

UNICEF supports dancers competing to promote compassion for Ebola survivors

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# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

19 August 2015



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases rose by three this week to 3,332 from 3,329. Two of the confirmed case were in Matam in Conakry and one was in the Moussayah sub-prefecture of Forécariah. (WHO, Ebola Situation Report, 10-16 August 2015).
- The number of confirmed deaths remained at 2,072 this past week with a total count of 2,524 confirmed and probable deaths.
- UNICEF supported number of social events, including a dance competition, highlighting the need to support Ebola survivors. The National Coordination is also planning a meeting before the end of this month to examine this very issue.
- The school year finished on 8 August 2015. There were no cases of children or teachers contracting the virus at school showing good implementation of the hygiene and safety protocols developed by UNICEF and partners.
- Preliminary figures from the meningitis immunization campaign supported by UNICEF show that a total of 2,445,325 children and young people under the age of 30 years old were vaccinated.
- UNICEF and partners this week registered 19 children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola, bringing the total number of orphans registered so far to 6,179.
- Cash transfers were made to 264 caretakers of 1,057 orphans, bringing the total number of orphans who have received transfers to 5,352. UNICEF and partners also organized 1,076 play and recreation sessions, in which 1,628 children who had not previously taken part participated. To date, 108,820 children have received psychosocial support.
- The campaign with the Ministry of Interior and Security continued for a second week in Conakry, with police checking 8,507 cars and 616 for corpses and sick passengers. All vehicles were given the all clear.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 16 AUGUST 2015

**3,786**

Cases of Ebola (3,332 confirmed)

**2,524**

Deaths (2,072 confirmed)

**639**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**379**

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

**4,350,633**

Children in affected areas since the beginning of the epidemic

**195**

Cases among health workers with 99 deaths (confirmed)

**108,820**

Children received psychosocial support

**2,366,368**

People benefiting from UNICEF hygiene kits

## Leadership and Coordination

- Due to the decreasing number of Ebola cases in Guinea, the National Coordination for the Ebola Response has cut its number of weekly meetings to two from three, on Mondays and Fridays.
- The National Coordination has also set up a task force to organize a workshop in September 2015 to consider how to support Ebola survivors in Guinea.
- UNICEF supported a National Coordination workshop in Kindia (13-15 August 2015) at which the government and its international partners developed a national guide for a community-based surveillance system based on the sentinel model. Drawing on lessons learned during the Ebola response, the guide sets out the roles of actors in the health system hierarchy from national to community levels. A newly created national steering committee will follow up on the implementation of recommendations, and will organize a meeting to gain donor support.
- At a WASH cluster meeting on 12 August 2015, participants discussed the importance of sharing data and information about previous cholera outbreaks in Guinea to improved preparedness for dealing with future outbreaks of cholera and other major diseases including Ebola, measles, meningitis and polio. The Bioforce Institute, a development organization, will provide training and organize simulations, also to improve preparedness.

## WASH

- UNICEF, in partnership with the NGO Search for Common Ground, hosted a series of activities promoting proper hand washing and good hygiene. 1,604 people (including 807 women) attended 25 mobile cinema screenings in Fria and Dubréka and 2,743 people (1,284 women) attended 35 screenings at video clubs and youth centres in Coyah, Dubréka and Conakry.
- UNICEF has procured 17,000 boxes of chlorine to supply partners (Doctors without Borders, and the French and Belgian Red Cross) at Ebola Treatment Centres.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the *Centre d'Ecoute, de Conseil et d'Orientation des Jeunes* (CECOJE), conducted hand washing sensitization and distributed fact sheets about preventing Ebola in Kindia, benefiting 186 community workers.
- UNICEF, in partnership with SNAPE, the rural water agency, and local authorities provisionally handed over 20 boreholes constructed as part of the Ebola response to communities in Forécariah.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the *Centre d'Etude et d'Appui au Développement* (CEAD), continued a project to construct 70 manually drilled boreholes in Nzérékoré. To date, 38 wells have been completed, including two this week that will benefit 600 people.
- UNICEF continued its project to construct 50 manually drilled boreholes in Mandiana and Siguri. So far, 22 have been completed, including one this week that will benefit 300 people.

## Health

### Meningitis Vaccination Campaign

- The latest meningitis vaccination campaign ran from 6-12 August 2015 in 15 prefectures of Guinea: Kouroussa, Kérouané, Kankan, Dabola, Faranah, Kissidougou, Dinguiraye, Tougué, Labé, Koubia, Lélouma, Mali and Beyla. UNICEF provided the vaccines, financed social mobilization activities and conducted supervision, with seven staff deployed in the field. Civil society groups have formed a committee to promote immunization, made up of volunteers and members of youth and women's organizations, and religious and local leaders. Local radio stations were a major source of information about the campaign. Overall, the population participated enthusiastically and preliminary results show that 2,445,325 children and adults - between the ages of 12 months and 29 years - were vaccinated.
- **Integrated Management of Childhood Diseases**  
This week, 26 Community Health Workers (CHW) in Dubréka were trained in using RapidPro, a mobile data collection system. Once health workers are proficient in using this system, it will allow them to transmit up-to-date information from the field, giving administrators a clearer understanding of the health situation on the ground.

## Community Health Workers

- During July 2015, CHWs gave check-ups to 5,201 children age 0-59 months. The CHWs treated 2,966 infants in the community (of whom 1,969 were seen within 24 hours of the CHW being contacted) and referred 556 infants to the nearest health centre. 1,530 children tested positive for malaria using the Rapid Diagnostic Test. CHWs also made 3,833 home visits, advising 3,924 mothers. Community health workers have been designated as key in strengthening the health system as it is built up after the Ebola emergency.

## Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,230 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted) as well as Ready-to-Use Infant formula to 1,970 children and infants whose mothers have been affected by Ebola.
- UNICEF and partners provided care to 6,973 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.
- To capitalize on the success of World Breastfeeding Week events, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health will organize a week-long training of trainers focusing on the principles of nutrition and its importance for children's mental and physical development. The trained-up trainers will be used to scale up community outreach initiatives
- Following the Nutrition Cluster's approval of revised monitoring tools that have been agreed as part of the restructuring of the nutrition monitoring and evaluation system, UNICEF will support the Ministry of Health in organizing a training programme in using these tools.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

- The campaign in Conakry with the Ministry of Interior and Security – "*Halte Ebola, la Police s'engage*" – continued for a second week, as the capital city remained the focus of social mobilization efforts. Six hundred police are deployed as part of the campaign and this week they set up checkpoints on the two main thoroughfares into Conakry, allowing officers to check every vehicle coming into the city for corpses or people suspected of having Ebola. In the past week, 8,507 cars were searched; all were given the all clear. The police were also present at 30 sea landing points and searched 616 boats. The police have checked 14,263 people this week.
- Social mobilizers also continued their sensitization work in Conakry and in other prefectures in Lower Guinea: Forécariah, Fria, Coyah, Dubréka, Boffa and Boké. In total, they made 3,568 door-to-door and held 46 educational talks.

## Child Protection

- UNICEF and partners trained 57 community leaders in child protection and psychosocial support, bringing the total of community leaders trained to 6,487. UNICEF and partners also sensitized 699 key leaders on solidarity with people cured from Ebola through 290 community dialogues.
- UNICEF and partners organized 1,076 play and recreation sessions, in which 1,628 children (658 girls) who had not previously participated were included. There were 97 orphans (53 girls) among the new participants. This brings the total number of children that have received psychosocial support to 108,820.
- UNICEF and partners provided recreational kits to 47 Village Councils for Child Protection (25 in Coyah, 15 in Dubréka, seven in Boffa) to help volunteers better organize play and recreation activities.
- UNICEF and partners identified and registered 19 additional children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola in Kissidougou. To date, 6,179 orphans (up from 6,160 previously) have been registered.
- UNICEF and partners organized cash transfers to 264 parents/caretakers of 1,057 orphans. For 18 of those orphans (10 girls) this is the first round of support they have received. The total number of orphaned children provided with cash transfers is 5,352 out of 6,179 registered (equivalent to 86.6 per cent).
- Community volunteers and social workers organized follow-up visits to families taking care of 1,670 children (791 girls) who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola.

## Education

- With the final exams having taken place, the school year ended officially on 8 August 2015. Pupils are now on holiday until the end of September and exam results will be reported in due course when they become available. This academic year has been shorter than usual with schools and education facilities staying closed until 19 January 2015 to help prevent the spread of Ebola. The safety and hygiene measures developed by UNICEF and its partners, which included mandatory temperature taking and hand washing with soap at school entrances, [resulted in not a single case of any child or teacher becoming infected at school](#). While they are on vacation, children will be able to tune into education programmes broadcast on 22 radio stations in Guinea. The programmes include key Ebola sensitization messages and catch-up lessons in subjects such as maths and French
- UNICEF will meet with the Ministry of Education and other partners for the mid-year review of its education programme on 19 August 2015. They will look forward to the start of the new academic year in September, preparing a community mobilization strategy to get children into school, an education advocacy strategy, and make plans for making sure the Ebola safely protocols continue to be implemented.

## Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF distributed 444 medical kits to health centres in Kindia, Coyah, Dubréka, Forécariah, Fria and Boké and 76 medical kits to hospitals the five communes of Conakry. These contain medical equipment and supplies (forceps, trays, bandages, dressings etc.) and medicines.
- UNICEF distributed 398,000 bars of soaps to the Municipal Directorate of Education in Matoto, Conakry.
- UNICEF handed over 6,000 household WASH kits to Child Fund, *Aide à la Famille Africaine*, *Enfance du Globe* and Sabou Guinea. These will be given to families of Ebola-affected children under the Child Protection programme.

## Human Resources

UNICEF Guinea has a total of 195 staff members, of which 62 are international professionals and 133 are national staff. In addition to the main office in Conakry, UNICEF Guinea has three zonal offices in Conakry, Kankan and Nzérékoré which together have a total of 83 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 Guinea is coordinating the activities of 2,556 social mobilizers and C4D specialists. In addition, it supports 4,816 members of Village Watch Committees (Comité de Veille Villageois, or CVV) and Neighbourhood Watch Committees (Comité de Veille de Quartier, or CVQ) in eight active sub-prefectures.

## 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.

### International media

- The successful completion of the academic year without a single case of Ebola contracted in schools generated significant press coverage, including an article by Reuters [Handwashing in W. African schools protects children, families from Ebola: UN](#)

### Local media

- UNICEF supported a dance competition promoting the importance of supporting Ebola survivors. [Ebola : Arrêter la stigmatisation par la danse](#)

# Programme Results

## UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response

Guinea, 19 August 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		639				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		6,179				
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention <sup>1</sup>	1,004,106	1,620,596	161%	1,004,106	1,620,596	161%
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week				100%	100% (3/3)	
Sub-prefectures, chiefdoms and/or counties reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week				0%	1/342	
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week				0	1	
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 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES</b>						
CCCs established		6			6	
CCCs functional		3			3	
<b>WASH</b>						
Ebola community, treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services <sup>3</sup>	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	3,443,530	74%	3,500,000	2,366,368	68%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed <sup>4</sup>				172,500 <sup>5</sup>	129,800	75%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	120,000	108,820	91%	120,000	108,820	91%
Registered children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers due to Ebola and child survivors of Ebola who received a	6,000	5,892	98%	6,000	5,892	98%

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> KAP survey, February 2015

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> UNICEF target has been reviewed from 67,500 to 172,500 according to the prevision in terms of rehabilitation/buildings of water points up to December 2015 (350 water points rehabilitated/built)

minimum package of support/nationally agreed package, including family tracing and reunification or placement in alternative family based care						
<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	1,100	37%
Children 6-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign <sup>6</sup>				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	4,723	71%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	1,652	25%
<b>NUTRITION</b>						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				2,600	2,230	86%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				7,250	6,973	96%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				2,600	1,970	76%
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				20	22	110%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support				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	4,901	39%	7,176	2,551	36%

## Next SitRep: 26 August 2015

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<sup>6</sup> These figures correspond to children from 6-59 months, as per the indicator (actual campaign had targeted children from 6 months to 9 years)