As of 27 January 2016, two new cases of Ebola have been confirmed in Sierra Leone. On 14 January 2016, the first confirmed case of Ebola was announced in the district of Tonkolili. The new case stems from a 22 year old female who died on 12 January 2016. While symptomatic, the index case traveled to Port Loko and Kambia, resulting in quarantined communities across the three districts. The aunt of the index case, who took care of her and was placed under quarantine, was also confirmed positive on 20 January 2016.

Although the announcement of the new case was disappointing, the response mechanism under the leadership of the Office of National Security was rapidly activated. UNICEF was identified by the Inter-Agency Rapid Response Team as Incident Manager to lead the response in the field (Tonkolili and Kambia), in collaboration with WHO (Incident Commander – based in Freetown).

Within the first 24 hours of the event notification, UNICEF rapidly mobilized to support the response and quarantined communities by deploying key personnel and supplies to the affected districts. To date, supplies with a total value of US$333,454 have been dispatched to the affected districts (including tents, CCC rapid response kits, WASH, Education and Child Protection supplies).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 27 January 2016

8,706 1
Confirmed cases of Ebola

3,590 1
Confirmed deaths from Ebola

1,459 2
Confirmed cases of infected children under age 18 registered by MSWGCA

8,624 2
Registered children who lost one or both parents due to Ebola

UNICEF funding needs to March 2016
USD 5 million

1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation
2. Source: Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs (MSWGCA)
3. Funding status as of 17 November 2015
Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization (SM)\(^1\)

- In the Western Area, UNICEF supported social mobilization partners HFAC, Conservation Alliance, Sierra Leone Red Cross, Talented Young People Everywhere and Child Welfare Society, along with Social Mobilization Action Consortium (SMAC), focused on the dissemination of key messages, such as sustained hand washing practices using soap and water, safe and dignified burials/swabbing and calling the emergency 117 number. The focus has also been on disseminating messages on increased community ownership and maintaining vigilance.
- UNICEF partner, Girl Child Network, rolled out ward-level training for secret society members to enhance their participation and support the 90 day heightened surveillance period. The training was attended by 50 participants from 49 wards in Western Area Urban.
- In Kambia and Port Loko, UNICEF supported social mobilization partners, Restless Development and OXFAM UK, continued mobilizing communities through the festive season.

Response to the new EVD outbreak

- The standard event response Standard Operating Procedures for social mobilization and community engagement was immediately actioned. As part of the emergency protocol, the social mobilization pillar was activated at the national level within the first 24 hours of the event notification. In Tonkolili, the mechanism was activated within 48 hours, while in Kambia and Port Loko, it was activated in 72 and 96 hours respectively although some of the key partners were on the ground from day one. An updated messaging guide and response checklist was immediately shared with the district. Daily contact was established between national and district social mobilization pillar partners from the onset of the outbreak and a daily reporting mechanisms was established.
- As of 25 January, UNICEF has supported the deployment of 250 and 121 social mobilizers in Tonkolili and Kambia respectively. In addition, 40 roving social mobilization teams from UNICEF partner, Restless Development, have also been activated in Kambia and Tonkolili to engage communities through street theatre.
- In Tonkolili, chiefdom task forces comprising of 20 community stakeholders, four social mobilisers and one Ebola survivor have been activated across all 11 chiefdoms.
- With the support from UNICEF partner, Focus 1000, 371 religious leaders and 254 traditional healers have been mobilized in Tonkolili.
- The social mobilization pillar has also been engaging community elders and influencers following initial community resistance on ring vaccination.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- UNICEF continued to support the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) in compiling and analyzing survey data on WASH in health facilities to identify gaps and requirements to strengthen post-Ebola health service provision.
- UNICEF supported three WASH partners to implement new WASH standards and guidelines in health care facilities for 17 out of the 84 PHUs to ensure compliance with the MoHS infection, prevention and control (IPC) requirements and also continued to monitor and support implementing partners in the early recovery rehabilitation project for WASH at 170 schools and 85 health facilities in Western Area, Kenema, Pujehun, Moyamba, Tonkolili, Bombali, Port Loko and Kambia districts.
- UNICEF continued to support the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) to draw up plans to improve coordination at district level and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) to roll out national WASH standards and guidelines in schools.

Response to the new EVD outbreak

Port Loko

- Installed four water tanks and delivered approximately 17,000 litres through community water carriers benefitting 75 quarantined EVD affected persons.
- Constructed two emergency latrines in Port Loko benefitting 36 quarantined EVD affected persons.
- Provided 24 hygiene kits to 107 quarantined EVD affected people in 24 households.

Tonkolili

- Four 5,000-litre tanks were installed by implementing partner PACT with UNICEF support benefitting 43 contacts
- 60,000 litres of water provided by SALWACO and distributed to the quarantined households through PACT.
- Hygiene promotion was conducted for the households under quarantine and hygiene kits/supplies distributed benefitting all 43 contacts through PACT with UNICEF support.

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\(^1\) UNICEF is the lead agency for the UN for social mobilization and community engagement and co-chairs the Social Mobilization pillar with the Health Education Division (HED) of the MoHS
Kambia

- One 2,000-litre tank was installed by ACF and 10,000 litres of water provided by water carriers to the quarantined households through CAWeC with UNICEF support, benefitting 33 contacts.
- Hygiene promotion was conducted for the households under quarantine and hygiene kits/supplies distributed to all the 33 contacts under quarantine through CAWeC with UNICEF support.

Child Protection

- 4,752 children and parents from seven districts (Western Area, Tonkolili, Moyamba, Port Loko, Kono, Bombali, and Kenema) received psychosocial support (PSS) in the reporting period, including counselling, recreational activities, healing ceremonies and mental health services. Comprehensive case assessment was conducted for 130 children in Western Area and Port Loko. Action will be taken based on the findings of the assessments.
- As part of post-Ebola systems strengthening, solar equipment has been installed in MSWGCA offices in 13 districts. The solar equipment are part of the hardware UNICEF is providing to the MSWGCA to establish a Child Protection Information System. UNICEF has additionally provided high quality equipment including servers and computers. AFCON, an internet service provider contracted by UNICEF is in the process of installing internet service to all 13 offices.
- Implementation of Project Shield is ongoing. UNICEF has supported the MSWGCA to scale up the project in Kambia, Tonkolili and Kono. Training of survivor advocates has taken place in all location and verification, registration of survivors and service mapping have started in all three locations. 56 survivors (20 in Tonkolili, 20 in Kono and 16 in Kambia) have been trained and 148 survivors have been verified in Tonkolili. Data from the other two districts is being confirmed.
- 67 motorbikes and a 4x4 vehicle worth in total over $180,000 were handed over to the Family Support Unit (FSU) of the Sierra Leone Police on 28 January by UNICEF. This will bolster their capacity to reach out to more vulnerable children, prevent violence against children, access hard to reach communities, and respond effectively and efficiently using the case management system that is currently being developed by the MSWGCA.

Tonkolili

- CARITAS Makeni and FHM continued to follow up on children placed in foster care and those reunified with parents. 664 children (342 boys and 322 girls) benefitted from recreational activities.

Kambia

- AMNet has continued follow up on more than 100 EVD affected children within the district and facilitating their participation in recreational and educational activities in their communities. AMNet has continued providing healing ceremonies for affected children in 3 chiefdoms in the district.

Port Loko

- UNICEF partners, Connect Sierra Leone, Conforti and other Child Protection agencies have completed a reassessment of children in the child protection caseload and are updating the children’s information in the database. Connect Sierra Leone and Conforti provided psychosocial support to children in more than 50 communities.

Western Area

- Healing and cleansing ceremonies, organized by UNICEF partner Conforti, continued in Calaba Town. The ceremony was attended by stakeholders in the community, community members and a number of dignitaries and partners, including UNICEF.

Bo

- UNICEF partner, Christian Brother, and the MSWGCA followed up on all EVD affected children in the district facilitating PSS activities.

Kono

- UNICEF partner DCI SL, MSWGCA and the child protection committee followed-up on children and supported PSS activities in five communities. Healing and cleansing ceremonies formed part of the PSS activities which were organized.

Moyamba
UNICEF partners, Christian Brothers and PLAN, focused on the reassessment of children and updating children’s data in the Primero database. More than 200 cases have been reassessed.

Kenema
UNICEF partner, Ben Hirsch, in collaboration with MSWGCA and other child protection partners carried out a mediation to address dispute between a survivor and community members in Lango in Nongowa chiefdom, Kenema District. All children have been followed up at least once during the reporting period. Counselling, recreational activities and monitoring of school attendance have continued in the district.

Response to the new EVD outbreak
Tonkolili:
The child protection network in Tonkolili intensified follow-up for nine children in quarantine as result of their exposure to a new EVD case registered in the district. All nine children and their families were provided with PFA and with basic non-food items. Additionally, they have been provided with recreational kits to keep children engaged in child friendly activities. 100 FTR and 100 recreational kits were provided to children in Tonkolili.

Port Loko
55 children and their families in quarantine in Port Loko were followed up and provided with PFA, FTR kits and recreational kits.

Kambia
18 children and their families in quarantine were followed up and provided with psychological first aid. They were also provided with FTR kits and recreational kits to help them better cope with the stress of being quarantined. 60 FTR kits were provided to children in Kambia.

Education
As part of prevention efforts, UNICEF is supporting the District Education Officers (DEOs) to monitor the implementation of the school safety protocol and guidance note in affected communities to ensure that all schools are adhering to safety measures. This includes ongoing use of RapidPro by ward based EduTrac monitors in the Districts. The monitors were selected by MEST from Back to School (BTS) Committees, School Management Committees (SMCs) and other existing community structures that already have a responsibility of monitoring activities within the schools.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) is in the process of finalizing the 10-24 months recovery plan for the education sector. UNICEF and partners have been focusing on scaling up support for access to quality education for all Out of School Children, and the most vulnerable children especially girls in Sierra Leone as part of the recovery strategy to get all children back to school.

UNICEF, in collaboration with Save the Children supported the MEST to put together the 4Ws (who, what, where and when) report for the sector. Information was collected from all education partners working in the sector. This analysis is used to develop the sector dashboard that MEST uses for reporting on the transitional and recovery plans.

As part of capacity building efforts, UNICEF supported staff from MEST and its fourteen DEOs to undergo ICT training in order to strengthen information management and sharing through the use of modern technologies such as modems, storage devices, etc.

Response to the new EVD outbreak

UNICEF alongside DEOs in Tonkolili, Port Loko and Kambia and partners (Action Aid, ACTS, CEFORD and DIP) have been supporting the Ebola response. UNICEF distributed teaching and learning material including core subject lesson notes to all 54 school going children in quarantine (29 boys and 25 girls). In Tonkolili, four boys and three girls, in Port Loko, 19 boys and 20 girls, and in Kambia six boys and two girls were supported.

Health
Post-Ebola recovery and strengthening of health systems
UNICEF supported the response to the measles outbreak in selected communities in Western Area through a ring vaccination of 109 vulnerable children under five years of age. A plan is in place to intensify and strengthen routine immunization in the Western Area.

UNICEF also continued to support the EPI/CH program of the MOHS on the development of the EPI multiyear plan (cMYP) 2017-2021.
• With funding from JICA, UNICEF procured and supplied 86 units of solar refrigerators to the MoHS (EPI program) during the period under review and will be supporting the distribution to the districts level and installation of the equipment in designated PHUs in the next quarter.

Response to the new EVD outbreak
• UNICEF is supporting the case management pillar and provided six tents, 54 hospital beds, and six CCC rapid response kits to the affected districts.
• A UNICEF health team also provided field technical support for the installation of the treatment centers and to ensure quality, availability (especially of IPCs) and appropriate use of UNICEF supplies. The team further assessed the health needs of high risk persons including children in quarantine and the effect of the EVD outbreak on routine utilization of health services in health facilities which did not indicate any major decline in utilization so far.

Nutrition
• 11,782 children under five were screened at community level in 125 out of 149 chiefdoms, covering 340 communities, in the reporting period. 225 (1.9 per cent) severe acute malnourished (SAM) children were identified, of whom 2232 were admitted for treatment at the Out-Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP), while 31 children who had SAM with medical complications were referred to an In-Patient Facility (IPF) to receive pediatric and nutrition care. By the end of the reporting period, 2,512 children received treatment and 238 boxes of ready to use therapeutic food (RUTF paste) were consumed. Distribution plans were developed at district level for the OTP PHUs replenishment. This report was analyzed from Kenema, Moyamba, Kambia, Port Loko, Bombali, Tonkolili districts.

Response to the new EVD outbreak
• RU1F (Ready to Use Infant formula) has been procured and prepositioned in the five districts.
• The high risk contact mother admitted to the holding centre of 34 Military Hospital at Western Area with her one year old child is being monitored by a nutritionist. The mother and child are both receiving BP 100 along with the hot cooked meal from hospital kitchen.
• Quarantine houses are receiving food baskets as per standard operating procedures. UNICEF is coordinating with WFP and Directorate of food and nutrition (DFN) to ensure malnutrition screening of children 6-59 months and BP 100 to 6-59 months orphan children.

Human Resources
The process of downsizing continues. During the reporting period, staffing of the Country Office decreased from 220 to 187.

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Media and External Communication
A key media event at the start of the reporting period was the official launch of 16 health construction and rehabilitation projects with EU funding ($7.2m) to strengthen health services after the Ebola outbreak. The Vice President and Health Minister joined the UNICEF Representative at a launch ceremony in Bo District and the press release issued by the office was widely reprinted in the local press.

Also in the period, a new web story highlighted the contribution of donors to providing free healthcare to children and mothers. Media coverage also picked up our educational support to children, and our work with partner World Hope International. Daily posting on social media continued pushing Facebook likes close to 12,000 and Twitter close to 5,000; a highlight was the 21 days of profiles highlighting frontline workers in the ‘My Ebola Story’ project, which was extensively shared.

2 This represents 99 percent cases that attended after referral from the community. Efforts are being made to encourage mothers whose children have been identified with malnutrition to attend OTP for admission and treatment
3 Those referred to IPF include cases identified in the community every week, cases coming spontaneously to the OTP and the non-respondent cases, referred by health workers, who have been attending OTP for a while
Funding

In the 2016 Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) UNICEF is appealing for USD 5 million for Sierra Leone to support the needs of children and communities affected by the Ebola crisis until the end of March 2016.

UNICEF greatly appreciates the contributions that have been received to date from DFID/UKAID, OFDA/USAID, ECHO/European Union, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, SIDA, the Governments of Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates, OCHA, and the Danish, Japan, Swedish, Swiss and UK Committees for UNICEF, as well as the US Fund for UNICEF, and the private sector.

Programme Results

| UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response | Sierra Leone, 27 January 2016 |
|---|---|---|
| **Indicators** | **Pillar / Sector** | **UNICEF** |
| | **Target** | **Actual** | **% Achieved** | **Target** | **Actual** | **% Achieved** |
| **EPIDEMIOLOGY** | | | | | | |
| Children 0-17 years living in Ebola affected areas | | | | | | |
| Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers | | | | | | |
| **COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | | |
| Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention | 886,480 | 2,017,296 | 228% | 532,000 | 1,089,561 | 205% |
| Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week | 100% | 0/0 | 100% | 100% | 0/0 | 100% |
| Chiefdoms reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week | 0 | 15 | 8% (15/182) | 0 | 15 | 8% (15/182) |
| Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week | 0 | 19 | | 0 | 19 | |
| Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors | <3% | 38% 1,286/3,415 | <3% | 38% 1,286/3,415 | | |
| Proportion of population surveyed who rejected alternatives to traditional burials/funerals | <3% | 12% 437/3,540 | <3% | 12% 437/3,540 | | |
| **COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES** | | | | | | |
| CCCs established | 58 | | | 46 | | |
| CCCs functional | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| CCCs decommissioned | 58 | | | 46 | | |
| **WASH** | | | | | | |
| Ebola community, treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services | 94 | 69 | 72% | 52 | 36 | 69% |
| CCCs provided with essential WASH services | 58 | 58 | 100% | 46 | 46 | 100% |
| Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station and/or WASH support | 1,162 | 1,162 | 100% | 1,162 | 1,162 | 100% |
| People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas | 420,000 | 260,833 | 62% | 420,000 | 260,833 | 62% |
| **CHILD PROTECTION** | | | | | | |
| Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services | 25,000 | 65,722 | 263% | 25,000 | 65,722 | 263% |
| 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 | 2,000 | 2,520 | 126% | 2,000 | 2,520 | 126% |

4 KAP Survey, December 2014
5 This was a one off activity carried out by UNICEF on behalf of the cluster
### HEALTH

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<td>Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management</td>
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<td>Children 6-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign 6</td>
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<td>Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment</td>
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<td>Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula</td>
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### EDUCATION

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<td>Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes</td>
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<td>Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)</td>
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<td>Teachers trained in Ebola prevention</td>
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<td>Schools provided with replenishment of minimum hygiene package</td>
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<td>Children supported to access education in emergency</td>
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<td>Children enrolled in schools equipped with minimum hygiene package</td>
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6 The measles campaign for Sierra Leone targeted children 9-59 months

7 The target has been revised from 18,885 to 20,126 to accommodate an additional 2 districts, making a total of 9 districts.

8 Data from the field on actual number of teachers trained is under verification

9 Teenage pregnancy targeting approximately 3,900 pregnant girls and approximately 5000 children affected by flood and other emergency

10 Teenage pregnant girls registered in the Education programme according to MEST report

11 Derived from schools equipped with minimum hygiene package during replenishments multiplied by average of 200 students per school