

Alimamy, nine, is excited. After spending 21 days in quarantine in Mamusa village, Port Loko district, he wants to go back to school and see his teacher and his friends. @UNICEF SL/2015/Kassaye

Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

29 July 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

- In the week to 26 July 2015, there were three confirmed Ebola cases, down from four cases the previous week. Two cases were reported from a quarantined home in Hagan street community in Freetown, Western Area Urban district (the only area reporting cases out of 48 wards in the district). One case reported from Tonkolili district, after 150 days without a case, came from Kholifa Rowala chiefdom.
- In Kambia and Port Loko districts, UNICEF-led social mobilization teams, in collaboration with 3,545 traditional leaders, paramount and section chiefs and over 860 traditional healers, reached 29,520 people through community meetings and household visits in 2,425 communities.
- UNICEF, through its partners Sierra Leone Water Company, OXFAM and Community Action for the Welfare of Children-CAWEC, supported the delivery of 48.7m³ of water to 309 people in 73 quarantined households and four check points in Kambia and Port Loko districts.
- UNICEF is responding to a new Ebola case in Tonkolili district where 53 households with 495 people in Massassabeh village and 125 health workers at Masanga hospital were placed under quarantine on 25 July 2015. UNICEF partners have already started distributing WASH supplies such as water tanks and hygiene kits.
- Last week, 104 handwashing stations were distributed to 32 vulnerable communities in Samu, Gbeleh Dixin and Thorminaye chiefdoms along the Guinea and Sierra Leone border. As of last week, 207 handwashing kits had been distributed to 38 border communities.
- UNICEF partner, Defence for Children International, in collaboration with Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, District Ebola Response Centre, local leaders and community members, conducted a reconciliation ceremony in Rosanda community, Bombali district, to support acceptance and community reintegration of a woman Ebola survivor and her family.
- UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) is appealing for USD 178 million for Sierra Leone to support the needs of children and communities affected by the Ebola crisis until the end of July 2015. Currently, UNICEF is revising its HAC appeal in order to establish the needs until the end of 2015. As of 22 July, USD 121.7 million (68.4% of the total funding needs) has been received.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 28 July 2015

8,697¹

Confirmed cases of Ebola

3,585¹

Confirmed deaths from Ebola

1,459²

Confirmed cases of infected children under age 18 registered by MSWGCA

8,624²

Registered Ebola Orphans

UNICEF funding needs to June 2015

USD 178 million

UNICEF funding gap

USD 56.1 million³

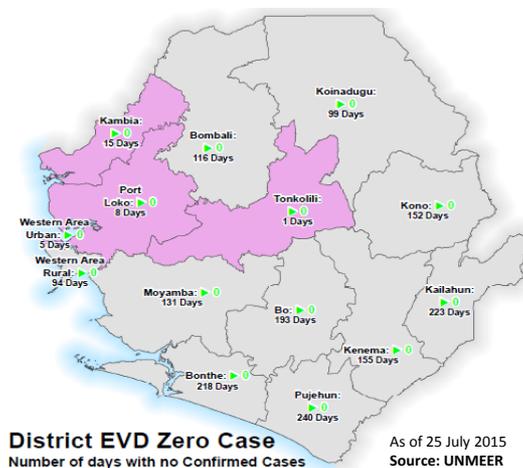
1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

2. Source: Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA)

3. Funding status as of 29 July 2015

Operation Northern Push (ONP) and Western Area Urban Surge

The surge in efforts to get to zero Ebola case in the north-western active transmission districts of Port Loko, Kambia and Western Area Urban has seen a large scale up of operations by the Government of Sierra Leone and partners since the launch of the operation on 16 June 2015. During the week to 26 July 2015, there were three confirmed Ebola cases, down from four cases the previous week. Two cases were reported from a quarantined home in Hagan street community in Freetown, Western Area Urban (the only area reporting cases out of 48 wards in the district). One case reported from Tonkolili district, after 150 days without a case, came from Kholifa Rowala chiefdom.



Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization

- In Kambia and Port Loko districts, UNICEF-led social mobilization teams comprising of social mobilizers and community champions from key partners (IFRC, Restless Development, Oxfam and Health for All Coalition), in collaboration with 3,545 traditional leaders, paramount and section chiefs and over 860 traditional healers, reached 29,520 people through community meetings and household visits in 2,425 communities.
- During the reporting period, 47 communities (1,596 people in quarantined houses and neighbouring communities) in Western Area Urban district were engaged by traditional and community leaders through community conversations, dialogues and story boards.
- The Ebola Survivor Task Forces set up in hotspot communities of Western Area Urban district engaged 1,200 community members and conducted 102 one to one Ebola awareness sessions within the communities. As part of intensification of community engagement activities in the district, two Ebola survivors have been deployed to Voluntary Quarantine Facilities for two weeks to calm the anxieties of 119 people in quarantine. Social mobilizers are continuing community engagement activities in wards that have no Ebola cases.

WASH

- UNICEF, through its partners Sierra Leone Water Company, OXFAM and Community Action for the Welfare of Children-CAWEC, supported the delivery of 48.7m³ of water to 309 people in 73 quarantined households and four check points in Kambia and Port Loko districts. Since 18 June 2015, UNICEF partners have delivered approx. 861.42 m³ of water to 3,733 people in 736 quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko.
- Two quarantined households with five people in Laya Gborah village, Kambia district, received hygiene kits after their stay in quarantine was extended. Cumulatively, 303 quarantined households (1,266 people) have been provided with hygiene kits in Port Loko and Kambia districts since the beginning of ONP.
- One latrine was constructed at the Dintilipan Community Care Center in Samu chiefdom, Kambia district, by UNICEF partner Marie Stopes. UNICEF continues to monitor and support 17 CCCs with essential WASH packages that include sanitation facilities, waste management and water supply for drinking, personal hygiene and disinfection.
- 104 handwashing stations were distributed to 32 vulnerable communities in three Samu, Gbeleh Dixin and Thorminaye chiefdoms along the Guinea and Sierra Leone border. As of last week, 207 handwashing kits had been distributed to 38 border communities.

Education

- As of last week, 49 school-going children were still in quarantine in Port Loko (15), Kambia (5) and Western Area Urban (29). During the reporting period, UNICEF distributed solar radios to children in quarantined households in Port Loko district for them to access the Radio Education Programme. Since June 2015, 31 solar powered radio sets have been distributed to 45 children (12 girls) in quarantined households in Port Loko.

Child Protection

- UNICEF and partners continued to provide protection and care services to asymptomatic contact children to minimize their risk of exposure to Ebola while their sick primary care-givers are in Ebola Treatment Centres (ETU). As part of these efforts, 13 contact children were in quarantine in the UNICEF-supported Observational Interim Care Centres (OICC) in Kambia, Port Loko and Western Area Urban districts.
- During the reporting period, 444 quarantined children in Kambia, Western Area Urban and Port Loko districts received psychosocial support (PSS). This included individual and group counselling, daily monitoring visits from UNICEF

partners and Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWCGA) to assess their situation, support with play and recreation materials and activities as well as provision of relief packages such none food item (NFI) kits.

Nutrition

- In Port Loko district, one infant received Ready to Use Infant Formula (RUIF) while three others (aged between six and 11 months) received UHT milk as part of the Benimix (a mixture of local ingredients rich in protein and carbohydrates) package.

Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization (SM)¹

- The National Ebola Response Centre strategy document 'Getting to a Resilient Zero' was finalized last week. UNICEF led the consultations and finalization of the community engagement component. The strategy advocates for adoption of a systematic focus on community ownership of the response, especially around the drivers of transmission that include fear, traditional health seeking practices, inadequate trust and collaboration from the communities

Health

- The Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS), with the support of UNICEF, is organizing Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) reviews in all the 14 districts. The reviews will bring together about 50 stakeholders per district, including the District Health Management Team, Chiefdom Supervisors, Ebola Response Consortium supporting the district, District Logistic Officers, Local Councils, WHO and UNICEF. Key IPC achievements, challenges, timelines, gaps and way forward will be discussed. Last week, Kailahun, Kono and Koinadugu districts conducted their IPC reviews.
- As part of efforts to reinforce the capacity of staff in charge of Peripheral Health Units (PHU) to supervise Community Health Workers (CHWs) deployed in hard to reach areas of Koinadugu district, the District Health Management Team, supported by UNICEF, organized a training of 72 PHU staff.

Nutrition

- A cumulative total of 416 infants (0-5 months) of Ebola affected mothers and infant orphans (0-5 months) of non-Ebola affected mothers from 11 districts² are currently receiving biweekly supplies of RUIF from UNICEF. In addition, 370 boxes of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food were consumed in eight districts³.
- Nutrition supplies (Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food in the form of a compressed biscuit (BP100), RUIF and Ultra High Temperature milk) were provided to 4,104 Ebola patients at 12 Ebola Treatment Units (ETU), 23 Ebola Holding Centres (EHC), three combined ETU/EHCs, seven Interim Care Centres, six Observational Interim Care Centres as well as 18 CCCs.
- Last week, 38,778 children under five years from 632 communities in 83 chiefdoms were screened and 680 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children were identified. 528⁴ of them were admitted for treatment at the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) centre while 234 who had SAM with medical complications were referred to an Inpatient Facility to receive pediatric and nutritional care. As of last week, 2,251 children were receiving treatment under OTP.

WASH

- UNICEF continues to support the Sierra Leone Water Company and Guma Valley Water Company to truck water to water-stressed Ebola affected communities, ETUs and other health facilities. During the reporting period, approx. 490 m³ of water were delivered to over 3,500 people across the country.
- UNICEF and its partners District Ebola Response Centre and Concern Worldwide, are responding to a new Ebola case in Tonkolili district where 53 households with 495 people in Massassabeh village and 125 health workers at Masanga hospital were placed under quarantine on 25 July 2015. UNICEF has already started distributing WASH supplies such as water tanks and hygiene kits.

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

² Port Loko, Kambia, Tonkolili, Koinadugu, Western Area, Moyamba, Kenema, Pujehun, Bonthe, Bo and Kono

³ Kono, Kenema, Moyamba, Kambia, Port Loko, Bombali, Koinadugu and Tonkolili.

⁴ This represents 84.3 percent cases that were admitted after referral from the community.

Community Care Centres (CCCs)

- Since 17 November 2014, UNICEF-supported CCCs have triaged 28,101 patients and detected 1,019 Ebola suspects across five districts. 837 of the Ebola suspects were admitted and have received supportive care at the CCCs. 182 patients also got rapid ambulance transfers for immediate care at Ebola Treatment Units.
- In the past week, 565 patients were triaged at UNICEF-supported CCCs, representing an average of 81 patients per day. Eight (six in Kambia and two in Kono district) of the patients triaged met the Ebola case definition while 88 percent of the lab results were received within 48 hours of patient admission.

Seven-day status update

District	Number/ Type of CCC	Implementing Partner	Triaged	Admitted	Transferred	% Ebola Suspects	Reporting Completeness
Bombali	3 x 8 beds	World Hope	0	0	0	0%	100%
Tonkolili	4 x 8 beds	Concern Worldwide	0	0	0	0%	100%
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	532	6	0	1.1%	100%
Western	0						
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	33	2	0	6%	71%
TOTAL	136 beds		565	8	0	1.5%	94%

All data is received through RapidPro, a SMS-based data collection platform.

Child Protection⁵

- As part of efforts to build the information management capacity of the MSWGCA, UNICEF trained 14 MSWGCA Information Managers on the Child Protection and Case Management Information Management System. The training will strengthen the Ministry's capacity to monitor partners providing support, reunification and follow up services to Ebola affected children.
- UNICEF partner Defence for Children International, in collaboration with MSWGCA, District Ebola Response Centre, local leaders and community members, conducted a reconciliation ceremony in Rosanda community, Bombali district, to support acceptance and community reintegration of a woman Ebola survivor and her family. The woman was accused of bringing Ebola to her community and could not return to her home since she was discharged from the Ebola Treatment Centre in March 2015. The woman and her family were staying in a UNICEF-supported Interim Care Centre for Ebola affected children.
- UNICEF and partners continued to respond to the immediate protection and psychosocial needs of Ebola affected children across the country. Last week, at least 665 children benefited from integrated psychosocial support. This includes 108 children in four Interim Care Centres (ICC). Three children from the ICC in Bombali were reunified with their parents. Since January 2015, 16,772 children have benefited from UNICEF protection and psychosocial support while 1,868 unaccompanied and separated children have been reunified with their families and relatives.
- With the resurgence of Ebola in Tonkolili district, an OICC which had been closed is being re-opened as an emergency preparedness measure.

Education

- UNICEF provided technical support to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) to develop plans for rolling out a schools monitoring system. 1,182 ward-level community monitors will monitor all schools nationwide and report weekly through the SMS based monitoring and reporting system *RapidPro*. Training manuals have been developed jointly by the National Electoral Commission, MEST and UNICEF for the trainings to be conducted by end of August 2015.
- UNICEF conducted assessment visits to Koinadugu and Port Loko districts in preparation for the roll-out of the community based Early Childhood Development project later this year. The project aims to explore and pilot contextually appropriate and cost-efficient strategies for promoting the physical, cognitive, language, social and emotional development of vulnerable children living in resource-poor communities. The team assessed the technical, coordination and management capabilities of the candidate implementation partners as well as the needs and conditions in the potential project communities.

⁵ UNICEF is the UN Child Protection lead agency for the Ebola response and co-chairs the Child Protection, Psychosocial and Gender pillar with MSWGCA.

Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	49	19	68
National Staff	85	84	169
Staff on Surge and SBP	2	6	8
Total Staff	136	109	245
Outsourced third party / government staff for CCCs			219

Media & External Communication

- Last week, UNICEF's role in the joint Polio immunization and birth registration campaign was mentioned in local newspapers namely The Nationalist, Salone Times, New Vision and New Storm as well as on [WHO](#) website and [Infection Control Today](#) website. In addition, UNICEF was mentioned in a story on [Ebola orphans](#) on the BBC website.

Funding

In line with the UN inter-agency response strategy for the Ebola outbreak, [UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC) is appealing for USD 178 million for Sierra Leone to support the needs of children and communities affected by the Ebola crisis until the end of July 2015. Currently, UNICEF is revising its HAC appeal in order to establish the funding needs until the end of 2015. As of 12 July 2015, USD 121.7 million (68.4% of the total funding needs) has been received.

UNICEF greatly appreciates the contributions that have been received to date including 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, 29 July 2015						
Indicators	Pillar/Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
EPIDEMIOLOGY						
Children 0-17 years living in Ebola affected areas		Not Available				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		8,624				
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention	886,480	1,780,826	201%	532,000	980,689	184%
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week	100%	9/9	100%	100%	9/9	100%
Chiefdoms reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week	0	32	16% (32/182 ⁶)	0	32	16% (32/182)
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week	0	50		0	50	

⁶ There are 149 chiefdoms in districts in Sierra Leone. However the Western Area (urban and rural) Districts do not have chiefdoms but wards. These total chiefdoms and wards add up to 182

Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors	<3%	38% 1,286/3,415		<3%	38% ⁷ 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		17			17	
CCCs decommissioned		41			29	
CCCs converted/transformed into Alternate Care Centres		0			0	
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 ⁸	100%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	420,000	249,262	59%	420,000	249,262	59%
CHILD PROTECTION⁹						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	18,852	16,772	89%	18,852	16,772	89%
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 (PSS)	2,523	1,868	74%	2,523	1,868	74%
HEALTH						
Health structures in Ebola-affected areas provided with Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies				1,185	1,195	101%
Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				6,000	9,715	162%
Children 6-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign ¹⁰				1,240,601 95% of children 9-59	1,205,865	97%
HIV/AIDS						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				1,142	916	80%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				900	155	17%
HIV positive children under 15 continuing to receive ART				539	300	56%
NUTRITION						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	4,104	128%

⁷ KAP Survey, December 2014

⁸ This was a one off activity carried out by UNICEF on behalf of the cluster

⁹ The discussions on the targets for CP are still ongoing

¹⁰ The measles campaign for Sierra Leone targeted children 9-59 months

Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	13,642	72%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	416	139%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)	36,000	18,338 ¹¹	50.9%	9,000	8,997	99.9%
Teachers trained in Ebola prevention	36,000	18,338	50.9%	9,000	8,997	99.9%
Schools equipped with minimum hygiene package for Ebola prevention compliant with protocols	9,000	8,460 ¹²	94%	3,472 ¹³	3,472	100%
Children in school benefitting from learning kits	1,800,000	1,800,000	100%	1,800,000	1,800,000	100%
Children enrolled in schools equipped with minimum hygiene package	1,800,000	1,692,000	94%	694,400 ¹⁴	694,400	100%

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¹¹ Complete package of Teachers training in PSS, EVD prevention including school protocol and guidance notes

¹² This is derived from the national coverage of 94% observed in RapidPro Monitoring

¹³ UNICEF targeted at distributing 24,300 hygiene kits.

¹⁴ Derived from schools equipped with minimum hygiene package multiplied by average of 200 students per school