Guinea
Situation Report
Ebola

Highlights

- As of 16 September 2014, Guinea has recorded a total of 964 cases and 608 Ebola deaths. Ebola confirmed cases and deaths have risen to 771 and 442, respectively.
- 178 children (0-18 years) are among the cases (140 confirmed, 30 probable and 8 suspected) and 112 children have died.
- Over 5,000 Guinean children are directly affected by the Ebola outbreak, with 1,400 children having lost one or both parents to the virus.
- UNICEF Guinea has completed a mapping of the psychosocial needs of children affected by the Ebola outbreak.
- The On 18 September 2014, the Prime Minister confirmed finding the bodies of seven missing members of an Ebola Sensitization Mission to Womei, including government officials and journalists.
- The Government of Guinea and UNICEF signed an agreement to accelerate the response to the Ebola outbreak in the country. The grant from the World Bank (about $11.5 M USD) will support UNICEF and the Government’s activities in social mobilization and communication, logistics and the provision of water/sanitation and nutrition services to people in affected areas.
- This week UNICEF reached 62,859 households (460,830 people including 168,065 children) through door to door campaigns. 14,165 people were sensitized during public events in Conakry, Siguiri, Kouroussa, Macenta, Yomou, and Nzérékoré.
- UNICEF distributed 173,818 bars of soap, 63,580 bottles chlorine, and tens of thousands of flyers.
- The issues related to the 115 hotline have been raised at the highest level of government. Monitoring by UNICEF will continue.
- 150 new religious leaders of Conakry (Kaloum, Matam and Dixinn) were sensitized on Ebola prevention, 200 hand-washing stations were installed in 200 places of worship and sermons and homilies on Ebola continue in all mosques (Friday) and churches (Sunday). In the rural Forest region, community radio stations continue to re-transmit the audio of a training conducted by the UNICEF C4D Specialist.
- A database for the mapping of social mobilization interventions has been launched by the Communication Commission, chaired by UNICEF.
Situation Overview

- UNICEF, as the head of the Social Mobilization Pillar of the Ebola response, continues to increase its activities throughout the country.
- Social mobilization activities have been launched in Forécariah by a UNICEF delegation including the UNICEF Regional Director for West and Central Africa and the UN Resident Representative.
- UNICEF is working with Ebola survivors to help in behavior change and mobilization of communities.

The Resistance has radicalized

The resistance in rural communities continues to radicalize in the Forest Region, the epicentre of the crisis, especially in the villages of Tonata, Yekini, Yomou, Boffossou, Koyama in Macenta, and Womei in Nzérékoré. In the village of Womei, district of Nzérékoré, an advocacy mission composed of the Governor and his advisors, prefecture representatives, district health team, WHO officials and UNICEF partner NGO Pride were attacked by youth protesters during a meeting with elders and local authorities. Eight people, including officials for Health, Prefectural Administration personnel, journalists and other actors in civil society were killed in the incident.

Supply and Distribution

UNICEF has distributed 81,224 bars of soap, 23,729 bottles of chlorine and 400,000 pairs of gloves to two public hospitals in the capital as well as hospitals in Guékédou, Macenta, Nzérékoré, Yomou, and Kérouané near Forécariah, and tens of thousands of flyers. UNICEF, with funds from the World Bank, supplied the Ministry of Health with 28 vehicles to manage the response to Ebola including the transport of bodies for safe burial and contact tracing. With the World Bank’s funds, UNICEF will purchase two 11 ton trucks, 18 ambulances and 300 motorcycles. The vehicles will help the Ministry of Health to increase its response to the Ebola outbreak. Another 100 motorcycles have been bought by UNICEF for the Ministry of Health, to support social mobilization efforts.

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