



Ebola Sketch performed by Youth

Guinea CO

Ebola



Highlights

- As of 23 September 2014, Guinea has recorded a total of 1074 cases and 648 deaths.
- 178 children (0-18 years) are among the cases (140 confirmed, 30 probable, 8 suspected). Of the total cases, 112 children have died according to the Guinean Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization.
- This week UNICEF reached 71,818 households (486,307 people including 169,937 children) through door to door campaigns.
- UNICEF distributed 205,885 bars of soap 73,663 bottles of chlorine for handwashing and household water treatment, and tens of thousands flyers.
- A door to door campaign conducted by 2100 youth trained by UNICEF and the Ministry of Youth, in collaboration with UNFPA and Plan Guinea, was launched in all five municipalities of the capital and is expected to reach 186,310 households(1,305,096 people). The youth distributed chlorine, bars of soap, flyers and posters.
- 200 religious leaders, Christians and Muslims, participated in a panel discussion on Ebola in Conakry.
- The common integrated package of activities, the mapping of partners' interventions and of the media, and the national social mobilization campaign plan are finalized.
- In an effort to reduce resistance and end violence in some Ebola affected areas, influential nationals will be deployed to their home regions and villages for social mobilization activities. A group of 30 people has been deployed in the area of Macenta and 589 others will be deployed in 12 prefectures starting next week.
- The reluctance of rural communities continues, but social mobilization efforts have helped overcome resistance in the villages of Tonata and Yekini in Yomou and Boffossou in Macenta.
- In Forécariah, about 100 km from Conakry, a hostile youth protest degenerated into a riot after the Guinean Red Cross sprayed a mortuary. Further, the Prefectural Department of Health was ransacked, causing many injuries. This violent episode demonstrates the resistance against the spraying of homes and villages. UNICEF is currently holding discussions with the national authorities to develop local skills for spraying home.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

September 26

1074

cases in Guinea (892 cases of confirmed Ebola)

648

deaths (481 have been confirmed Ebola)

178

children (ages 0-18) are among the cases of Ebola*

112

children (ages 0-18) died*

*Source WHO and Guinea Ministry of Health

UNICEF funding needs until February 2015

US\$ 55,130,867

UNICEF funding gap

US\$ 41,516,903

Additional Information

The Operational Response Plan has been finalized. \$55M is required for its implementation.

UNICEF initiated the establishment of an association of survivors in the hard-hit Nzérékoré region. The same process is underway in other prefectures. A plan of action to support the survivors and involve them, on a voluntary basis, in communication for behaviour change activities will be developed.

In view of a possible reopening of schools in October, UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to create the conditions for a return to school in safe and protective learning environments. The interventions include support to Ministry of Education (MoE) to develop school plans and protocols for referral, teacher training, and a health and wash supply package. This will enable schools to enforce both clear admission rules – i.e. through the measurement of fever for teachers and pupils before accessing school premises and ad hoc hygiene practices, such as washing hands. Additionally the MoE is being supported with guidance notes on safe reopening of schools, to inform preparation process for schools that will operate during the epidemic.

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