Highlights

The UNICEF representative participated in a field visit with the Office of National Security and the United Nations Country Team to assess the site that has been selected to relocate displaced persons. If and when the decision is made, the United Nations Country Team will consult and based on the decision, UNICEF will coordinate with the pillars to ensure that all conditions on the ground have been met before the relocation of affected persons.

UNICEF is continuing to support the children that have been relocated to the Don Bosco site. As of 22 August, the total number of displaced children and adults at Don Bosco is 200. Children range from 0 to 18 years old. Almost all of the displaced children are with their adult female family members.

In the meantime, heavy rains are continuing in Freetown but there have been no further reports of flooding. Efforts are now underway to move from the first phase of the response – focused on saving lives and preparedness – to supporting the affected and displaced communities recover from this tragedy.

UNICEF’s Response with partners

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<th>WASH</th>
<th>Regent (Saio)</th>
<th>Kango/ Malama</th>
<th>Pentagon</th>
<th>Juba bridge/river</th>
<th>34 hospital</th>
<th>PCMH</th>
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UNICEF is supporting handwashing in displacement centres, hospitals and communities to reduce the risks for water borne infections. ©UNICEF Sierra Leone/2017/James
| No. of people reached with hygiene promotion and education | 0 | 294 | 500 | 358 | 221 | 485 | 176 | 572 |
| No. of WASH related IPC kits provided (health facilities) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No. of water treatment chemicals (aqua tabs) provided | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. of liters provided from rainwater harvesting system | 0 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,500 | 0 |
| No. of 20 litre buckets (for water storage) provided | 0 | 20 | 70 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. of new communal water point developed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. of visual media education on cholera prevention | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

**Health**
- As part of planning for cholera preparedness, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has placed two ambulances on standby and UNICEF has been requested to support the development of cholera treatment protocols. The Director of Drugs and Medical Supplies has also requested to include cholera drugs and consumables in the routine Free Health Care distribution to Peripheral Health Units in the Western Area.
- UNICEF is continuing to provide infection prevention and control (IPC) materials. UNICEF supply section is assembling IPC supplies for delivery to the IPC component of the burial pillar.

**Child Protection**
- UNICEF continues to support the Protection pillar and partners with the coordination of the response. In collaboration with the Protection pillar and partners, UNICEF continued to support affected children, including provision of psychosocial support and identification of child protection concerns.
- On 23 August, 191 children attended Child Friendly Spaces in Kamayama, Pentagon and Regent and 76 children received Psychological First Aid in Kamayama, Pentagon and Regent.

**Education**
- UNICEF has released a total of 12 ECD kits for use in the Child Friendly Spaces and provided a crash training to staff on their use.
- Assessment on the readiness of schools being used as temporary displacement centers is continuing.

**Nutrition**
- Out of 167 children screened, seven children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were identified in two relocation sites (Kaningo and Culvert) and referred to an OTP site; while a 6-month old orphan with an <18 year old caregiver was identified to receive feeding support as a result of a joint rapid assessment and quick response for nutrition services carried out by UNICEF, WHO, WFP, DFN and SUN secretariat. The team composed of 12 nutrition workers (seven from UN and Government agencies assisted by five student volunteers) deployed to assess the nutrition services provided to the affected sites. The team assessed provision of food and nutrition services such as food distribution, nutrition screening (MUAC/Odema) and referral to IMAM sites, IYCF counselling, monitoring and reporting of infant milk formula donations at the community level. During the visit, the team equipped implementing partners with a package of materials to effectively carry out community nutrition services. The package is composed of: one pack of children and adult MUAC tapes, 20 referral slips, key messages on breastfeeding and breast milk substitutes, IYCF counselling cards, address and contact details of the nearest OTP site.
- UNICEF in partnership with WHO continues to engage with DFN to release the statement on breast milk substitutes. There are also reported donations of milk powders to the Government of Sierra Leone – these supplies are yet to be distributed. UNICEF is engaging with the Government to discourage the distribution of these products to these communities.

**Social mobilization**
- The work of community health workers is continuing and has been strengthened by the establishment of a mobile team. Peer supervisors engaged for the community health worker emergency response reported the following figures for 22
August: 2,326 households visited, including 1,190 males and 955 mothers of children under five. 213 community dialogues were held and 193 stakeholders were also engaged on issues surrounding cholera and malaria prevention.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination
The Government of Sierra Leone initiated its emergency response mechanism, under the leadership of the Office of National Security. A command centre was established in the area of Regent, the epicenter of the landslide, to ensure coordination of efforts. At the technical level, pillars have been activated to coordinate the response (child protection, health, logistics, security, social mobilization, food and nutrition, WASH, shelter).

At the level of the United Nations Country Team, the United Nations Resident Coordinator has designated the Country Director and Representative of the World Food Programme as Incident Manager. To support the United Nations response, a United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team has been deployed to Sierra Leone. The team will assist with coordination, information management and needs assessment activities. In terms of field coordination, meetings are held at the Office of National Security twice a day and the United Nations Country Team is also meeting daily to ensure coordination at the level of the United Nations.

Humanitarian Strategy
Following the initial operations to rescue survivors and recover the bodies, the response is being implemented on three levels: 1) support to communities affected by the landslide and floods as well as mitigation of resurgence and potential risks; 2) providing support to those in the temporary displacement centres; and 3) mitigating potential risks, such as cholera or any other outbreaks.

To support the response, UNICEF has established a field and mobile team composed of members from all sectors. The UNICEF strategy in focused on the immediate response, prevention (potential disease outbreaks and other emergencies) and recovery.

Human Resources
The Country Office is supporting staff that have been either directly or indirectly affected by the crisis. The Human Resources team, Staff Association, Peer Support Volunteers and counsellors (at the Regional Office and HQ) are on standby to provide assistance to staff. While there is no need for additional staff at the moment, the Regional Office is providing remote support as required. Human Resources will request support from the Regional Office to fast-track the recruitment of the Emergency Officer position.

Funding
The crisis has garnered a lot of media attention and further to the generous contribution from DFID (£2,136,260), other donors have expressed interest in pledging funds to support the response and recovery. Donors have also been flexible in terms of fund utilization to support the response and the Country Office is finalizing a response plan on potential gaps for donor support.

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