



GUINEA

Ebola

Situation Report

8 April 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases of Ebola rose to 3,089 this week, according to WHO's Epidemiological Situation Report. The total number of confirmed, suspected and probable cases climbed to 3,515. The number of new confirmed cases of Ebola more than halved to 21 cases compared with 55 cases the previous week.
- The number of confirmed deaths from Ebola rose to 1,919, with a total of 2,333 confirmed, suspected and probable deaths.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Scouts, installed hygiene and sanitation facilities at the International Fair in Conakry which ran from 16 March to 12 April 2015. As well as keeping visitors safe from infection, the occasion also provided an opportunity to sensitize people about the disease.
- Since 16 August 2014, UNICEF and partners have made 688,973 door-to-door visits to sensitize the population about Ebola. This represents 90 per cent of all home sensitization visits made.
- UNICEF and partners distributed 3,852 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soaps) benefitting 26,964 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 232,369 and the total number of UNICEF beneficiaries to 1,626,583 people.
- UNICEF co-facilitated the second national consultation on Health, Nutrition and WASH Early Recovery Plan for Guinea in Conakry in advance of the World Bank donor meeting in Washington DC in mid-April 2015.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 06 APRIL 2015

3,515

Cases of Ebola (3,089 confirmed)

2,333

Deaths (1,919 confirmed)

594

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

348

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

4,105,926

Children in affected areas

186

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

- The President of Guinea, Alpha Condé on 28 March 2015 unveiled a 45-day plan to end the Ebola outbreak in the country. He set out a number of specific initiatives including measures to close clinics that do not abide by safety protocols; to ensure all burials are safe; and to restrict movement in certain situations. From 11 to 15 April 2015, the government and its Ebola response partners aim to organize a door-to-door “sweep” in Forécariah to uncover any cases – or suspected cases – of Ebola, community deaths, unsafe burials and to refer sick people to health centres. More than 2,000 individuals split into teams will be involved. This will serve as a pilot project and the sweep will be extended to other Ebola-affected prefectures if it is deemed successful.
- A multi-agency task force is currently working with the National Coordination for the Ebola Response to prepare and implement the “Emergency Health Plan.” UNICEF is providing significant technical support and has deployed a large team to Forécariah. UNICEF has also contributed USD 700,000 which covers a large part of the plan’s budget.

WASH

- Preventing the transmission of Ebola remains a key element of the national response. To this end, UNICEF and partners distributed 3,852 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soap) benefitting 26,964 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 232,369 and the total number of UNICEF beneficiaries to 1,626,583 people.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Action Contre la Faim (ACF), carried out hygiene promotion activities in the prefecture of Forécariah, which remains an Ebola hot zone, as well as distributing 2,426 household WASH kits. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed by UNICEF and ACF in the prefecture to 11,576 kits.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Groupe Organisé des Hommes d’Affaires (GOHA), Guinea’s largest association of private businessmen, distributed 630 household WASH kits in the border areas in Nzérékoré region.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Scouts, put in place hygiene and sanitation facilities at the International Fair in Conakry which is being held from 26 March to 12 April 2015 (*See media and external communication section*).
- UNICEF in partnership with StopPalu-RTI distributed 726 household WASH kits in Coyah. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed by UNICEF and StopPalu-RTI in the worst affected areas by Ebola to 32,902 kits.

Health

- UNICEF trained Ministry of Health and regional health directorate officials in Kindia in using RapidPro, a data collection system designed by UNICEF. Those individuals that received training have now conducted training sessions, with continued UNICEF support, in the regions of Boké, Kindia, Mamou, Labé and Faranah. The main information to be collected relate to maternal and child health. Using this system will help strengthen data gathering in the health system which is currently very weak.
- In February 2015, 100,000 children were vaccinated in Gaoual and Koundara. The second phase of the measles vaccination campaign is scheduled to start on 15 April 2015 and will cover 13 districts of Yomou, Kankan, Siguiri, Mandiana, Kouroussa, Lola, Téliélé, Guéckédou, Macenta, Beyla, Nzérékoré, Dinguiraye and Mali. The campaign aims to vaccinate 1.3 million children aged six months to nine years. The World Bank has agreed to fund this round of vaccinations which is expected to cost USD 2.4 million.

Nutrition

Ebola-related activities

- UNICEF and partners provided specific nutrition support to 1,300 infants and young children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola, children in foster care and children in care centers.

Other activities

- UNICEF co-facilitated the second national consultation on the Health, Nutrition and WASH Early Recovery Plan for Guinea in Conakry on 1 and 2 April 2015, in advance of the World Bank donor meeting in Washington DC in mid-April 2015.

Communication for Development (C4D)

- Since 16 August 2014, UNICEF and its partners have made 688,973 door-to-door visits sensitizing the population about Ebola. This represents 90 per cent of all home sensitization visits made.

45-Day Plan

- This is the third week of the government-led accelerated 45-day plan focusing on Conakry and five neighbouring provinces which aims to stop the transmission of Ebola and end the current outbreak.
- UNICEF continued to work with the recently-established social mobilization hubs – or “partner platforms” – at the heart of each commune, intended to improve on-the-ground cooperation. UNICEF has now provided the hubs with office furniture and an internet connection to make their work easier.
- In Conakry, there are now 130 new social mobilization teams based in every neighbourhood. UNICEF met with the representatives of the 130 teams on Saturday to discuss their work, which is mainly to conduct social mobilization activities.
- The Guinean Scouts and 6,000 young people working with the Ministry of Youth continued their work of carrying out door-to-door social mobilizations.
- The number of new confirmed cases of Ebola more than halved to 21 cases compared with 55 cases the previous week. The number of safe burials is increasing and the number of households showing resistance to social mobilizers is decreasing, according to WHO. However, while violent resistance has fallen, people who have come into contact with Ebola victims are still reluctant to be monitored for 21 days and are avoiding health officials by moving their location. UNICEF is working on creating messages to address this issue.

Social Mobilization and Religious Leaders

- UNICEF and partners continued to carry out door-to-door Ebola sensitization activities and provide support to Community Watch Committees (CWCs). They also continued to work with religious leaders who have played an important role in the Ebola response.
- UNICEF sensitized health and hygiene committees in Guéckédou in advance of the measles vaccination campaign schedule to start there soon.
- C4D coordinators and social mobilizers reached 32,784 people this week, sensitizing them about Ebola.

Radio

- UNICEF has helped set up or support a number of Rural Radio stations around the country and these now broadcast programmes and messages that sensitize the population about Ebola. Highlights this week included a programme in Soussou aired on Rural Radio Coyah in which Ebola survivors participated.

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 40 staff members from partner NGOs in the capital in the provision of psychosocial support. These individuals will now teach their colleagues with the aim of training 1,346 health workers in Conakry’s five communes. These health workers will lead the social mobilization teams carrying out door-to-door outreach.
- UNICEF provided a three-day training course to social workers recruited by the Ministry of Social Affairs in case management of Ebola-affected children and their families, and child protection.
- Providing support to the 5,457 children identified so far who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola remains a top priority.

- Community volunteers and social workers organized 256 community dialogue sessions nationwide, as well as making 1,132 follow-up visits to families taking care of children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola. They also organized 156 psychosocial support sessions reaching 2,527 children who had not previously received such help, bringing the total number of children who have benefited from psychosocial support to 66,955 (or 56 per cent of the 120,000 targeted).
- UNICEF set up 83 additional Community Councils for the Protection of Children (CVPE) and trained their members, bringing the total number of active CVPE to 547.
- UNICEF and partners continued to distribute family kits (containing hygiene materials, recreation materials and clothes) and school kits (containing school stationery and a schoolbag). This week, 565 orphans in the prefectures of Macenta and Guéckédou received these school kits.
- A total of 208 orphans benefited from the second round of cash transfers in Kissidougou and Nzérékoré prefectures.

Education

- Figures compiled by the Ministry of Education's Information Management Unit, with UNICEF support, showed an increase in the number of secondary school students returning to classrooms across the country. In mid-February 2015, 77 per cent of the number of pupils enrolled in secondary school during the 2013/2014 academic year were attending classes. By mid-March 2015, this figure had risen to 81 per cent.
- UNICEF organized a three-day workshop for five inspectors from the Ministry of Education's Information Management Unit on using Excel and database management. Staff should now be better able to collect and collate data, and use the statistics to identify education trends.

Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF has procured about 1.46 million pieces of soap which are being delivered to the logistics unit of the National Coordination for the Ebola Response to support the Government's 45-day action plan in Conakry and five other prefectures.
- UNICEF sent 5,000 household WASH kits to Forécariah which its NGO partner, Action Contre la Faim, will distribute.
- UNICEF has placed an order for 4,300 medical kits (including drugs, medical equipment and supplies) to support the recovery of the Guinean medical system. These will be provided to 45 hospitals, 410 health centres and 900 health posts around the country.
- UNICEF will hand over two pickups to the National Coordination for the Ebola Response.
- The rehabilitation of the rural radio station in Boffa is now complete. This was paid for by UNICEF.
- UNICEF has drawn up a contract for the construction of four border checkpoints in Coyah, Forécariah and Dubréka prefectures.
- UNICEF drew up a list of items to be procured as part of the rehabilitation of 10 health centres in Nzérékoré region.

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 Wall Street Journal ran an article in both the online and print editions describing some of UNICEF's Ebola response efforts including the funding of 21 rural radio stations and the organization of door-to-door sensitization campaigns. The article quotes UNICEF Guinea's deputy representative, Guy Yogo.

[Ebola Proves Persistent in Guinea, Where Crisis Started](#)

Local media coverage

- Vision Guinée covered UNICEF's activities at the International Fair in Conakry. [UNICEF renforce les mesures sanitaires à la Foire Internationale de Conakry](#)
- Lejour.info ran a piece about UNICEF's Global Emergency Coordinator for Ebola, Barbara Bentein, visiting Forécariah, which remains an Ebola hot zone. She visited Forécariah Rural Radio which is financed by UNICEF. http://www.lejour.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7327:2015-04-03-21-18-54&catid=9:nos-regions

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 + ECCC's	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%
Total	55,130,866	93,514,000	85,138,002	8,375,998	8.96%

Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for EVD response (08/04/2015)				
Indicators	Pillar / Sector		UNICEF	
	Target	Results	Target	Results
Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week	0%	0.7 %	0%	N/A*
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT				
Percentage of prefectures with Social Mobilization Taskforces (SMT) reporting on the dashboard each week	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)
Percentage of prefectures 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%	1% (4/342)	0%	(same as Pillar/sector)
Households receiving interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention messages	742,230	796,686**	742,230	688,973
Radio stations airing daily messages on Ebola	38	38	26	26
HEALTH (CCCs/CTComs)				
Percentage of Community Care Centres (CCC) established after a community dialogue process aligned with Global SOPs or according to norms established in country	100%	100% (7/7)	100%	100% (7/7)
Percentage of Community Care Centres functional against target set for the current reporting period	100%	43% (3/7)	100%	43% (3/7)
NUTRITION				
Children 6-59 months screened for SAM and referred for treatment	7,250	539	7,250	539
WASH				
Percentage of all Ebola community treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of people in EVD-affected areas receiving essential WASH services	100%	57%	75%	35%
People benefiting from hygiene kits in Ebola affected areas	4,666,667	2,673,168	3,500,000	1,626,583
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
PROTECTION				
Percentage of EVD-affected children provided with care and support, including psychosocial support	70%	56% (66,955/120,000)	70%	56% (66,955/120,000)
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%	91% (5,457/6,000)	70%	91% (5,457/6,000)
EDUCATION				
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

** The spread of the epidemic required activities beyond those initially envisaged.

***It was decided to provide hand washing facilities in all schools, not just those in Ebola affected areas.

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