


EBOLA
Situation Report #3


25 March – 1 April 2021

Epidemiological Situation

(as of 1 April 2021)

 **15** confirmed cases

 **5** deaths

 **9** people recovered

 **1** region affected



Situation Overview

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- As of April 1 2021, 15 cases of Ebola were confirmed in Guinea, including 5 confirmed deaths and 9 recoveries.
- 4,905 people have been inoculated (including 2,235 frontline staff) since the official launch of the vaccination on February 23, 2021.
- During the reporting period, 5,720 households were visited by 385 community mobilization actors, supported by UNICEF, to ensure regular risk communication messaging on the EVD in the 9 affected health areas and 8 others at risk.
- In collaboration with the local authorities, UNICEF provided psychosocial support to 62 children (including 29 orphan girls) in 38 households in the communes of Gouécké and Samoé.
- The funding gap for the response is currently at 83%.



UNICEF Response



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

- UNICEF rehabilitated 5 boreholes in the rural commune of Kokota, in the municipality of Lola (Nzérékoré region). The rehabilitation of these structures will allow over 1,500 people safe access to drinking water in their communities.
- UNICEF actively participated in the implementation of operational tools and guidelines for the WASH-IPC regional commission, including direct support to the local authorities in the regional coordination under the WASH-IPC pillar, in which UNICEF is the co-lead.
- For the period of this report, UNICEF made available 5 sanitation kits to the municipal council of Kobela (in the region of Nzérékoré) to be distributed to public places in the communities, such as health centres and places of worship.



Health

- UNICEF worked with the members of the Municipal Directorate of Health in Nzérékoré (DPS) for the planning of the supervision of the vaccination teams and the oversight of the continuity of services in local health outlets.
- In partnership with CDC, WHO, AFENET, IOM and IFRC, UNICEF supports the Integrated Analytics Cell – an initiative led by the National Health Security Agency (ANSS) – to improve understanding of the impacts of Ebola on the use of health services.
- UNICEF has also finalized the Medical Supplies Distribution Plan for 17 health centers in the Nzérékoré region, including the distribution of PPEs in coordination with the National Health Security Agency (ANSS).
- In the continuity of essential health services front, UNICEF is working with the Monitoring & Evaluation section of the National Malaria Control Program (PNLP) for their support in the preparation of the Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN) campaign, which is being organized at the Nzérékoré level.



Nutrition

- At the central level and in collaboration with partners, UNICEF continues to monitor the improvement of nutritional services of the various vulnerable layers in the context of Ebola and COVID 19.
- In collaboration with the Municipal Directorate of Health in Nzérékoré (DPS), UNICEF is supporting the planning of the training of nutrition focal points and heads of health centers on the recently released national protocol on the management of malnutrition.

- UNICEF continues to monitor the use of the nutritional supplements made available to the 17 health centers in the Nzérékoré region.



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

- In coordination with the OHCHR, the GIZ and the Municipal Directorate of Education in Nzérékoré (DPE), UNICEF hosted a meeting on the planning and alignment of interventions to the different Technical and Financial Partners (PTFs).
- In collaboration with the OHCHR, the GIZ and the DPE, UNICEF co-hosted a group animation for 250 students (130 girls) and 13 teachers (7 women) on the dissemination of messages to fight Ebola, including the management of suspected cases at school and in the neighborhood, and the management of violence in times of crisis.
- UNICEF reached out to 2,535 school members (1,681 teachers, 254 school directors and 600 members of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) and briefed them on vulnerability mapping and on the ability to respond to specific needs of children in health crisis situations.



Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

- During the reporting period, 270 people directly involved in the Ebola response were identified, divided into 5 groups and trained on PSEA. The training sessions were facilitated by UNICEF, with support from WHO.
- UNICEF is working with other UN agencies on a training of partners on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).



Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- 5,720 households were visited by 385 community mobilization actors to ensure regular risk communication messaging on EVD through interpersonal dialogues with community members in the 9 affected health areas and 8 at risk.
- 40 supervisors of community mobilization actors were trained on community-based surveillance in the 9 affected health areas.
- 528 radio programs were broadcasted by 15 local radios on dignified and safe burials, on the EVD vaccine, and on community-based surveillance.
- Community feedback was collected through community leaders' platforms and local radios. These were used by community mobilization actors to refine the messages on dignified and safe burial, EPI-TC attendance and EVD symptoms.



Psychosocial Support and Child Protection

- In collaboration with the Regional Inspectorate of Social Action and Childhood, UNICEF provided psychosocial support to 62 children (including 29 orphan girls) in 38 households in the communes of Gouécké and Samoé.
- As part of the follow-up and support to those who have recovered from Ebola, UNICEF provided assistance in food, clothing, health and economic care to the last recovered individual from the EPI-TC. The need for such support emanated from a needs-assessment made by social workers to each of the recovered individuals. The latest recovered individual mentioned above is facing professional and social challenges and is currently being monitored by a social worker in Gouécké.
- 124 people (including 58 women) in 48 households were reached by home visits carried out by social workers as part of the sensitization messages to families on the importance of non-stigmatization, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), preventive measures against the EVD and psychosocial support.



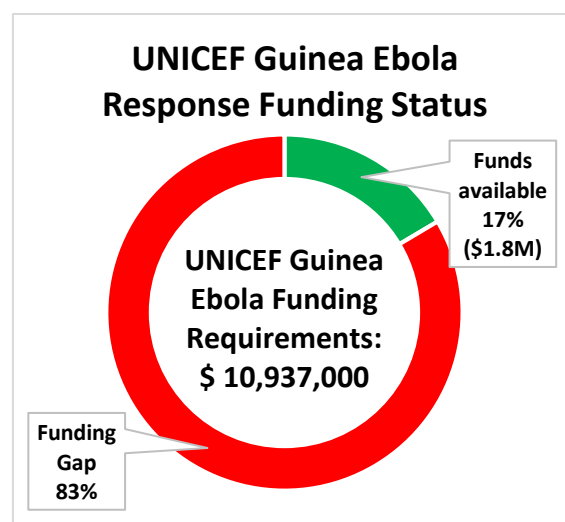
Coordination

- Under 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.



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)

[The Ebola's resurgence strongly impacts the continuity of health services in Gouécké](#)

[Despite the tragic disappearance of his mother Ambroise Haba, a child contact with Ebola is gradually recovering](#)

[Ebola: contact children benefit from psychosocial support and hygiene kits](#)

Ongoing messages on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#))

[#Guinea #Ebola With the pandemic, routine activities such as #immunization and pre-natal consultation should not be disrupted](#)

[#Guinea #Ebola, @UNICEF handed over personal protective equipment to @anss_guinee](#)

[Psychosocial support provided by social workers deployed by @UNICEF](#)

Photos

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/unicefguinea/albums/72157718684272787>

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