



Makhissa on the right is an Ebola survivor who experienced stigma in Kaliah, Forécariah. She is back to school thanks to UNICEF support and shares seat with her friend Foulematou.

# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

25 November 2015



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- In the past two weeks, no Ebola case was reported in Guinea. Thus, the total number of confirmed cases remains at 3,351 out of which 749 children.
- Guinea will be declared Ebola Free if no case is reported on 29 December 2015. As of 25 November 2015, the countdown is at day 9 over 42.
- The closing ceremony of the micro-containment in Tana district of Kaliah, Forécariah, was held on 13 November 2015 and was led by the Prime Minister who called for the continuation of social mobilization and surveillance activities.
- Following UNICEF advocacy efforts, the First Lady of Guinea agreed to become a national nutrition ambassador to support the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) efforts.
- In coordination with the Ministry of Education (MoE), UNICEF deployed 11 tents in Téliélé prefecture to ensure that children have access to education as classes resumed since 9 November 2015, after a devastating storm hit the area. Six tents are temporary learning spaces while the school reconstruction is ongoing, three tents are supplementary spaces and two tents for a school waiting repairs as recently hit by a tornado/storm.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 22 November 2015

**3,804**

Cases of Ebola (3,351 confirmed)

**2,536**

Deaths (2,083 confirmed)

**749**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**519**

Deaths of children and youth aged 0-17 (confirmed)

**4,350,633**

Children in affected areas since the beginning of the epidemic

**133,677**

Children received psychosocial support

**USD 142 million**

UNICEF funding needs until December 2015

**USD 33 million**

UNICEF funding gap (23%)

## Leadership and Coordination

- UNICEF continues ensuring its presence at all strategic meetings of the National Coordination of the Ebola response, including recovery plans. Every opportunity is used to advocate for the sake of children for whom rights must be restored and promoted.
- The closing ceremony of the micro-containment in Tana district of Kaliyah, Forécariah, was held on 13 November 2015 and was led by the Prime Minister who called for the continuation of social mobilization and surveillance activities.

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- The WASH program mid-term review is ongoing and will provide key recommendations for the next two years.
- UNICEF continues supervising Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) activities launched in 400 villages in six prefectures of Forest Guinea Region.
- During the last two weeks, UNICEF partners started the construction of 12 boreholes in the prefectures of Beyla and Nzérékoré, as well as the rehabilitation of six latrines in six primary schools of Guéckédou urban commune.
- CLTS activities were launched in four rural municipalities (Senko, Bowé, Fouala and Gbackédou) in the region of Nzérékoré.

## Health

- During a workshop held in Kindia town 8-14 November 2015, UNICEF provided technical support in finalizing the upgrade of a national transition protocol of antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) from option B to B+. Also, from mid-November, data collection and monitoring process of AIDS pediatric care figures has become effective in all the 57 specialized care centers.
- UNICEF supported the training of 15 health clerks in developing health system recovery plans for the region of Kankan.
- UNICEF continues supporting the Government efforts to eradicate the polio virus. The first two rounds of the vaccination campaigns in mid-September and early October reached 2,400,327 children in the regions of Faranah, Kankan, Nzérékoré and Labé. The third round is planned 5-8 December 2015 targeting 2,189,521 children in 38 health districts. In addition to the vaccines, this forthcoming round includes deworming and vitamin A supplementation.

## Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,244 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted) as well as ready-to-use infant formula to 2,380 infants whose mothers have been affected by Ebola.
- Since October 2014, UNICEF and partners provided care to 7,504 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in Ebola-affected areas in Forécariah, Kindia, Coyah, Dubréka, Boffa, Conakry, Macenta, Guéckédou, Kissidougou, Nzérékoré, Lola, Beyla, Faranah and Siguiri.
- The mid-term review of UNICEF country programme with the Government for the period 2013-2017 is ongoing, including the nutrition component. Reviews at regional levels took place from 10-19 November 2015. At national level, for the nutrition sector, the exercise gathered stakeholders from 20-23 November 2015.
- Following UNICEF advocacy efforts, the First Lady of Guinea agreed to become a national nutrition ambassador to support the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) efforts.
- As previously reported, the results of the [SMART nutrition survey](#) conducted in July 2015 revealed that the prevalence of acute malnutrition in Siguiri is very close to the crisis level of 15 per cent. A multi-partner action plan is being implemented to respond to the worrisome situation, including training of health workers and provision of essential nutrition and drug items.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

- Two awareness raising sessions were organized by UNICEF social mobilizers to inform 69 contacts previously traced to adopt and promote safe and preventive behaviors despite the decline of Ebola.
- UNICEF partners also supported the return home of four children from the Nongo Ebola treatment unit Nongo to enforce acceptance in their community of Kindouya and reduce the risk of stigma.
- Over the last two weeks, door to door sensitization reached 31,977 households in the prefectures of Conakry, Boké, Boffa Fria, Kindia Forécariah and Coyah.

## Child Protection

- UNICEF partners trained 52 local leaders in psychological aid to support Ebola survivors in the prefecture of Macenta. This brings the total number of trained community leaders to 7,815.
- UNICEF partners conducted 596 community dialogues gathering 3,243 people, including 1,739 women, on solidarity with people cured from Ebola. At least 868 key leaders were also sensitized.
- UNICEF and partners organized 406 educative talks with the participation of 2,119 people including 1,069 women. Also 2,655 plays and recreational sessions were organized, in which 1,082 children (among which 514 girls) who had not previously participated were included. Among the new children, there were 107 children who lost one or both parents (out of which 49 girls). To date, 133,677 children have received psychosocial support.
- Community volunteers and social workers organized follow-up visits to families taking care of 3,220 children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola (1,612 girls).
- UNICEF partners distributed individual hygiene kits to 1,164 children (599 girls) and school kits to 1,023 who lost one or both parents (495 girls) to support their return to school.
- UNICEF supported the training of 12 social workers from its partner “TOSTAN” to improve the quality of data on monitoring indicators of services provided to children affected by Ebola.
- During the period, cash was transferred to six parents/caretakers of 18 new children (10 girl) registered in Kaliah, Forécariah prefecture. The total number of orphaned children provided with cash transfers is 5,624 out of 6,220 registered children.

## Education

- Classes resumed since 9 November 2015, therefore in coordination with the Ministry of Education (MoH), UNICEF dispatched 11 tents in Téliélé prefecture to ensure that children living in communities that have experienced devastating storm have access to education.
- Aiming to ensure quality education for children, the MoH is currently conducting monitoring missions to check whether the scholar year has resumed smoothly.
- UNICEF Regional Office Education specialist is providing support to Guinea Education program for the mid-term review; since 23 November 2015. With the decrease of Ebola cases in Guinea, education is focusing on a Disaster Risk Reduction (DDR) approach, as interventions are to be reoriented towards safe and protected school with full implementation of the protocol.
- Religious leaders and local media continue their social mobilization and community sensitizations in churches and mosques, and through local radios to support back to school campaign.
- The Education Cluster received 125 school-in-a-box kits as contingency stocks, to cover the urgent needs of 5.000 pupils in case of a sudden emergency.

## Human Resources

- As of 23 November 2015, UNICEF Guinea has 190 staff members, of which 54 are international professionals and 136 are national staff. In addition to the main office in Conakry, UNICEF has three zonal offices in Conakry, Kankan and Nzérékoré which together have 57 employees. Staff from the main office are deployed constantly in the field to coordinate and support social mobilization and C4D activities. Through its

partnerships with various national and international NGOs, UNICEF is coordinating the activities of 747 social mobilizers and C4D specialists.

## Media and External Communications

- UNICEF continues to inform its audiences through regular press releases and social media posts, in English and French. UNICEF Guinea frequently posts updates about the emergency and its response on Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Tumblr pages.

### Local Media

- On World Toilet Day, 19 November 2015 AGP Guinée highlighted vulnerabilities of children and the limited access to safe toilets in both urban and rural areas of Guinea [Près de 7 millions de personnes n'ont pas accès à un assainissement de base en Guinée, dont 3.780.000 enfants de 0 à 17 ans](#)
- [Guineerealite](#) wrote a story, *Les écoles ouvrent leurs portes à Kalia*, on how a little 8 years girl and Ebola orphan reintegrated school with the support of UNICEF and her experience of stigmatization in Kaliah, one of the worst Ebola affected areas in Forécariah.
- Radio-Kankan ran an article telling the story of Hawa Conde, a mother explaining how she feels guilty for not having sent her son to be immunized against polio, thus condemning Aly to disability for life [« Mon fils n'a jamais pu marcher »](#).

## Programme Results

### UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response

Guinea, 25 November 2015

Indicators	Pillar / Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
<b>EPIDEMIOLOGY</b>						
Children 0-17 years living in Ebola affected areas		4,350,633				
Cases among children 0-17 years		749				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		6,220				
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Sub-prefectures, chiefdoms and/or counties reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week				0%	0/342	
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week				0	0	
<b>WASH</b>						
Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station and/or WASH support	800	233	29%	600	162	27%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	4,666,667	3,614,890	77%	3,500,000	2,537,728	73%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed				172,500	137,300	80%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	120,000	120,000	100%	120,000	120,000	100%
Registered children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers due to Ebola and child survivors of Ebola who received a minimum package of support/nationally agreed package, including family tracing and reunification or placement in alternative family based care	6,000	6,000	100%	6,000	6,000	100%
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				3,000	1,650	55%

HIV/AIDS						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission				6,608	4,723	71%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	1,652	25%
NUTRITION						
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				7,250	7,250	100%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programs				20	20	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support				27,510	11,285	41%

**Next SitRep: 9 December 2015**

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