



Children in Karoussa who have been affected by Ebola take part in play sessions that are part of a psychosocial support programme funded by UNICEF.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases rose by two this week to 3,337 from 3,335. One case was in the commune of Ratoma in Conakry and one was in Dubréka. This is the first time in two months a new case has been reported in Dubréka. (WHO, Ebola Situation Report, 30 August 2015).
- The number of confirmed deaths climbed to 2,077 with a total count of 2,529 confirmed and probable deaths.
- In Conakry, the Ministry of Youth and Youth Employment joined the campaign being conducted by the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Interior and Security to ensure drivers are not transporting corpses or sick people. For a fourth week, those involved in the campaign checked passengers' temperature and asked them to wash their hands at all of Conakry's major transport hubs and thoroughfares, including 12 mini-bus and taxi stations, 10 train stations and 34 boat embarkation points.
- UNICEF and partners organized cash distributions to 58 parents and caretakers of 161 orphaned children. This brings the total number of orphans who have benefitted from cash transfers to 5,411 children out of 6,179 orphans registered.
- Soap was delivered to 3,555 schools in 14 prefectures, including Conakry, to prepare for the reopening of schools after the summer break in October 2015. The supplies went to the 14 prefectures most affected by Ebola.
- The supply section transported 30,000 family WASH kits to the region of Nzérékoré to support preventative health and hygiene promotion activities.
- UNICEF has secured €500,000 in funding from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) to implement its "Children of Peace" programme. The grant will be used to support education activities as the country recovers from Ebola.

GUINEA

Ebola

Situation Report

2 September 2015



SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 30 AUGUST 2015

3,792

Cases of Ebola (3,337 confirmed)

2,529

Deaths (2,077 confirmed)

832

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

518

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

4,350,633

Children in affected areas since the beginning of the epidemic

196

Cases among health workers with 100 deaths (confirmed)

112,228

Children received psychosocial support

2,367,568

People benefited from UNICEF hygiene kits

Leadership and Coordination

- UNICEF's regional contingency plan for its western field office was endorsed by its partners, including the government and NGOs, during a workshop in Kindia, 26-27 August 2015. The plan centres around four major risks that have been identified: social and political unrest, flooding, cholera and a resurgence of Ebola.
- In collaboration with the National Coordination for the Ebola Response, UNICEF is planning a workshop for mid-September 2015 to share good practices and lessons learned from communication and social mobilization activities during the Ebola emergency.

WASH

- The WASH Cluster has developed a draft proposal for a minimum WASH package for health facilities during health emergencies. This package ensures minimum health and hygiene standards can be maintained in emergencies. It includes a supply of drinking water, and supplies for hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting, and for preventing and controlling infection. The WASH cluster will approve the draft package on the 9 September before submitting it to the National Coordination for the Ebola Response.**Programmes**
- During the past week, UNICEF, in partnership with
 - the regional office of the rural water agency SNAPE in Kindia and Boké, handed over the management of 35 rehabilitated and six new boreholes to the community;
 - the NGO Centre d'Etudes et d'Appui au Développement (CEAD), continued to carry out work to manually drill 70 water points in the Forest Region (Beyla, Nzérékoré, Yomou and Lola);
 - with the WASH task force in the Nzérékoré Region, continues the training of partners involved in implementing the Community-Led Total Sanitation programme in 400 villages in Beyla, Nzérékoré, Yomou and Lola. This is to stop open defecation and to improve overall hygiene;
- UNICEF and partners have completed four manually drilled water points that will benefit 1,200 people in Siguiiri. To date, 30 out of 50 planned water points planned in Siguiiri and Mandiana have been finished.

Health

- This week, 25 community health workers, seven child health supervisors and five health centre chiefs received training in the Integrated Management of Childhood Diseases in Forécariah. Each participant received a package of medicines including paracetamol, zinc, oral rehydration salts and amoxicillin.

Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners have provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,232 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted) as well as Ready-to-Use Infant Formula to 2,380 infants whose mothers have been affected by Ebola.
- Since October 2014, UNICEF and partners have provided care to 7,117 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM¹) in the Ebola-affected areas of Forécariah, Kindia, Coyah, Dubréka, Boffa, Conakry, Macenta, Guéckédou, Kissidougou, Nzérékoré, Lola, Beyla, Faranah and Siguiiri.
- UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in organizing a four-day refresher course for more than 30 trainers in the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) with a focus on admission/discharge criteria and the use of the new integrated and harmonized monitoring tools. The trainers, who come from all over Guinea, will train healthcare providers in their areas. This is expected to improve the nutrition data that is available, making it easier to reach targets and improve the overall management of the nutrition programme.
- The nutrition cluster met on 27 July 2015 and discussed the SMART nutrition results as well as contingency plans in various emergency scenarios (a resurgence of Ebola, an outbreak of another infectious disease, political unrest, flooding). The preliminary results of the SMART survey are still being approved and will be shared as soon as they become available.

¹ SAM results are updated monthly

- As part of post-Ebola early recovery plans, UNICEF is supporting the government as it revitalizes its food fortification initiative, bringing together all those involved in food supply and production in the country. The next round of discussions will focus on salt iodization as part of efforts to prevent iodine deficiency disorders.

Communication for Development (C4D)

- UNICEF continued its social mobilization activities in Boké, Conakry, Coyah, Dubréka, Forécariah, Fria, and Kindia making door-to-door visits to 43,211 households.
- In Conakry, the Ministry of Youth and Youth Employment joined the campaign being conducted by the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Interior and Security to ensure drivers are not transporting corpses or sick people. For a fourth week, those involved in the campaign checked passengers' temperature and asked them to wash their hands at all of Conakry's major transport hubs and thoroughfares, including 12 mini-bus and taxi stations, 10 train stations and 34 boat embarkation points. In the past week, 81,357 people had their temperature taken and were asked to wash their hands; only 736 (less than 1 per cent) people refused to comply. Video messages aired in trains reached 1,771 passengers.
- Strengthening surveillance in border areas continues to be the focus of the response in Forécariah, which abuts areas in Sierra Leone where cases of Ebola are still being reported. In Forécariah, 6,808 people travelling to and from Sierra Leone were sensitized about the virus, had their temperature checked and washed their hands at the three border hygiene posts. In addition, 4,228 people living in the border region were sensitized about issues such as the importance of quickly seeking medical help if falling ill and not transporting the sick by bus or taxi. A total of 12 people were referred to health centres, none of whom were subsequently suspected of having Ebola.
- Social mobilizers in Forécariah met with their counterparts in Kambia in Sierra Leone to improve information sharing and to set up joint social mobilization teams composed of staff from both countries.

Child Protection

- UNICEF and partners trained 171 community leaders in child protection and the provision of psychosocial support, bringing the total number of community leaders trained to 6,891. UNICEF and partners also organized 173 community forums to sensitize 1,511 key leaders about the importance of supporting Ebola survivors.
- UNICEF and partners organized 1,208 play and recreation sessions, in which 1,643 children (649 girls) who had not previously participated were included. Among the new participants were 138 orphans (74 girls). This brings the total number of children who have received psychosocial support to 112,228.
- Community volunteers and social workers organized follow-up visits to families taking care of 1,467 children (735 girls) who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola.
- UNICEF and partners set up nine Village Councils for the protection of children and trained their members, bringing the total number of active councils to 757.
- UNICEF and partners organized cash transfers to 58 caretakers of 161 orphaned children. Of these children, 58 (31 girls) received support for the first time in Kankan. This brings the total number of orphaned children provided with cash transfers to 5,411 out of 6,193 children registered.
- In Guéckédou, UNICEF and partners provided individual hygiene kits to 1,885 orphans (1,101 girls) and family WASH kits to 490 people taking care of children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola.

Education

- On 27 August 2015, the Ministry of Education organized a ceremony to thank all technical and financial partners working in the education sector for their support during the Ebola crisis – especially for their efforts in reopening schools in January 2015. As previously reported, not a single child or teacher caught Ebola at school. At the ceremony, the ministry awarded prizes to the top 25 graduates. UNICEF is especially pleased to note that a female student came second in the national baccalaureate exam results.

- UNICEF has secured €500,000 in funding from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) to implement its “Children of Peace” programme. The grant will be used to support education activities as the country recovers from Ebola. Activities include training social workers and volunteers providing psychosocial support; producing and broadcasting radio education programmes on the radio; and mobilizing communities to ensure they support children’s education.
- The education cluster is planning a training for provincial education department officials on education in emergencies.
- In preparation for the October 2015 reopening of schools after the summer break, UNICEF soap supplies have arrived at 3,555 schools in 14 prefectures (including Conakry) most badly affected by Ebola.

Supply and Logistics

- Under a programme funded by the European Union, UNICEF has transferred 106 metric cubes of medical and nutrition supplies to the Nzérékoré region. The Central Pharmacy of Guinea will distribute these items to health facilities.
- UNICEF has transferred 30,000 family WASH kits to Nzérékoré. The NGO Pride Guinea will distribute these kits to communities to promote health and help prevent the transmission of Ebola.
- UNICEF has distributed 160 bicycles to prefectural departments for child protection in eight prefectures in Upper Guinea to enable child protection officers to more easily carry out their monitoring activities.
- UNICEF, the Ministry of Health and the Central Pharmacy of Guinea are working together to distribute laboratory equipment and medical items funded by Saudi Arabia as part of the work to strengthen Guinea’s public health system.
- With funding from GAVI, the vaccine alliance, UNICEF continues to purchase cold chain equipment, vaccines and injection supplies, as well as trucks and vehicles for logistics purposes, for the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). Vaccine supplies storage sites are also being rehabilitated.

Human Resources

- UNICEF Guinea has a total of 195 staff members, of which 62 are international professionals and 133 are national staff. In addition to the main office in Conakry, UNICEF has three zonal offices in Conakry, Kankan and Nzérékoré which together have a total of 83 employees. Staff from the main office are deployed constantly in the field to coordinate and support social mobilization and C4D activities. Through its partnerships with various national and international NGOs, UNICEF is coordinating the activities of 2,556 social mobilizers and C4D specialists. In addition, it supports 4,816 members of Village Watch Committees and Neighbourhood Watch Committees in eight sub-prefectures where Ebola vigilance remains high.

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.

National media

- Aminata.com reported on the police campaign in Conakry to make sure drivers are not transporting corpses or sick people.
[Les agents de la Police se sont mobilisés pour intensifier les mesures de prévention face à l'épidémie Ebola](#)
- Kababachir.com carried an article on the psychosocial support programme run by UNICEF and its partners to help children who have been affected by Ebola.
[Les enfants affectés par Ebola reconstruisent leurs vies](#)

Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response

Guinea, 2 September 2015

Indicators	Pillar / Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
EPIDEMIOLOGY						
Children 0-17 years living in Ebola affected areas		4,350,633				
Cases among children 0-17 years		832				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		6,193				
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention ²	1,004,106	1,755,642	175%	1,004,106	1,755,642	175%
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week				100%	100% (2/2)	
Sub-prefectures, chiefdoms and/or counties reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week				0%	1/342	
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week				0	1	
Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors				<3%	N/D	
Proportion of population surveyed who rejected alternatives to traditional burials/funerals				<3%	3% 44/1,458 ³	
COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES						
CCCs established		6			6	
CCCs functional		3			3	
WASH						
Ebola community, treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services ⁴	16	16	100%	10	10	100%
Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station and/or WASH support	800	233	29%	600	162	27%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	4,666,667	3,443,530	74%	3,500,000	2,366,368	68%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed ⁵				172,500	132,000	77%
CHILD PROTECTION						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	120,000	112,228	94%	120,000	112,228	94%
Registered children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers due to Ebola and child survivors of Ebola who received a minimum package of support/nationally agreed package, including family tracing and reunification or placement in alternative family based care	6,000	5,951	99%	6,000	5,951	99%
HEALTH						
Health structures in Ebola-affected areas provided with Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies				800	723	90%

² Social mobilization is conducted by all cluster members. The target has been exceeded because some households have been visited twice – particularly in some areas in Forécariah and Coyah where intensive door-to-door campaigns have been organized (twice in Forécariah). The cluster may adopt a new target figure in due course

³ KAP survey, February 2015

⁴ There are 10 CTEs and CDTs plus six CTComs established by UNICEF. There are no plans at this stage to build additional CTEs/CDTs/CTComs in the country. All units have been provided with water facilities

⁵ UNICEF target has been reviewed from 67,500 to 172,500 according to the prevision in terms of rehabilitation/buildings of water points up to December 2015 (350 water points rehabilitated/built)

Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				3,000	1,100	37%
Children 6-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign ⁶				875,580	858,547	98%
HIV/AIDS						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	4,723	71%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	1,652	25%
NUTRITION						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				2,600	2,232	86%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				7,250	7,117	98.1%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				2,600	2,380	92%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				20	22	110%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support				27,510	11,285	41%
Teachers trained in Ebola prevention	82,168	80,657	98%	15,931	15,931	100%
Schools equipped with minimum hygiene package for Ebola prevention compliant with protocols	12,455	12,455	100%	7,176	7,176	100%
Children in school benefitting from learning kits				100,000	110,165	110%
Children enrolled in schools equipped with minimum hygiene package	2,704,477	2,704,477	100%	1,437,648	1,437,648	100%
Schools benefitting from replenishment of minimum hygiene package	12,455	5,905	47%	7,176	3,555	50%

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⁶ These figures correspond to children from 6-59 months, as per the indicator (actual campaign had targeted children from 6 months to 9 years)