

EBOLA
Situation Report #8

2nd June – 19 June 2021

Epidemiological Situation



Situation Overview

- As of 19th June 2021, 16 cases of Ebola were confirmed in Guinea, including 5 confirmed deaths and 11 recoveries.
- 10,873 people have been inoculated (including 2,879 frontline staff) since the official launch of the vaccination on February 23, 2021.
- 240 school examination centers have been visited to secure IPC in Ebola-affected areas where the end-of-year examinations will take place during the active surveillance period.
- On 19th of June, The Minister of Health officially declared the end of the EVD epidemic in Nzerekore.
- Under the leadership of the National Health Security Agency (ANSS), UNICEF has contributed to the development of the post Ebola “90 days plan” to strengthen health system and surveillance after declaration of end of Ebola outbreak.
- The funding gap for the response is currently at 81%.

(as of 19th June 2021)



16 confirmed cases



5 deaths



11 people recovered



1 region affected



UNICEF Response



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

UNICEF continued to provide water and sanitation to communities and vulnerable people.

- 8 washing points were installed in the most frequented public places and technical services of the State in the urban commune of N'zérékoré.
- UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of 20 water points in schools and communities in the rural communes of Gouécké, Womey and Kokota.
- UNICEF has continued the construction of 12 latrine blocks in health centers, schools, the regional hospital and in communities (Nzérékoré urban commune).
- UNICEF officially handed over 5 blocks of 31 public latrines at the regional hospital in the urban commune of N'Zérékoré and in the rural commune of Kokota.



Health

- UNICEF provided its technical expertise to surveillance activities by attending daily meetings of surveillance committee in N'Zérékoré and weekly meeting in Conakry.
- UNICEF is working with Alima (Alliance for International Medical Action) to develop care and treatment protocols on hemorrhagic fever diseases for breastfeeding and pregnant women and children in Guinea, and to set up a child friendly space to host children from parents admitted in the Nzerekore CT-Epi.



Nutrition

- UNICEF facilitated the supervision for the continuity of nutrition activities by the management team of the Municipal Health Directorate of N'Zérékoré and its partner NGOs.
- UNICEF supported 16 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 reasons behind the dropouts of the various services provided in health centers.
- UNICEF continued to support the screening activities, cooking demonstrations and sensitization to the women's groups and 10 Community agents of the local NGO called "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, 232 children including 134 girls aged 6-59 months were screened using the Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measurement tool. 307 women were sensitized including

19 pregnant women and 33 breastfeeding mothers around 5 sessions of cooking demonstrations.



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

- In collaboration with the Regional Education Inspectorate, UNICEF conducted visits to 100 schools in Nzérékoré, Gouécké, Soulouta and Womey to monitor measures to prevent the Ebola virus disease.
- 240 school examination centers have been visited to secure IPC in Ebola-affected areas where the end-of-year examinations will take place during the active surveillance period.



Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

- UNICEF facilitated the training of 82 staff (including 33 women) of humanitarian partners involved in the Ebola response on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), gender-based violence in emergencies (GBViE), and how to link survivors of GBV/SEA with PSEA/GBV specialists to ensure appropriate services, including psychosocial, health, safety and legal support.
- UNICEF supported a consultative meeting with communities of Gouecke and Pkagalaye and 5 health zones in the urban commune of N'Zérékoré to identify existing complaint mechanisms and to enhance the inter-agency community-based complaint mechanisms (CBCM) on PSEA in the Ebola affected communities.
- As the lead of the PSEA coordination task force, UNICEF is supporting and leading the development of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to guide and define steps and measures to be taken when SEA is committed by an aid worker during the Ebola response. The SOPs will also define SEA case flowchart with inputs from the community-based consultation process.



Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- UNICEF facilitated 6 supervisory missions for RCCE actors including social mobilizers, proximity supervisors and RCCE focal points in 9 health areas of N'Zérékoré to strengthen their contribution to community-based surveillance.
- In collaboration with religious leaders, UNICEF supported the integration of handwashing and continuity of health services messages to be addressed during preaching services in 30 mosques and 20 churches in the prefecture of N'Zérékoré.
- The social mobilisers notified 491 community alerts (including 37 deaths and 454 patients) in support to community-based surveillance activities in the 17 health areas of the N'Zérékoré

Prefectural Health Directorate.

- In collaboration with local radio stations in N'Zérékoré, UNICEF supported the continuation of the production and broadcasting of radio programmes on various public health themes.



Psychosocial Support and Child Protection

- In collaboration with the Regional Inspectorate of Social Action and Childhood, UNICEF and its partner NGOs (AFASCO, Enfants du Globe and the Guinean Association of Clinical Psychologists) have continued to provide psychosocial care to people affected by the Ebola virus disease in the various sites. 15 social workers visited 59 households. During those visits, 214 contact children (including 144 girls) were identified to receive hygienic and dignity kits.
- UNICEF supported the orientation of 20 community volunteers (including 10 women) on the facilitation of child-friendly spaces to assist in the integration of Ebola-affected children into the community and combat their stigmatization.
- The social workers reached 200 people (including 99 women) through awareness messages on respecting barrier measures and no stigma of people affected by Ebola regardless of their status (recovered, contacts or sick) using the community dialogue platform.
- Clinical psychologists screened 84 people (including 39 women) affected by EVD for therapeutic support. Among this group, there are 6 health workers, 56 contacts and 3 recovered patients. To date, 17 people screened are receiving psychological care.
- A two-day training was organized for social workers on psychological counselling techniques.



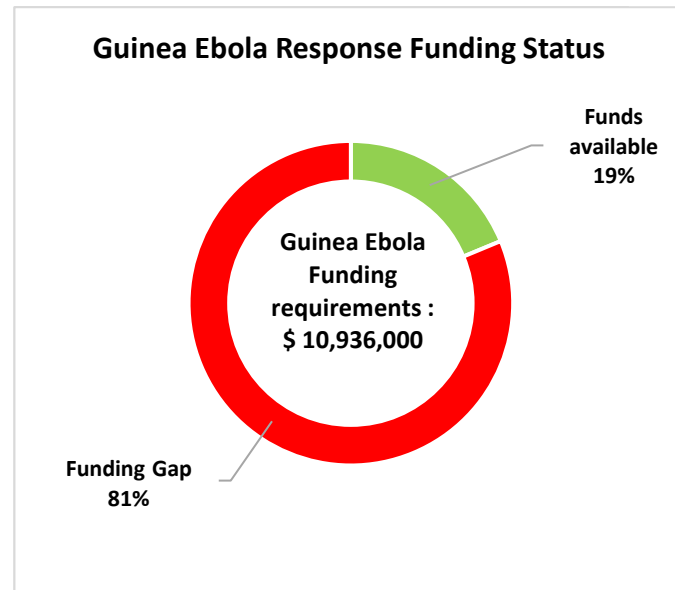
Coordination

- 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.
- UNICEF has participated in the elaboration meetings of the 90 days plan at ANSS.



Funding Overview

- UNICEF Guinea requires USD 10,937,000 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)

Riposte à Ebola : l'UNICEF met en place un centre de tri à l'hôpital régional de N'zérékoré

<https://www.unicef.org/guinea/recits/riposte-%C3%A0-ebola-lunicef-met-en-place-un-centre-de-tri-%C3%A0-lh%C3%B4pital-r%C3%A9gional-de-nz%C3%A9r%C3%A9kor%C3%A9>

Guéri d'Ebola Alexis* dit toute sa reconnaissance à l'UNICEF pour le support psychosocial

<https://www.unicef.org/guinea/recits/gu%C3%A9ri-debola-alexis-dit-toute-sa-reconnaissance-%C3%A0-lunicef-pour-le-support-psychosocial>

L'UNICEF réhabilite un forage et 01 bloc latrines dans une école primaire de plus de 1000 élèves

<https://www.unicef.org/guinea/recits/lunicef-r%C3%A9habilite-un-forage-et-01-bloc-latrines-dans-une-%C3%A9cole-primaire-de-plus-de-1000>

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