of the main events involving religious leaders this week was a Quran reading followed by Ebola sensitization at the Grand Mosque of Kouroussa. Fourteen imams were involved reaching more than 500 people. C4D coordinators and CWC members provided support.

### Social mobilization

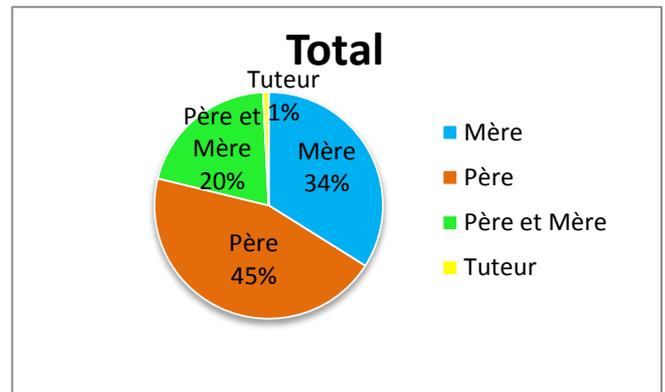
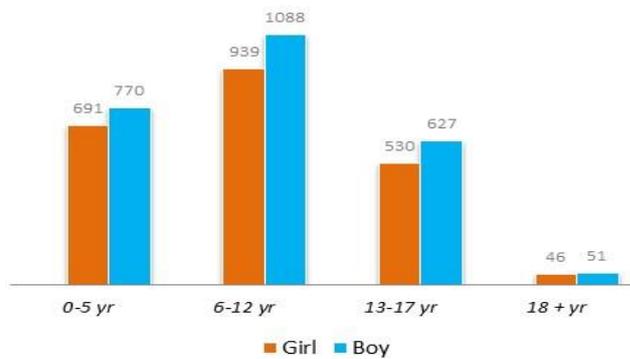
- C4D coordinators and CWCs sensitized a total of 35,741 people this week on the Ebola virus disease using posters, radios messages, door-to-door visits and group meetings. The total number of people reached is comprised of 19,832 men, 11,248 women and 4,661 children.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Guinean Scouts, is working to overcome community resistance to Ebola related humanitarian interventions in numerous locations in Conakry, Coyah and Dubréka. As part of this, UNICEF and the Scouts distributed 5,440 household WASH kits this week bringing the total number distributed to 6,436. The Scouts also held camp fire Ebola sensitization sessions and screened sensitization films during evening gatherings.

### Radio broadcasts

- Rural Radio N'Zérékoré broadcasted spots sensitizing listeners about Ebola. The Red Cross participated in these broadcasts for which UNICEF has provided funding.
- Rural Radio Forécariah broadcasted daily mini spots about Ebola and the Ebola response. UNICEF provided funding for these broadcasts.

## Child Protection

- UNICEF partners identified 136 additional children this week who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola in Forécariah, Coyah and Dubréka where there have been a recent increase in cases of Ebola. This brings the total number of children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola to 4,742; 20 per cent of these children have lost both parents due to the disease and they are being cared for by members of their extended families. The majority of affected children are boys aged 6-12 years (see table).
- Social workers linked to UNICEF partners this week made 1,070 follow-up visits to the homes of families caring for the children. Information gathered during these visits indicated that families are now looking after an additional three to four children in addition to the four or five of their own children. This means that families have expanded by about 75 per cent overnight, worsening the poverty they are already in.



- UNICEF trained 35 new community volunteers this week bringing the total number trained to 1,832. The volunteers organized 148 community dialogue sessions nationwide this week.
- Community volunteers and social workers also conducted 305 psychosocial support sessions reaching 4,495 previously unreached children (including 875 children who have lost one or both parents to Ebola). This brings the total number of children who have benefited so far to 55,266 (or 49 per cent of the 120,000 children targeted).
- UNICEF set up and trained the members of 17 new community counsels for the protection of children (CVPE) this week bringing the total number of CVPE to 449 out of the 500 planned.
- One temporary foster family took in a child in Coyah this week. This means there are now two children in temporary foster care nationwide. These children are typically accompanying their parents to treatment centres. Aide à la Famille Africaine (AFA), a UNICEF partner, selected and trained two new families in Kindia to act as temporary foster parents, bringing the total number of temporary foster families nationwide to six.
- UNICEF has supplied its partners with 10,000 family kits (containing hygiene materials, food and clothes) which will benefit a total of 50,000 people. All families caring for children who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola will receive one of these kits. UNICEF partners have identified recipients and have begun delivering them.
- UNICEF partners have also distributed 236 school kits this week (containing school stationery and a schoolbag) to school-aged children who have lost one of both parents due to Ebola and who expressed a desire to go to school. Cash transfers given to families also help in the purchase of uniforms and payment of school costs.
- Action pour l'Intégration Mère et Enfant (AIME), a UNICEF partner, disbursed USD 5,388 (GNF 39.68 million) to 238 children who lost one or both parents to Ebola and their caregivers. Funds are given to family heads on behalf of children and the amount per family is calculated based on the number of children cared for. The cash has been used mainly to assist in the return to school as well as buy food.

## Education

- Thanks to UNICEF community mobilization efforts, children in the neighbourhood of Fendefuia (outside the main town of Forécariah) will now be able to attend primary school. A new school had been scheduled to open but remained closed until now due to community resistance to adopting Ebola safety protocols. The community now understands and accepts that no transmission of Ebola will happen in the school if the correct safety and hygiene protocols are adopted. A total of 55 children, including 27 girls, are expected to enroll at the school when it opens on 23 March 2015.
- The Ministry of Education (MoE), with UNICEF's support, is conducting a monitoring mission to verify that teachers, administrators and pupils are complying with Ebola hygiene and safe school protocols in Faranah, Mamou, Kissidougou, Guéckédou and Macenta. The preliminary results of the mission found that Ebola prevention measures are being adequately applied by all the staff and pupils at the schools visited.

- The joint MoE and UNICEF mission in Faranah, Mamou, Kissidougou, Guéckédou and Macenta found that the health and emergency response committees (set up by the government) would benefit from future training. This is possibly something UNICEF could support.

## Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners provided therapeutic food and counselling to 1,747 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,400 targeted).
- UNICEF and partners provided specific nutrition support for 1,019 infants and young children, children who have lost one or both parents to Ebola, children in foster care and children in care centres.
- UNICEF is facilitating discussions with regional health and agriculture divisions to set-up regional nutrition working groups in order to accelerate the mitigation of the impact of the Ebola on nutrition at regional level.

## Supply and Logistics

- The supply and logistics team supported the WASH unit in distributing 8,700 household WASH kits in Guinea Maritime with RTI StopPalu and AGIL. The team also started the distribution of school-in-a-box in the Forest Region with the WFP Logistics cluster support. A school-in-a-box kit is designed for one teacher and 40 students. It contains items such as chalk, markers and flipcharts for the teacher and exercise books and pens for pupils. It also includes a wind-up solar radio. The kit can be used in both emergency and development contexts. The team also distributed 1.2 million pieces of soap in the communes of Matoto, Dixinn and Matam in Conakry, and in Dubréka.
- The supply and logistics team has ordered 1.5 million measles vaccines for an emergency vaccination campaign scheduled by the Expanded Programme on Immunization for early April 2015.
- UNICEF handed over two trucks to the Central Pharmacy to reinforce its logistics capacity.
- A logistics specialist has been redeployed from Kankan to Conakry to support the Interim Plan targeting the five prefectures of Conakry.

## 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 AP news agency ran a story about the measles outbreak in West Africa, explaining how the Ebola outbreak has increased the risk of children catching the diseases because of the disruption to vaccination services. There are currently 339 suspected cases of measles in the country.

[More children at risk of measles in wake of Ebola epidemic](#)

- China's Xinhua news agency ran a story in French about the President of Guinea urging young people to become more involved in the Ebola response. He made his comments at a ceremony at which UNICEF handed over equipment to sports teams involved in the Ebola response. Local media, including lejour.info also covered this story.

[Le président guinéen appelle la jeunesse à s'impliquer davantage dans la riposte contre Ebola](#)  
[L'UNICEF renforce son appui à la Jeunesse](#)

### Local media coverage

- The website of GOHA, Guinea's largest association of private businessmen, ran a story about how it partnered with UNICEF in Kindia as part of the Ebola response.  
[Guinee: Lisan Soutient les Actions du GOHA dans la Lutte Contre le Virus Ebola](#)
- The Rural Radio Forécariah was launched last week. Part of its remit is to help inform local audiences about the Ebola virus. A story marking its launch ran in Guinée News.

## [La première radio rural de Forécariah est lancée!](#)

- Spain's donation of USD 1.85 million to UNICEF Guinea, as part of a project to strengthen the health system, was covered by a few local news outlets including TamTam Guinée.

## [Sante: L'Espagne prête main forte à la Guinée](#)

- British Chargé d'Affaires to Guinea Ian Richards hosted a reception on Commonwealth Day to which UNICEF was invited. The theme this year was "Youth." Funds raised at the reception are to be given to Ebola orphans in Friguigbé.

## [Célébration de la journée du Commonwealth](#)

## 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	15,140,036	166,964	1%
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	12,434,114	3,204,886	20%
Child Protection	1,345,000	6,620,000	3,381,862	3,238,138	49%
Education	489,013	8,869,000	7,338,062	1,530,938	17%
Cross Sectorial	2,599,353	6,746,000	6,070,971	675,029	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,130,866</b>	<b>93,514,000</b>	<b>79,241,582</b>	<b>14,272,418</b>	<b>15%</b>

## Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for EVD response (17/03/2015)				
Indicators	Pillar / Sector		UNICEF	
	Target	Results	Target	Results
Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week	0%	3%	0%	N/A*
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>				
Percentage of county Social Mobilization taskforces (SMT) reporting on the dashboard each week	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100%
Percentage of counties 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	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)
Number of CWCs established and functional	2,935	1,869 (64%)	1,400	1,400 (100%)
Percentage of sub prefectures with at least one security incident or other form of refusal to cooperate in past week	0%	2% (6/342)	0%	(same as Pillar/sector)
<b>HEALTH (CCCs/CTComs)</b>				
Percentage of Community Care Centres (CCC) established after a community dialogue process aligned with Global SOPs or according to norms established in country	100% (7/7)	100% (7/7)	100% (7/7)	100% (7/7)
Percentage of patients who present at a CCC within 48 hours of becoming ill with any symptoms that could be EVD	100%	8/8 (100%)	100%	8/8 (100%)
Percentage of Community Care Centres functional against target set for the current reporting period	100% (10/10)	30% (3/10)	100% (10/10)	30% (3/10)

Percentage of patients admitted to CCCs with a provisional diagnosis of possible EVD who receive a confirmatory positive or negative test (rapid or laboratory test) within 36 hours of admission to treatment facility	100%	8/8 (100%)	100%	8/8 (100%)
<b>NUTRITION</b>				
Provision of nutrition support to Ebola patients (Ebola CTE)	5,000	5,054	2,400	1,699
Infants and young children 0-12 months who cannot be breastfed and who received replacement feeding	666	1,004	666	1,004
Children 6-59 months screened for SAM and referred for treatment	7,250	539	7,250	539
<b>WASH</b>				
Percentage of all Ebola community treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services	27/27 (100%)	100%	20/27 (75%)	100%
Percentage of people in EVD-affected areas receiving essential WASH services	100%	47%	75%	25%
People benefiting from hygiene kits in Ebola affected areas	4,666,667	2,203,389	3,500,000	1,171,541
Children benefiting from hand washing facilities at schools in Ebola affected areas	1,044,000	2,530,000	783,000	1,467,000
Non-Ebola Health centres in Ebola affected areas provided with Hand washing station	800	187	600	115
<b>PROTECTION</b>				
Percentage of EVD-affected children provided with care and support, including psychosocial support	70%	49% (55,266/120,000)	70%	49% (55,266/120,000)
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%	79% (4,732/6,000)	70%	79% (4,732/6,000)
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
Reopened schools in Ebola-affected district equipped with a minimum package for Ebola prevention	8,929	12,455	3,843	7,176
Teachers trained on psycho social support, Ebola prevention, and safe and protective learning environments	82,168	80,657	15,941	15,941

\* N/A = Not Applicable

## Next SitRep: 25 March 2015

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