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**EBOLA**  
Situation Report #5

14 April – 24 April 2021



Situation Overview

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- As of April 24, 2021, 16 cases of Ebola were confirmed in Guinea, including 5 confirmed deaths and 10 recoveries.
- On 24 April 2021, the last confirmed case was discharged from the CT-Epi in Nzerekore.
- 8,082 people have been inoculated (including 2,434 frontline staff) since the official launch of the vaccination on February 23, 2021.
- UNICEF supported the construction of 39 isolation booths in all schools in the urban commune of N'zérékoré to allow accessible isolation of any suspected case of Ebola in the school environment.
- In collaboration with local authorities, UNICEF facilitated the disinfection of 67 schools in the region, with an enrollment rate of 18,011 students (including 8,321 girls).
- The funding gap for the response is currently at 82%.

Epidemiological Situation

(as of 24 April 2021)



## UNICEF Response



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

UNICEF continued to support the distribution of hygiene kits to communities and health facilities to help limit the spread of the EVD, including:

- Distribution of 419 kits in 419 households, and in 50 public places (hair salons, workshops, bars, markets, entry points, etc.) in the village of Kpagalaye and in the rural commune of Soulouta.
- Distribution of 40 kits to traditional healers in the rural communes of Womey and Gouecké.
- Provision of 28 kits to the urban health centres of Soukoura, Horoya, Gonia de N'zérékoré, the health centre of Soulouta and the health post of Kpagalaye.

UNICEF is also supporting the ongoing construction and rehabilitation of sanitary facilities in health facilities, communities, and schools, including the following:

- 10 blocks of latrines under construction in the 10 health facilities (N'Zérékoré, Womey and Gouécké).
- One incinerator under construction at the Mohomou health centre.
- 17 blocks of public latrines under construction in the communities (Womey, Gouécké, Kokota, and the rural commune of N'Zérékoré).
- 11 blocks of latrines under construction in 11 schools (Womey, Gouécké, Kokota, and the rural commune of N'Zérékoré).
- Rehabilitation of two water points in Kpagalaye.
- Identification of 179 ecological clubs for hygiene promotion and best practices in schools.



### Health

- During the reporting period, in collaboration with local health authorities, UNICEF conducted an assessment mission to Kpagalaye health centre, in the sub-prefecture of Soulouta, as well as to two urban health centres to ensure the implementation of preventive measures for risk reduction and continuity of care. A joint evaluation mission also assessed the vaccinators deployed in the field, as well as the proper use of the handwashing kits installed in the 6 health centres of the urban commune.
- UNICEF continued to provide the health facilities with PPEs (N'Zérékoré Regional Hospital; 5 urban health centres; 6 rural health centres (Boma, NyaLenzou, Bonouma, Koulé, Palé and Koropara); Kpagalaye health post and Soulouta rural health centre).



## Nutrition

- UNICEF supported the deployment of 14 women's groups and 70 community relays trained on Essential Family Practices (EFPs) and on Young Child Feeding (YCF) practices in emergency contexts.
- UNICEF facilitated the supervision for the continuity of nutrition activities by the management team of the Municipal Health Directorate of N'Zérékoré.



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

- As part of the strengthening of preventive measures and surveillance in schools, UNICEF supported the construction of 39 isolation booths in all schools in the urban commune of Nzérékoré, thus allowing safe isolation of any suspected case in the school environment.
- In collaboration with the Regional Education Inspectorate of N'Zérékoré, UNICEF facilitated the disinfection of 67 schools, consisting of 222 classrooms and 94 latrine blocks in the School Delegation for Elementary Education (DSEE) of Gouécké, Soulouta, Womey and Kokota, with an enrollment of 18,011 students (including 8,321 girls).



## Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

- UNICEF facilitated the first meeting of the PSEA Task Force, during which the victim management plan was finalized – a common mechanism for reporting allegations – as well as the planning of the training sessions on PSEA for UN agencies' partners.



## Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- Three focus groups have taken place with 84 individuals – including Zowo women, youth, religious and traditional leaders, followed by a community dialogue that gathered about 170 community members in Kpagalaye. The dialogues were focused on the lifting of the current lockdown measures in the village, as a result of a combination of interventions grounded on the local traditional rites, customs and sacrifices, including involvement of tradition keepers.
- With UNICEF's support, 345 community health workers promoted protective measures against the EVD and contributed to the reporting of alerts (ill and deceased persons based on the classification of the EVD cases) during their home visits.

- UNICEF has equally bolstered technical and financial support to the continuous promotion of life-saving key messages using a blend of communication channels including: social mobilization, community dialogue and the broadcasting of radio programs. Topics of general interest covered are on safe and dignified burial, community-based surveillance and prevention measures targeting youth, women and traditional healers



## Psychosocial Support and Child Protection

- In collaboration with the Regional Inspectorate of Social Action and Children, UNICEF provided assistance to 5 Ebola orphans through the settlement of school fees (2) and the provision of school kits (3) following needs assessment conducted by the social workers.
- In order to ensure effective involvement of local actors, the social workers deployed in the field facilitated the revitalization of the Local Council for Children and Families of Kpagalaye as well as the psychosocial support of the contacts and those recovered from Ebola. The main objective is to identify the orphaned children and to sensitize the community on the non-stigmatization of those recovered from Ebola.



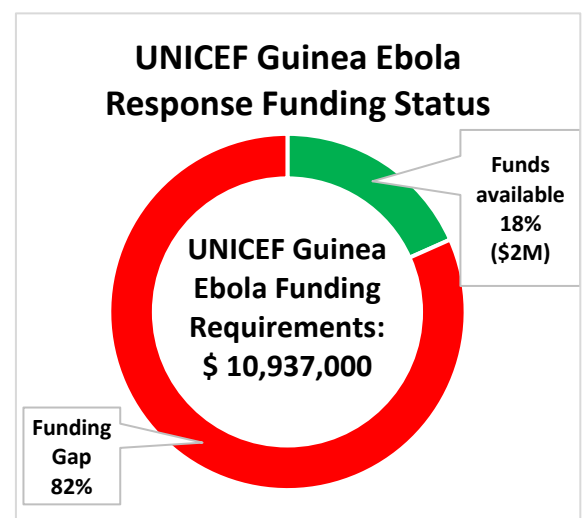
## Coordination

- 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 10,937,000 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)

#### Lancinet Kourouma, un guérisseur traditionnel vivant à N'zérékoré se fait vacciner contre Ebola

<https://www.unicef.org/guinea/recits/lancinet-kourouma-un-gu%C3%A9risseur-traditionnel-vivant-%C3%A0-nz%C3%A9r%C3%A9kor%C3%A9-se-fait-vacciner-contre>

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

[#Guinea #Ebola séances de sensibilisation dans les #écoles pour limiter la propagation du virus](#)

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