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Ebola Virus Disease: SitRep #30
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Key Points

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- Foya, Lofa County, and New Kru Town, Montserrado County, remain the epicentres of this Ebola outbreak.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, made a national address on Saturday on the Ebola emergency and response as part of on-going efforts to raise awareness and combat denial.
- UNICEF continues to scale up support for the response. The Health and WASH Units of the Child Survival Section provided 10 drums (45 kg each) of Chlorine; 100 cartons of soap; 500 digital thermometers; 100 insecticide treated nets; 50 pairs of rain suits, boots, gloves, nose masks, and rubber hats; and 30 pieces of overall this weekend. The Communication Section continues to actively support the social mobilization sub-committee to engage local leaders, and is facilitating a visit from SKY News Team from South Africa to document the Ebola Outbreak.
- UNICEF’s estimated funding requirement for Ebola-related Communications for Development (C4D), Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions stands at approximately US$1.59 million. The current funding gap has increased to US$1.27 million.

Situation Overview

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- Twenty-six (26) deaths are among confirmed cases. The national case fatality rate (CFR) in confirmed and probable cases is reported as 59%. The reported CFR for Montserrado and Margibi counties is higher at 66.7% than the 52.9% reported for Lofa County.
- The total number of patients currently in isolation is twenty-five (25) including nineteen (19) in Lofa and (6) in Montserrado. Eight (8) specimens await lab testing.
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- Of 441 identified contacts, 419 are currently under follow up.
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National Task Force Updates

Updates from the sub-committees continue to emphasize the need to improve contact tracing, designate a site for Ebola burials in Montserrado County, increase awareness, and ensure adherence to proper infection control measures in all health facilities.
- Dr. Thomas Nagbe, Director for Disease Prevention and Control at the MOHSW, updated the NTF on the Lofa Response he has been leading providing video clips of burials in Lofa County. Challenges noted emphasized the need for adequate supplies for the field and treatment teams including vehicles, body bags, and payment for...
the burial team, as well as continued mobilization of local chiefs. The need for increased psycho-social support including food and counselling for families and care for orphans was also highlighted.

- It was emphasized that all districts in Bong, Nimba, and Lofa be equipped with resources needed for adequate preparedness and response. Additional details on success and challenges are to be provided in relevant technical sub-committee meetings.
- The MOHWSW was asked to ensure that all reports provided to radio stations is consistent with official information.
- Additional deaths related to the index New Kru Town case continue to be reported as challenges persist with resistance to follow-up and denial. Resistance continues regarding community burials in and designation of a burial site is still needed in Montserrado County. PPEs are increasingly reported to disturb community members and aggravate resistance to response efforts.
- 4 teams are deploying to train the staff at the 200+ community health facilities in Montserrado County on proper infection control measures and provide them with adequate supplies.
- OCHA announced interest in furthering the support of the response efforts if information regarding resources received and disbursed during the first phase of the outbreak could be shared. Creation of a map of “who is doing what where” was recommended as was the development of a communication strategy with the designation of clear responsibilities for all key players.
- UNICEF and WASH partner support was requested to establish a cholera treatment unit (CTU) at Redemption Hospital as the current CTU is now functioning as the JFK Ebola Treatment Unit.

UNICEF Response

Through its Communications and Child Survival Sections, UNICEF continues to provide critical C4D, health and WASH sector support to the national Ebola response in coordination with National Task Force sub-committees.

- The Health and WASH Units of the Child Survival Section provided the following over the weekend: 10 drums (45 kg each) of Chlorine; 100 cartons of soap; 500 digital thermometers; 100 insecticide treated nets 50 pairs of rain suits, boots, gloves, nose masks, and rubber hats; and 30 pieces of overalls.
- The Communication Section continues to actively support the social mobilization sub-committee. Over the weekend, the committee worked closely with Red Cross to engage local leaders in Lofa and Montserrado Counties, and is facilitating a visit from SKY News Team from South Africa to document the Ebola Outbreak. The SKY News Team is being supported by UNICEF members of UNICEF IPC team based in Foya, Lofa County. One of the Ebola Prevention Songs produced with the support of UNICEF is also now airing on radio stations.

UNICEF Funding Needs:

- UNICEF’s current estimated funding requirement for Ebola-related C4D, Health and WASH interventions remains approximately US$1.59 million. The office has received the following support to date: US$100,000 from the Japan National Committee for UNICEF; US$100,000 from the US Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance/OFDA (provided through UNICEF Regional Office for West and Central Africa); US$30,000 from the UK Department for International Development/DFID (re-programmed funding); and US$93,000 from the UK Committee for UNICEF. The current funding gap has increased to US$1.27 million.

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