



Unicef Social Mobilizer door to door campaign against Ebola in Kindia

GUINEA Ebola Situation Report

31 December 2014

unicef 

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of confirmed cases grew by 4 percent, from 2,309 in the week 50 to 2,379 in the week 51, the worst week since the start of the EVD outbreak in Guinea
- The number of health staff infected by EVD grew by 5 percent, from 148 in week 50 to 156 in week 51, which highlights the importance of investing in building the capacity of health workers.
- UNICEF has deployed Rapid Response teams to the regions of N'zerekoré, Kankan, Faranah, Mamou, Kindia and Labé to scale social mobilization and community engagement.
- UNICEF has completed four of ten Community Transit Centres. Kouremale staff are being trained and the CTCCom is expected to start offering services the first week of January 2015.
- 1399 Community Watch Committees are operational out of 2,950 planned.
- The Government of Guinea launched a four day planning workshop to garner efforts to start the “Stop Ebola in 60 days” Campaign. The campaign activities will roll out in January and February 2015 with the ambitious goal of eradicating Ebola.
- UNICEF has provided a fully dedicated Coordinator to provide support to the Social Mobilization and Behaviour Change pillar of the UNMEER Strategy. The Coordinator will put in place a “Cluster-Like” structure. The Coordinator and an Information Manager will work under the leadership of the government to ensure optimal progress. This structure, along with the WASH, Education and Child Protection Cluster will be based at the National Coordination building.
- UNICEF and partners have almost completed the distribution of hygiene kits to schools to enable the start of a safe Back-to-School campaign in January 2015.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 28 December 2014*

2,706

Cases of Ebola
(2,397 confirmed)

1,708

Deaths (1,433 confirmed Ebola)

541

Children and youth 0-20 infected

4,105,926

Children living in affected areas

156

Cases and 87 deaths among
health care workers

UNICEF funding needs until June 2015

USD 93.5 million

UNICEF funding gap

USD 57.2 million

*WHO Weekly Report – data collected reflects epidemiological weeks.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Week 51 was the worst week ever since the start of the EVD outbreak. Yet, preliminary data from week 52 reflects a downward trend already, reflecting the fluctuating nature of the EVD outbreak in Guinea; particularly influenced by cross-border trends. The plausible attribution to this increase relates to the case of one person who returned from Liberia carrying the valuables of his former employer who died of Ebola and distributed such valuables to residents in Kissidougou prefecture, a prefecture that had managed to keep the outbreak under control until then. Cross-border coordination and controls are of the essence in the fight to bring Ebola under control.

The new government plan to end Ebola outbreak in 60 days is to build new momentum in the fight with Ebola. Six groups were organized to ensure a better coordination of the response. Within the strategy, a very important element will be the decentralization of the response, with Central Government expected to travel across all affected prefectures in the first two weeks of 2015.

UNICEF Guinea is strengthening the response around two key components: 1) Community Mobilization supported by Child Protection and C4D and 2) Primary Health Care supported by the Health CTComs and training of primary health care workers. This strategy is complemented by investment to provide improved water and hygiene infrastructures in primary health centres, schools and public spaces. At the structural level, UNICEF is investing in sectorial coordination under a cluster architecture – WASH, CP and Education Clusters have been rolled out over the last month – and the Social Mobilization Pillar coordination over the last week – along with the emphasis on bringing the response closer to the field by sending experts from Conakry to the worst affected districts to help speed up the response and by increasing the number of partners and social operators in the field. UNICEF is deploying seven Emergency teams to critical areas to support micro-planning, strengthening the Social Mobilization coordination and Child Protection sectors, support partners and monitor and evaluate PCAs, mapping of Community Watch Committees (CWC) and monitoring and implementation of CTComs.

UNICEF is putting strong efforts to ensure the full operationalization of the Community Watch Committees (CWCs), with three new umbrella PCAs signed in week 52 (Caritas, Plan Guinee, CNSOC) to manage 2,935 CWCs with 20,545 members across most of the Guinea. So far, 1,399 CWCs are operational, representing 47 percent of the total target under the Social Mobilization and Behaviour Change UNMEER pillar. The new PCAs signed this week will overcome this target. CWCs are considered as the key strategy to bring EVD under control at the community level, because of their active engagement within the community. CWCs comprise of community members who will lead our efforts in overcoming resistance, alerting about new cases, facilitating contact tracing and ensuring secured burials.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

WASH

- The WASH cluster coordinated and facilitated more than 10 WASH Cluster meetings. A sub-WASH Cluster is now in place in the Nzérékoré region with Government partners and other local partners.
- 100% or 52 water points in the Kindia region have been rehabilitated to benefit 15,600 persons.
- UNICEF is supporting the establishment of an additional 14 new water points (to date 27 new boreholes were constructed) in the Faranah and Nzérékoré region providing improved access water to more than 8,100 persons.
- 3 CTCom in Kouremali, Kissidougou and Friguigbe are fully equipped with WASH services already in place. The remaining seven CTComs are actively under construction with full WASH support being provided for WASH facilities.
- The remaining 7 CTComs are actively under construction with full WASH support being provided for water source and facilities. UNICEF is actively developing partnerships (PCA) with International NGOs and Consortium to implement the WASH response plan: a PCA was signed with ACF to conduct community

mobilization and household and Health Care kits distribution in the Forecariah prefecture at the border of Sierra Leone.

- The key results for this week and overall are:
 - WASH kits: more than 4,700 WASH Households kits distributed to 33,000 people in Ebola affected areas.
 - 3 CTCom received WASH infrastructure.
 - UNICEF has distributed more than 12,000 WASH School kits to 600,070 pupils (see map below).

Communication for Development (C4D)

- Communities continue to engage in unsafe burials and funeral practices. Moreover, several villages/communities do not report Ebola suspected cases and contact persons. However, strong and consistent messaging and sensitization around the Ebola prevention measures have proven effective at preventing and reducing incidents; UNICEF communication strategy is targeting districts reporting incidents through the delivery of a combined intervention on Mass communication, door to door campaigns and community forums; In Dubreka, Kouroussa, Madiana , Firguiabe, and Labe UNICEF and its partners held community dialogue forums that helped lift resistances and thus build community ownership.
- Resistance events against rescue and safe burial practices actions are still appearing or resurging in several regions, particularly in areas bordering Sierra Leone and Liberia. This **issue of cross-border control poses serious threat to effective tracking/tracing of Ebola contacts**. There is an inter-state Ebola response agreement in preparation to focus resources and target interventions to that issue

Child Protection

- Implementation of the Child Protection (CP) response is being accelerated through new PCAs with 6 NGOs, including three nationals.
- The Child Protection and Psychosocial response plan is now being rolled out to 20 affected districts out of 24.
- An agreement is signed with Search for Common Ground for strengthening citizen participation of 16,680 youth in the fight against Ebola in 25 affected prefectures.
- UNICEF is intensifying Identification, Documentation, Tracing, Reuniting (IDTR) activities, with 267 new orphans identified in 7 prefectures.
- In an effort to strengthen the leadership of child protection at national and local levels, the sub-cluster meeting to outline the way forward and adopt a strategic document that will be presented in the next cluster meeting. Child Protection, an area with well-established networks in Guinea, remains a key component to mobilize communities, reinforced the contact pillar through its proven IDTR expertise, overcome resistance through the psychosocial savoir-faire and reinforce coordination overall.
- UNICEF will provide psychosocial support for 4,297 children in 9 prefectures the coming week. All in all, UNICEF provided support to 9,353 affected children using a network of 1,042 community volunteers.
- UNICEF provided support to 2,598 children having lost one or both parents and 174 contact or survivor children through the provision of family kits (food or clothes and/or hygiene material), which includes 657 (408 this week) children having lost one or both parents in 2 region.
- So far, the Transit Center for unaccompanied/separated children established in Guéckédou (CATPE) is caring for 2 separated boys are being cared, with four children placed under community care arrangements.
- 259 (50 this week) villages have in place their 'Village Counsel for Child Protection' (VCCP). These VCCP were provided with non-food items and are being involved in the delivery of child protection services to the affected children, in particular children who have lost one or both parents.
- UNICEF supported the training of 165 health workers, staff of the Ministry of Social Affairs at local level and members of Child Protection System case management and psychosocial support



Aideur de prise en charge psychosociale des enfants directement et indirectement affectés par Ebola: Kouroussa (Guinée) © A. Saw, EMFANCE DU GLOBE, Décembre 2014

Education

Ministry of Education (MoE), UNICEF and education partners have been working together in preparation of the possible school re-opening on 5 January, 2015, as announced by the government. As of January 5th the schools have not reopened yet. Confirmation of the date of reopening should come in the next days.

Up to date, UNICEF supported the following to make schools safe learning environment in the current EVD outbreak:

- A protocol for safe school environment was adopted to the Guinea country context with participation of MOE and education actors. The protocol aims to put in place specific measures at school to avoid further spread of EVD.
- Based on the protocol, all teachers in the country were trained: 68,819 preschool, primary, secondary and higher education teachers, as well as representatives of Parents Associations and food vendors in schools.
- When schools open, UNICEF will reach 7,055 schools (56% of schools at all levels) and 1.4 million children (53% of all school children) with 16,000 school hygiene kits (containing buckets and soap).
- UNICEF distributed more than 2,500 school-in-a-box kits to support an additional 100,000 children learning.
- The Ebola National Coordination body has distributed chlorine to all schools for hand washing purposes. MOE procured and provided 20,500 thermometers to all schools.
- UNICEF supports MoE by printing 1, 674,927 monitoring forms for Boke, Kindia and Conakry regions (all other regions were already covered).

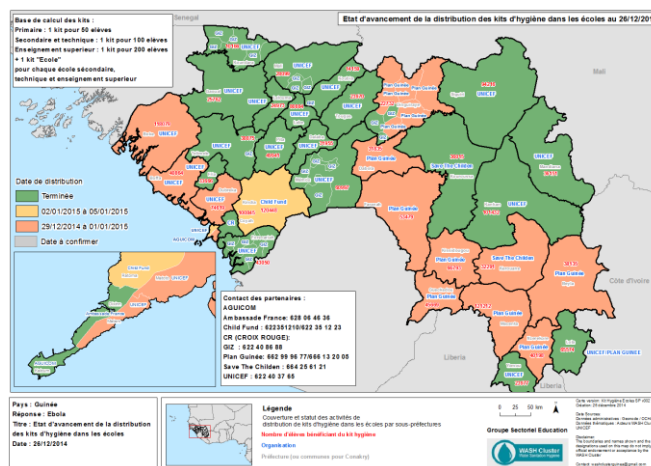
To date, the mapping of the hygiene kit distribution prior to the forthcoming school opening is as follow:

Entirely covered areas by the distribution:

Yomou, Lola, mandiana, kankan, Suigui, Kouroussa, Tougué, Dalaba, Mamou, Koubia, Mali, Pita, gaoual, Koundara, Lélouma, Forecariah, Kalloum and part of Fria & Dixinn

Partially covered areas by the distribution:

Beyla, N'Zerekoré, Macenta, Kerouané, Guekedou, Kissidougou, Faranah, Dabola, Duinguiraye, Dubreka, Boffa, Boké, Mattam, Matoto, Kindia and Ratoma – distributions are ongoing and it is expected that all the areas will be covered by early January.



Supply and Logistics

- \$16,311,095 in supplies from international suppliers including direct order and \$6,289,934 in local procurement.
- During the past week, UNICEF handed over **15 vehicles to the Coordination Nationale Ebola**. Since June 2014, **UNICEF handed over 172 vehicles**, among which **32 ambulances** and 405 motorbikes to reinforce logistics capacity of the Ebola Coordination and its partners involved in the emergency response. These assets are supporting coordination, social mobilization and medical activities.
- Supplies for WASH targeting 3,000 schools in 18 prefectures have been ordered and a first batch of hand washing units, soap and chlorine is being received in UNICEF warehouse. **Fourteen prefectures are targeted in the coming week.**
- UNICEF has prepositioned 21,000 WASH family kits are prepositioned in Kissidougou for an imminent start of the distribution campaign in partnership with Plan Guinée.

Human Resources

EBOLA SURGE	STATUS											TOTAL
	C4D	H&N	WASH	EDU	CP	PME*	OPS	S&L	COMS	SEC	EME	
Requirement	16	13	4	5	7	2	18	6	4	3	3	81
Filled	12	5	4	3	4	2	15	3	2	2	1	53
%	75%	38%	100%	60%	57%	100%	83%	50%	50%	67%	33%	65%
** One post on hold												

Surge recruitments are progressing at good pace, and the office capacity will be significantly strengthened as new recruits arrive in January. The areas of management in C4D, Health and Emergency management remain priorities.

Partnership and Humanitarian Coordination

The WASH, Education and Child protection are active. UNICEF is leading Cluster-like support to the Social Mobilization Pillar. Cluster will be based at the Coordination Nationale in an effort to strengthen partnership, speed up operationalization, and improve integration of pillars. UNMEER has proposed a similar support for the rest of the pillars. In conversations with OMS, the surveillance team is also expected to move to the Coordination Nationale.

Media and External Communications

UNICEF is informing its audiences through regular press releases and social media posts, in English and French. UNICEF Guinea also regularly posts updates about the emergency and its response in its Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Tumblr pages.

How Ebola Roared Back (<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/30/health/how-ebola-roared-back.html?smid=tw-share>)

A paralyzed education system (<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20141229125713/sant-reportage-ebola-reportage-ebola-en-guin-e-un-syst-me-ducatif-paralys.html>)

Ebola Orphans Challenge West African Culture (<http://www.voanews.com/content/ebola-orphans-challenge-west-african-culture/2573837.html>)

Kissidougou youth engaged in the setting up of their transit center (<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201412260205.html>)

Unicef signs a partnership with two universities; a part of the agreement focusing on research aimed at alleviating poverty and fighting diseases such as Ebola (<http://www.mosaiqueguinee.com/index.php/actu/politique/3546-l-unicef-en-partenariat-avec-l-universite-gamal-abdel-nasser-de-conakry-uganc-et-l-universite-general-lansana-conte-uglc-de-sonfonia-communique>)

UNMEER chief visits the transit center in Kouremalé (<https://aminata.com/le-chef-de-la-mission-contre-ebola-visite-le-ctcom-de-kouremale/>)

UNICEF gives out 10 ambulances funded by Japan to accelerate Ebola response on the field. (<http://www.guineeconakry.info/article/detail/remise-de-materiel-roulant-pour-intensifier-la-riposte-contre-ebola/>)

The president of GOHA (business men) on sensitization tour in prefectures, supported by UNICEF (<http://www.gohainfo.com/index.php/fr/component/content/article/86-actualite/754-guinee-le-president-du-goha-a-confere-avec-les-sages-dans-sous-prefecture-de-popodara-pour-la-sensibilisation-contre-ebola.html>)

Funding

In line with the Humanitarian Action for Children, UNICEF Guinea is appealing for US\$93.5 million to support women and children affected by Ebola.

Appeal Sector	Ebola Requirements (USD)	Funds received (USD)	Funding gap	
			\$	%
C4D/ Social Mobilization	15,307,000	3,413,700	11,893,300	22%
Nutrition	5,100,000	279,267	4,820,733	5%
Health + HIV/AIDS	35,233,000	8,787,369	26,445,631	25%
WASH	15,639,000	8,192,676	7,446,324	52%
Child Protection	3,620,000	540,000	3,080,000	15%
Education	8,869,000	3,010,187	5,858,813	34%
Cross-Sectoral	9,746,000	12,080,964	-2,334,964	124%
Total	93,514,000	36,304,163	57,209,837	39%

Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for EVD response (31 st Dec 2014)				
Indicators	Pillar / Sector		UNICEF	
	Target	Results	Target	Results
Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week	0%	7%	0%	NA
Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week due to contact at community level, within the health sector, or during funeral / burial procedures	0%	ND	0%	ND
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT				
Percentage of county Social Mobilization taskforces (SMT) reporting on the dashboard each week	100% (38/38)	86% (33/38)	100% (33/38)	100% (33/38)
Percentage of counties with list of identified key religious leaders (including priests, imams, pastors, tribal leaders) or community groups who promote safe funeral and burial practices according to standard guidelines	100% (38/38)	72% (27/38)	100% (25/38)	100% (25/38)
Percentage of counties with at least one security incident or other form of refusal to cooperate in past week	0%	6% (20/340)	0%	6% (20/340)

CCCs/CTComs				
Percentage of CCCs established after a community dialogue process aligned with Global SOPs or according to norms established in country	100% (41/41)	100% (4/4)	100% (41/41)	100% (4/4)
Percentage of patients who present at a CCC within 48 hours of becoming ill with any symptoms that could be EVD	100%	N/A (CCCs are not yet functional)	100%	N/A (CCCs are not yet functional)
Percentage of Community Care Centers (CCCs), functional against target set for the current reporting period	100% (41/41)	0%	100% (41/41)	0% (0/41)
WASH				
Percentage of all Ebola community treatment and holding centers with essential WASH services	27/27 (100%)	100% ¹	20/27 (74%)	
People benefiting from hygiene kits in Ebola affected areas	4,666,667	16,037	3,500,000	33,654
Children benefiting from hand washing facilities at schools in Ebola affected areas	1,044,000	1,037,042	783,000	686,452
Non-Ebola Health centres in Ebola affected areas provided with Hand washing station	800	0	600	0
PROTECTION				
Percentage of EVD-affected children provided with care and support, including psychosocial support	N/A	N/A	70%	4.21% (5055/120000)
Percentage of children who have lost one or both parents/caregivers or who are separated from their parents/caregivers reintegrated with their families or provided with appropriate alternative care.	N/A	N/A	70%	102% (2190/2000)
HEALTH AND VIH				
Percentage of patients admitted to CCCs with a provisional diagnosis of possible EVD who receive a confirmatory positive or negative test (rapid or laboratory test) within 36 hours of admission to treatment facility	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
NUTRITION				
Provision of nutrition support to Ebola patients (Ebola CTE)	2,400	846	2,400	130

¹ WASH: Only 5 ETCs and Transit Centers have been setup so far in the county. UNICEF WASH support was only required for the Transit Center of Forecariah, and one CTCom in Koulémali - the need has been fully satisfied.

Infants and young children 0-12 months who cannot be breastfed and who received replacement feeding	666	60	666	60
Children 6-59 months screened for SAM and referred for treatment	7,250	N/D	7,250	N/D
EDUCATION				
Reopened schools in Ebola-affected district equipped with a minimum package for Ebola prevention	8,829	N/D	3,843	N/D
Teachers trained on psycho social support, Ebola prevention, and safe and protective learning environments	82,168	N/D	15,941	15,941

Next SitRep: 07 Jan 2015

**Who to
contact for
further
information:**

Mohamed Ag Ayoya
Representative
Conakry, Guinea
Tel: +224 622663452
Email: mayoya@unicef.org

Guy Yogo
Deputy Representative
Conakry, Guinea
Tel: +224 624 151 041
Email: gyogo@unicef.org

Timothy La Rose
Chief of Communications
Conakry, Guinea
Tel: +224 622 350 251
Email: tlarose@unicef.org

Twitter: [@unicefguinea](https://twitter.com/unicefguinea) **Tumblr:** <http://unicefguinea.tumblr.com> **Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/unicefguinea>
Flickr: <http://flickr.com/unicefguinea> **Instagram:** unicefguinea **Google+:** unicefguinea