

EBOLA
Situation Report #7

14 May – 1st June 2021

Epidemiological Situation



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Situation Overview

- As of 1st June 2021, 16 cases of Ebola were confirmed in Guinea, including 5 confirmed deaths and 10 recoveries.
- 10,873 people have been inoculated (including 2,879 frontline staff) since the official launch of the vaccination on February 23, 2021.
- The countdown (42 days) to the end of the epidemic started on May 8, 2021. Guinea is 19 days away from declaring the end of the Ebola virus disease.
- 10,120 people directly sensitized (including 4,539 women) through preaching and sermons by imams and priests in 30 mosques and 20 churches on preventive measures against Ebola in the urban commune of N'Zérékoré.
- 60 humanitarian actors trained on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, the survivor-centered approach for the management of GBV and community-based complaint mechanisms.
- The funding gap for the response is currently at 81%.

(as of 1st June 2021)



16 confirmed cases



5 deaths



10 people recovered



1 region affected





UNICEF Response Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)

UNICEF continued to distribute hygiene kits, reinforce water supply mechanism and sanitation in health facilities and in the community.

- 55 hygiene kits have been distributed to social mobilizers in Boma in the urban commune of N'Zérékoré.
- Finalization of the rehabilitation works and installation of solar equipment for the well in the epidemiological treatment center of Gouécké.
- Rehabilitation of a water point at the airport of N'Zérékoré.
- UNICEF has ensured the supply of drinking water through a support to the Société des Eaux de Guinée in the neighborhoods not covered by its network, providing water trucking in 7 out of 22 neighborhoods of the urban municipality of N'Zérékoré with a frequency of 3 days per week.
- UNICEF officially handed over 5 blocks of public latrines, 3 in the urban commune of N'Zérékoré and 2 in Kokota.
- In order to ensure the sustainable management of the structures built, UNICEF continued to support the training of 655 members of ecological clubs in the rural communes of Gouécké, Womey (N'Zérékoré) and Kokota (Lola).
- Construction of 3 blocks of latrines in the health centers of Nyen Soukoura, Gonia and the regional hospital (urban commune of N'Zérékoré); and rehabilitation of 8 blocks of latrines at the regional hospital of N'Zérékoré.



Health

- UNICEF supported the National Health Security Agency (ANSS) in finalizing the operational plan for the 42 days of active surveillance in the 5 other health districts of Nzerekore region with the integration of UNICEF sectoral activities.
- In collaboration with the management team of N'Zérékoré prefectural health directorate, UNICEF conducted a supervision and evaluation mission of the urban health center in the commercial district to ensure continuity of health services and improve patient flow.
- UNICEF has provided the Yomou prefecture hospital with personal protective equipment after a case of Lassa fever has been confirmed.



Nutrition

- In collaboration with the management team of the N'Zérékoré prefectural health directorate, UNICEF conducted the supervision of urban health structures for the continuity of nutrition activities.
- UNICEF continued to support the screening activities, cooking demonstrations and sensitization to the women's groups and 10 Community agents of the NGO Centre d'étude et d'appui au développement on essential family practices, infant and young child feeding and exclusive breastfeeding in the context of a health emergency. During these activities, 119 children including 65 girls aged 6-59 months were screened using the Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measurement tool. 273 women were sensitized including 34 pregnant women and 9 breastfeeding mothers around 3 sessions of cooking demonstrations.
- UNICEF supported 12 home visits by community agents of the NGO Centre d'étude et d'appui au développement (CEAD). The objectives of these visits were to:
 - Assess the level of involvement of the heads of households in the application of essential nutrition practices,
 - Analyze the reduction in the use of various health services such as the Severe Ambulatory Nutritional Rehabilitation Center, the Moderate Ambulatory Nutritional Rehabilitation Center, the Expanded Program on Immunization, the Antenatal consultation and the Primary Health consultation.



Response to specific basic needs and continued access to basic social services, including Education

- UNICEF has supported the rehabilitation of 10 manual boreholes in schools in the urban commune of N'Zérékoré. These facilities will provide access to drinking water for 4,691 students, including 2,104 girls. A technical meeting with the teachers of the schools was conducted in order to put in place the management system to ensure the sustainability of the rehabilitated facilities.
- As part of the reinforcement of the Ebola virus disease prevention protocol in schools, UNICEF has completed the construction of 66 additional booths in the 3 School Delegation for Elementary Education (DSEE) of the urban commune of N'Zérékoré: 20 in the DSEE North ; 20 in the DSSE East and 20 in the DSEE West.



Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

- UNICEF facilitated the organization of three training sessions for PSEA and GBV focal points of humanitarian organizations involved in the Ebola response in N'Zérékoré from May 14 to June 1, 2021.

These workshops contributed to the capacity building of 60 humanitarian actors on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, the survivor-centered approach for the management of GBV and community-based complaint mechanisms.

- A consultation meeting between members of the PSEA Regional Task Force was held to finalize the list of partners not yet trained. The next training is planned for 117 new partners and scheduled for June 2021. This training will focus on the mitigation of the risks of gender-based violence (GBV) and the mechanisms of disclosure of incidents of GBV and SEA in the different sectors of the response.



Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- Promotion of preventive measures and availability of Ebola services were addressed by local imams and pastors during preaching services in 30 mosques et 20 churches of the urban commune of N'Zérékoré.
- With support from UNICEF, 17 RCCE focal points in the 17 “Aires sanitaires” (health zones) of N'Zérékoré were trained and deployed, and a refresher training was held for 40 RCCE supervisors on RCCE. During the training, new EVD case definition and community-based surveillance were discussed in order to contribute to the effective and efficient management of the increasing community alert reports and referral's refusal for suspect cases.
- UNICEF continued its support to community engagement to fight the Ebola disease. Four community dialogues were conducted: three in the “Direction Préfectorale de la Santé” of Yomou (villages of Zouwéi, Gboimou, Bemeyé) to address community reluctance towards the Ebola intervention and prepare the implementation of RCCE and community-based surveillance activities. 68 women participated in the meeting to discuss on the topics of care and treatment in Ebola treatment Center and handwashing.
- A qualitative research protocol was developed, with the support of UNICEF, to address the issue of increased refusal and reluctance to transfer to EVD treatment center from suspected cases.
- UNICEF supported 345 social mobilizers in the “Direction Préfectorale de la Santé” of Nzérékoré catchment area to conduct community alert report, community-based surveillance, and interpersonal communication on the topics of transfer of suspected cases and sample collection on peoples who died outside of health facilities.
- UNICEF provided support to the production and broadcasting of radio programs by 15 public and private radio stations of the “Direction Régionale de la Santé” of N'Zérékoré (reaching).



Psychosocial Support and Child Protection

- UNICEF, in collaboration with the Regional Inspectorate of Social Action and Childhood, has continued to provide support to those who have recovered from Ebola through the payment of school fees for children living in two households.

- UNICEF has supported the orientation and deployment of 20 social workers including 5 women from its partner NGOs in the affected areas (Samoe, Soulouta, Gouecke and the urban commune) to ensure psychosocial and psychological care of people affected and infected by the Ebola virus disease. The social workers identified 151 households eligible to receive cash support of \$130 each. A follow up mechanism for vulnerable households has been set up under the leadership of the regional inspectorate for social action and children and with the participation of local authorities.



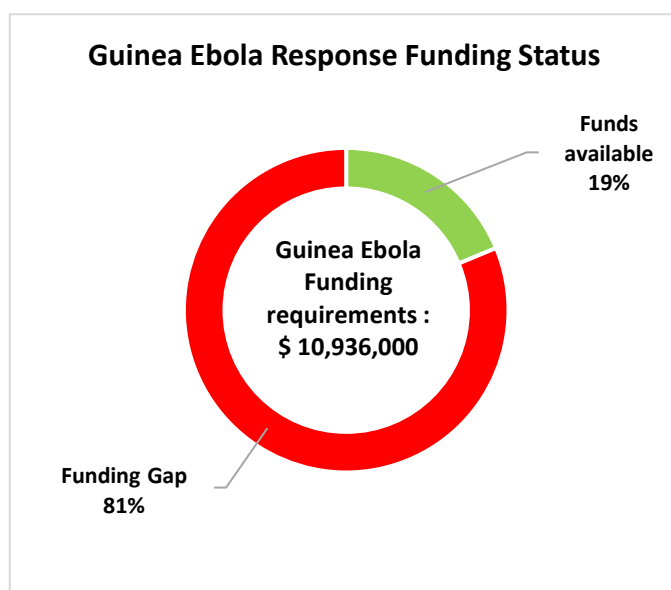
Coordination

- Under the ANSS leadership, UNICEF co-leads the Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), IPC/WASH, the Psychosocial Support, and the PSEA pillars of the Ebola response.
- UNICEF regularly participates in the coordination meetings of the various sectoral sub-commissions of the different response plan pillars at national and regional levels in N'Zérékoré and Conakry.



Funding Overview

- UNICEF Guinea requires USD 10,936,000 to support the Ebola prevention and control, and continued access to essential, quality and inclusive social services, including the protection of children affected by the Ebola outbreak.
- The Country Office is in discussion with partners to secure additional funds through new allocations and thanks partners for flexible and timely funding to support an effective and efficient Ebola response in Guinea.



External Media

Articles (In French)

[J-30 avant déclaration fin #Ebola #Guinée! Une formation des points focaux communication de risque & engagement comm](#)

Visit of UNICEF Regional Director for West and Central Africa to Nzerekore, Ebola Epicenter (27 Mai 2021)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvZUKZuZkZQ>

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