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# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases of Ebola rose this week from 3,287 to 3,303, with 16 new confirmed cases, including 12 from Conakry, 3 in the prefecture of Forécariah, and 1 case in Fria (WHO, Ebola Situation Reports, Monday 6 July 2015- Monday 13 July 2015).
- The number of confirmed deaths rose from 2,049 to 2,056 this past week, with a total count of 2,506 confirmed and probable deaths.
- Strengthening surveillance in the border areas continued to be one of the top priorities. In partnership with the Scouts, 1,204 people were reached through mass sensitization at the harbor in Kamsar, in Boké, which is visited by fishermen from the islands bordering Guinea Bissau.
- UNICEF continued social mobilization activities in Conakry, Boké, Coyah, Dubréka and Forécariah, the prefectures that have recently reported new Ebola cases, including door-to-door visits to 26,806 households.
- UNICEF and partners distributed 13,392 household WASH kits and continued the rehabilitation of 145 boreholes, 66 of which have been completed in the last two weeks.
- UNICEF and partners identified and registered 24 additional children (12 of whom were girls) who have lost one or both parents in Coyah, bringing the total number of registered orphans to 6,128.
- 235,000 bars of soap were provided to Boffa Prefectural Direction for Education and Matam Conakry Communal Direction of Education for 223 schools in Boffa and 193 schools in Matam, for 119,393 children.
- As a first step in a large-scale project with the Ministry of Transportation, a training of 700 trainers (TOT), who will in turn train animators responsible for registering all passengers, checking temperatures and ensuring hand-washing at Conakry's major traffic junctions (bus stations, train stations and harbors).
- Nutrition data collection, following the Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transition (SMART) survey method, is ongoing nationwide, has now reached more than 80 per cent of expected households.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 13 JULY 2015

**3,764**

Cases of Ebola (3,303 confirmed)

**2,506**

Deaths (2,056 confirmed)

**630**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**374**

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

**4,350,633**

Children in affected areas since the beginning of the epidemic

**192**

Cases among health workers with 96 deaths (confirmed)

## Leadership and Coordination

- The UNICEF-led Coordination Unit presented key findings to partners from its team of anthropologists on 13 July 2015. The session focused on the findings which included the need for stronger community engagement, more investment of participatory approaches to sensitization rather than mass media, creation of sentinel sites, and improved collaboration between surveillance and social mobilization teams.
- This week, the National Ebola Coordination and partners conducted a mission to Dubréka for an evaluation of an 11 day monitoring initiative, aimed at strengthening community and local authority engagement and stronger active case finding through door-to-door sensitization and free medical care. The conclusion reached by the mission was that the initiative was a success, with several alerts made and a strong commitment to contact tracing, as well as newly created village committees. In addition, the UNICEF drilled borehole was well received. Similarly, Kigbaly village in Forécariah was visited to assess the level of progress of a similar exercise that started three days before. No resistance was encountered.

## WASH

- UNICEF and partners distributed 6,696 household WASH kits (a bucket with a tap and soap) for 47,809 people in Ebola-affected areas in Forécariah, Dubréka and Boké. The distributions were accompanied by sensitization concerning good hygiene habits. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed nationwide to 327,615, and to 2,339,171 people to date by UNICEF.
- In partnership with Community Village Committees (CVV), 3,314 household WASH kits were distributed in the rural commune of Tanènè in the prefecture of Boké, and 2,789 WASH kits were distributed in the urban commune of Boké in collaboration with community members and volunteers.
- In partnership with WFP, 137 household WASH kits were distributed to people who had come in contact with Ebola victims and who are under surveillance in Forécariah and Boké.
- In partnership with the Scouts, door-to-door visits were conducted to promote hygiene and hand washing as a way of preventing the spread of Ebola in Forécariah, Dubréka and Boké. During this campaign, more than 3,947 people were reached and 456 household WASH kits were distributed.
- In partnership with the NGO Search for Common Ground, an 'Emission Quiz' took place to promote better hygiene in a school at Dubréka; 600 students and 30 teachers were reached with this activity.
- The rehabilitation of 35 boreholes continued in the rural communes of the prefecture of Faranah. To date, 19 boreholes have been completed for an estimated 5,700 people in the communities of Passaya, Sandenia and Tiro. At the same time, drilling of 70 boreholes in the region of N'zerekore was started in partnership with the NGO CEAD. 8 boreholes have been completed in the prefectures of Lola (4) and Yomou (4) for an estimated 2,400 people.
- In the region of Boké and Kindia, rehabilitation of 35 boreholes and construction of 5 new boreholes are ongoing. Rehabilitation of 35 community boreholes has been completed; 4 out of the 5 new boreholes have been completed, out of which 1 is in Tamarancy (an urban commune of Boké) and 3 are in health structures of Boké and Kindia regions.

## Health

UNICEF Health activities in Guinea focus on supporting the national government in accelerating its efforts toward ensuring the continuity of essential services for children and women, and broader recovery of the health system. In this regard, several activities have been supported at both strategic and programmatic levels.

### ***Building a more resilient health system***

- In the framework of the implementation of the national recovery plan, UNICEF participated in a preparatory workshop for the review of the National Roadmap for the reduction of maternal, newborn and child mortality, and planning of the post 2015 strategy. The workshop was held under the leadership of the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Directorate of Family Health and Nutrition (MNCRH) in collaboration with WHO, UNFPA and UN Women. Key recommendations from the workshop included

measures and actions to ensure the full leadership of the process by the MoH, the development of context-adapted data collection tools and securing the participation of all stakeholders of MNCRH.

- UNICEF participated in the working group to develop the monitoring framework of the recovery plan of the post Ebola immunization expanded programme on immunization (EPI) with MoH, WHO, UNICEF, GAVI, AMP.

#### ***Ensuring the continuity of essential maternal and child life saving interventions/services***

- A joint mission of MoH (PNPCSP) / UNICEF is ongoing in the N'zérékoré region in view of relaunching maternal newborn and child health and prevention of maternal to child transmission of HIV (MNCH / PMTCT) activities in the six health districts where there are no cases of Ebola, and to revamp the acceleration of the implementation of the elimination of maternal to child transmission (e-MTCT) plan. Priority actions include strengthening coordination mechanisms, supervision, data reporting, supply chain management of related commodities, integration and continuity of MNCH/PMTCT services in the current social and health situation in the country related to Ebola. Also, working sessions are held with healthcare providers to assess their performance through data review, analysis and interpretation available at the site level, identify problems and suggest/provide on-site appropriate solutions for decision making.

#### ***Planning for the immunization campaign against meningitis (MenAfriVac)***

- UNICEF is supporting the extended programme of immunization (EPI) in planning for the immunization campaign against meningitis. This campaign is being scheduled to be held from 22 to 29 July 2015 in 15 health districts. These includes five districts that have not recorded any Ebola cases so far and 10 districts with no new cases for at least 21 consecutive days with no contacts being followed.

#### ***Supporting national efforts to rapidly contain the EVD epidemic in hot spot localities***

- UNICEF is providing support through the provision of essential drugs and supplies to mobile clinics. In the locality of Kigbaly in Benty prefecture, a total of 135 persons received free medical care, 20 men, 57 women and 58 children, including 27 under the age of five. In the locality of Kawonso Bamba, a total of 40 persons (19 men, 21 women) were treated.

#### ***Leveraging resources***

- UNICEF has been tasked to be the secondary beneficiary for the Prevention Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) component of the Global fund grant. The ongoing negotiation process involves the country coordination mechanism (CCM), the Global Fund, UNAIDS, the National AIDS Control Programme and UNICEF. Overall, roughly 3 million US dollars is expected to be allocated to support rapid scale up of PMTCT and paediatric HIV care in the country.
- UNICEF participated in negotiations with GAVI and the MoH to finalize the budget for the 18 months Post Ebola EPI Recovery Plan. The government of Guinea and GAVI have identified UNICEF as the partner agency for the management of the fund, US\$ 6,050,152, to be allocated to the implementation of the Recovery Plan. The Tripartite Grant Agreement (GAVI, UNICEF and Ministry of Health) for Post Ebola EPI Recovery Plan Grant has been submitted to UNICEF for signature.

## **Nutrition**

- UNICEF and partners have provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,188 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted) as well as Ready-to-Use infant formula to 1,317 infants whose families have been affected by Ebola since October 2014.
- The fortnightly Nutrition and Food Security Cluster meeting was held on July 2 and the main focus was on the collection of data through Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transition (SMART) methodology and on the results obtained after celebration of the Mother and child health week and the Africa's vaccination results previously reported.

## **Communication for Development (C4D)**

- UNICEF continued its social mobilization activities in Conakry, Boké, Coyah, Dubréka and Forécariah--the prefectures that have recently reported new Ebola cases, including through door-to-door visits to 26,806 households.
- As rumors and community resistance persist, especially regarding the reporting of deaths, the practice of safe burials and participation in the vaccination trials, UNICEF has deployed 15 social anthropologists of Sonfonia University (Conakry) to the three prefectures that continue to report new Ebola cases (Boké, Forécariah, Dubréka), with the goal of gaining a better understanding of the nature of the resistance.
- UNICEF also continued to play a key role in the implementation of the latest monitoring initiative aimed at strengthening community and local authority engagement and stronger active case finding. In Kolotoyah, in Forécariah, sensitization activities continued to increase trust in health services: 64 per cent of habitants of the village (315 out of 496) visited the local health facility for consultation, which was a significant increase from last week (44 per cent). In Tamaranssy, in Boké, social mobilizers continued door-to-door visits to 19 households. School attendance continued to increase, from 2 students at the start of the campaign in the beginning of July to over 100 (out of 133). Furthermore, 62 per cent of inhabitants (58 out of 94) visited the mobile health clinic for consultation. The testimonies of local inhabitants regarding the success of treatment in the Ebola health facility proved particularly important in (re)gaining community trust in the Ebola response.

## Child Protection

- UNICEF and partners trained 399 community leaders in child protection and psychosocial support, bringing the total of community leaders trained to 5,850.
- UNICEF and partners identified and registered 24 additional children (50 per cent girls) who have lost one or both parents in Coyah, bringing the total number of orphans registered so far to 6,128.
- UNICEF and partners organized 825 plays and recreational sessions, including 1,285 children (63 percent girls) who had not previously participated. Among the new children there were 160 orphans, among which 60 were girls. This brings the total number of children that have received psychosocial support to 101,197.
- Community volunteers and social workers organized follow-up visits to families taking care of 1,359 children (668 girls) who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola.
- UNICEF and partners set up 15 new Village Councils for Child Protection (CVPE) and trained their members, bringing the total number of active CVPE to 707.
- UNICEF's partners distributed individual hygiene kits to five newly registered children who have lost one of both parents in Kamsar, in Boké. This brings the total number of Ebola-affected children who have received kits to 7,595 (including 5,858 children who have lost one or both parents due to EVD).
- UNICEF organized the first tranche of cash transfers to 1 parent/caregiver of 2 orphaned children in Kamsar. This brings the total number of orphaned children provided with cash transfers to 5,334 out of 6,128 registered.

## Education

- Radio education continued to be broadcast through 22 stations countrywide. The main focus was in EVD active prefectures from Lower Coast of Guinea.
- Prior to the forthcoming end of school year exams, scheduled by the Ministry of Education from July 20th through August 7th, 2015, UNICEF education staff are working actively with local Ministry of Education authorities to ensure that prevention protocols, including availability of soaps, use of thermometers, and hygiene kits, are reinforced during the upcoming exam period. A schedule for visiting over 105 schools serving as exam centres in three prefectures of Boffa, Coyah, and Kindia was developed jointly with UNICEF and local education directors. 21 centres were visited that will receive 41,481 students (40% girls) for their national exams.

## Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF distributed 235,000 pieces of soap to Boffa Prefectoral Direction for Education and Matam Conakry Communal Direction of Education to promote hygiene among 119,393 students in 223 schools in Boffa and 193 schools in Matam.
- UNICEF supplied the NGO platform in Kamsar with C4D material (including 500 image boxes).
- UNICEF ordered 18 million gloves and hand sanitizers to support the PEV for upcoming vaccination campaigns.

## Human Resources

UNICEF Guinea has 64 international staff, of whom 33 are currently deployed in field offices. Of the 130 national staff employed, 77 are working in the field to coordinate and support social mobilization and C4D activities. Through its partnerships with various national and international NGOs, UNICEF Guinea is coordinating the activities of 2,427 social mobilizers and C4D specialists, of whom 2,409 are working in the field.

## 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.

- Clôture du Mois de l'enfant : L'UNICEF appelle à soutenir l'éducation des filles  
<http://aminata.com/cloture-du-mois-de-lenfant-lunicef-appelle-a-soutenir-leducation-des-filles/>
- Télimélé : « moins de 70 % des filles qui ont l'âge vont à l'école », dit l'UNICEF  
<http://guineematin.com/actualites/telimele-moins-de-70-des-filles-qui-ont-lage-vont-a-lecole-dit-lunicef/>
- Clôture du Mois de l'enfant : L'UNICEF appelle à soutenir l'éducation des filles  
[http://lejour.info/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7605:2015-07-12-14-06-07&catid=3:societe&Itemid=4](http://lejour.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7605:2015-07-12-14-06-07&catid=3:societe&Itemid=4)

## Funding Table

Appeal Sector	Original Ebola Requirements (USD)	Revised Ebola Requirements (USD)	Funds received (USD)	Funding gap	
				\$	%
C4D/Social Mobilization*	12,533,400	15,307,000	19,687,171	-4,380,171	-29%
Nutrition	3,121,200	5,100,000	2,000,000	3,100,000	61%
Health + HIV/AIDS + ECCCs	16,699,500	35,233,000	39,925,347	-4,692,347	-13%
WASH	18,343,800	15,639,000	16,134,156	-495,156	-3%
Child Protection	1,345,000	6,620,000	7,184,860	-564,860	-9%
Education	489,013	8,869,000	8,838,062	30,938	0.34%
Cross Sectorial	2,599,353	6,746,000	6,726,095	19,905	0.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55131266</b>	<b>93,514,000</b>	<b>100,495,691</b>	<b>6,981,691</b>	<b>-7%</b>

\*While the funding requirements for the C4D/Social Mobilization sector have already been revised upwards, the needs in this sector remain high if UNICEF is to reach every individual with appropriate information on Ebola. It is expected that funding requirements will be revised yet higher in due course to take into account the evolving situation. While the number of cases of Ebola countrywide is falling, the disease is proving difficult to eradicate in Conakry and five other provinces, necessitating accelerated social mobilization efforts.

## Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response						
Guinea, 14 July 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		630				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		6,128				
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention[1]	1,004,106	1,495,224	149%	1,004,106	1,495,224	149%
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week				100%	100% (8/8)	
Sub-prefectures, chiefdoms and/or counties reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week				0%	3/342	
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week				0	3	
Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors				<3%	N/D	
Proportion of population surveyed who rejected alternatives to traditional burials/funerals				<3%	3% 44/1,458*	
<b>Community Care Centres/RITES</b>						
CCCs/RITES established		6			6	
CCCs/RITES functional		3			3	
CCCs/RITES decommissioned		0			0	
CCCs/RITES converted/transformed into Alternate Care Centres		0			0	
<b>WASH</b>						
Ebola community, treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services[2]	16	16	100%	10	10	100%

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	3,416,333	73%	3,500,000	2,339,171	67%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed				67,500	108,200	160%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	120,000	101,197	84%	120,000	101,197	84%
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	5,858	98%	6,000	5,858	98%
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Health structures in Ebola-affected areas provided with Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies				800	723	90%
Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				3,000	1,030	34%
Children 6-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign[3]				875,580	858,547	98%
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	4,569	69%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	1,579	24%
<b>NUTRITION</b>						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				2,600	2,188	84%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				7,250	4,669	64%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				2,600	1,317	51%
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				20	22	105%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)				27,510	11,285	41%

Teachers trained in Ebola prevention	82,168	80,657	98%	15,931	15,931	100%
Schools equipped with minimum hygiene package for Ebola prevention compliant with protocols	12,455	12,455	100%	7,176	7,176	100%
Children in school benefitting from learning kits				100,000	110,165	110%
Children enrolled in schools equipped with minimum hygiene package	2,704,477	2,704,477	100%	1,437,648	1,437,648	100%
Schools benefitting from replenishment of minimum hygiene package	12,455	4,013	32%	7,176	1,363	19%

[1] Social mobilization is now conducted by all cluster members. The target has been exceeded because some households have been visited twice – particularly in some areas in Forécariah and Coyah where intensive door-to-door campaigns have been organized (twice in Forécariah). The cluster may adopt a new target figure in due course.

[2] There are 10 CTEs and CDTs plus six CTCComs established by UNICEF. There are no plans at this stage to build additional CTEs/CDTs/CTComs in the country. All units have been provided with water facilities.

[3] These figures correspond to children from 6-59 months, as per the indicator (actual campaign had targeted children from 6 months to 9 years).

\* KAP survey, February 2015

## Next SitRep: 21 July 2015

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