



A UNICEF Child Protection Officer in Tonkolili district plays a video message showing a relative in hospital with her baby to quarantined family members @UNICEF SL/2015/Kassave

Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

5 August 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

- In the week to 2 August 2015, there was one confirmed Ebola case, down from three cases the previous week. The case was reported from a quarantined home in Massesgbeh village, Kholifa Rowala chiefdom in Tonkolili, a district with 11 chiefdoms.
- 44 community leaders and 34 religious leaders are supporting community engagement activities in Tonkolili. In addition, eight Integrated Rapid Response teams, including a social mobilizer and an Ebola survivor, have been deployed to Massesgbeh village to ensure an integrated response and to gain the trust of quarantined families.
- Over 1,784 people were engaged through community meetings and inter-personal communication in Tonkolili district. Five local community radio stations have also been engaged to provide a platform for different Ebola response pillars to engage local communities through interactive radio programming.
- In Kambia, community-based social mobilizers from Restless Development and other partners supported by UNICEF engaged 12,897 people from 499 communities (1,135 households) in hotspots and border communities through community meetings and interpersonal communication. 811 community leaders were also engaged.
- UNICEF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water Resources and District Ebola Response Centre, supported the delivery of 75,000 litres of water to quarantined households in Massesgbeh village, Tonkolili district. Six water tanks, with a 21,400 litre storage capacity, were installed in the village, benefitting approx. 634 people in the 50 quarantined households.
- Last week, UNICEF distributed play and recreational materials (toys, note books, pencils and chargeable lights) to 267 quarantined children in Massesgbeh village, Tonkolili district.
- UNICEF supported the re-opening of Magboraka Observational Interim Care Centre and provided supplies, including a generator and Family Tracing and Reunification kits, to ensure that the facility is fully operational.
- In Porto Loko district, 18 quarantined households with 108 people were provided with hygiene kits and replenishment supplies of 1,200 bars of laundry and bathing soap. There was no demand for hygiene kits in Kambia district as there were no new quarantined households.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 5 August 2015

8,698¹

Confirmed cases of Ebola

3,585¹

Confirmed deaths from Ebola

1,459²

Confirmed cases of infected children under age 18 registered by MSWGCA

8,624²

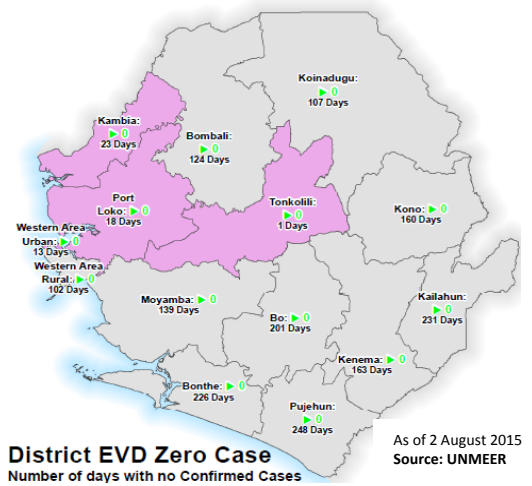
Registered Ebola Orphans

1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

2. Source: Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA)

Operation Northern Push (ONP), Western Area Urban and Tonkolili Surge

The surge in efforts to get to zero Ebola case in the north-western active transmission districts of Port Loko, Kambia and Western Area Urban has seen a large scale up of operations by the Government of Sierra Leone and partners since the launch of the operation on 16 June 2015. During the week to 2 August 2015, there was one confirmed Ebola case, down from three cases the previous week. The case was reported from a quarantined home in Massesgbah village, Kholifa Rowala chiefdom in Tonkolili, a district with 11 chiefdoms.



Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization

- 44 community leaders and 34 religious leaders are supporting the community engagement activities in Tonkolili district. In addition, eight Integrated Rapid Response teams, including a social mobilizer and an Ebola survivor, have been deployed to Massesgbah community to ensure an integrated response and to gain the trust of quarantined families.
- In Tonkolili district, over 1,784 people were engaged through community meetings and inter-personal communication. Five local community radio stations have also been engaged to provide a platform for the Ebola response pillars to engage local communities through interactive radio programming. As per the travel history of index case three, high risk zones in Tonkolili have been identified and 19 communities listed for social mobilization and community engagement.
- The Port Loko social mobilization pillar trained all 11 paramount chiefs and 32 councillors in the district on community engagement and their role in the ongoing social mobilization efforts. Chiefdom plans have been developed and activities are being implemented. During the reporting period, Theatre for Development (T4D) was used as a tool for social mobilization in Kaffu Bullom chiefdom. Three T4D performances have been done and 17 more are planned.
- Key informant interviews to understand the low utilization of Peripheral Health Units (PHU) were completed with 85 respondents. The survey is part of the inter-pillar initiative to better understand the community reasons for not using the PHUs in the district.
- The training of 85 social mobilizers from Guinea Braimia, Samu and Gbileh Dixon chiefdoms along the Guinea border, facilitated by Restless Development, Cross Border Liaison Officer and UNICEF, was completed during the reporting period.
- In Kambia, community-based social mobilizers from Restless Development and other partners supported by UNICEF, engaged 12,897 people from 499 communities (1,135 households) in hotspots and border communities through community meetings and interpersonal communication. 811 community leaders were also engaged. The 'Bush-to-Bush' campaign aimed at engaging traditional healers in Kambia district and was launched by Focus 1000. So far, 185 traditional healers across four chiefdoms have been engaged.
- As part of 'Operation Safeguard', Western Area Urban is planning to further intensify community engagement interventions through a more systematic engagement of Ward Councillors and Ward Task Forces with a special focus on the seven¹ identified priority areas.
- Last week, the Collective Community Action project, implemented by UNICEF and Welt Hunger Hilfe, was initiated with the orientation of 49 Harbour Masters, 49 Taskforces and six representatives from local councils in Western Area. The project is a collective response to the Ebola outbreak by the integrated response teams, local communities and authorities. It seeks to foster information-sharing and a surveillance system around all wharfs and land routes connecting settlements in the Western Area Districts to other provinces of Sierra Leone.

WASH

- In response to the new Ebola cases in Tonkolili district, UNICEF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water Resources and District Ebola Response Centre, UNICEF supported the delivery of 75,000 litres of water to quarantined households in Massesgbah village in Kholifa Rowala chiefdom. UNICEF also provided fuel to enable the existing water pumping systems at Masanga hospital to pump 200,000 litres.
- During the reporting week, UNICEF partners Real Women in Action Programme and Concern Worldwide constructed household latrines for five quarantined households with 34 high risk contacts in Massesgbah village and Masanga hospital. Since Tonkolili district benefitted from the UNICEF-supported Community-Led Total Sanitation project prior

¹ Mabella Wharf, King Jimmy Wharf, Government Wharf, Ajanet Wharf, Susan's Bay Wharf, Guinea Wharf, Magazine Wharf

to the Ebola outbreak, most of the quarantined households in Massesgbeh village now have access to household latrines.

- In Tonkolili district, six water tanks with a total storage capacity of 21,400 litres were installed in Massesgbeh village, benefitting approx. 634 people in the 50 quarantined households. 183x20 litres rigid jerrycans for water storage were distributed to quarantined households through UNICEF WASH implementing partners Real Women in Action Programme and Concern Worldwide. UNICEF supported the restoration of water and power supply at Magburuka hospital in order to enable resumption of services.
- During the past week, UNICEF supported the construction of latrines for 15 quarantined households with 90 people in Porto Loko district. There was no new demand for latrines in Kambia district since all the people in quarantined households were released. Since the beginning of ONP, UNICEF has supported the construction of latrines for 256 quarantined households (1,139 people) in Kambia and Port Loko districts.
- Last week, UNICEF partners Sierra Leone Water Company, OXFAM and Community Action for the Welfare of Children, and local communities supported the delivery of 37,250 litres of water to over 350 people in 77 quarantined households and four check points in Kambia and Port Loko districts. Most of the quarantined households were released during the week hence the low water delivery. Since the beginning of ONP, UNICEF partners have delivered approx. 887.7 m³ of water to 4,146 people in 781 quarantined households in these two districts.
- In Porto Loko district, 18 quarantined households with 108 people were provided with hygiene kits and replenishment supplies of 1,200 bars of laundry and bathing soap. There was no demand for hygiene kits in Kambia district as no new households were quarantined. Since the beginning of ONP, 300 quarantined households with 1,260 people have been provided with hygiene kits.

Education

- UNICEF continues to work with District Education Offices and local councils to support children in quarantined households to access educational materials for continued learning. During the reporting period, UNICEF provided material (exercise books, pencils, pens, text books and lesson notes) to 16 school-going children (9 boys and 7 girls) quarantined in Western Area Urban district. In addition, children in quarantine are accessing the Radio Education Programme on solar powered radio sets provided by UNICEF.

Child Protection

- During the reporting period, UNICEF supported the reopening of the Magboraka Observational Interim Care Centre (OICC) and provided supplies, including a generator and Family Tracing and Reunification kits, to ensure that the facility is fully operational. UNICEF also distributed play and recreational materials, including toys, note books, pencils and chargeable lights to 267 children in quarantine in Massesgbeh village, Tonkolili district.
- 340 children under quarantine in Kambia, Western Area, Port Loko and Tonkolili districts received psychosocial support (PSS) from UNICEF partners² and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWCGA). This included daily monitoring visits to assess the situation of children and their families in quarantine, individual and group counselling sessions as well as support with play and recreation activities and relief packages such as Non Food Item (NFI) kits.
- As of last week, five contact children were in quarantine in the OICCs supported by UNICEF in Western Area Urban and Port Loko-Lunsar. Since February 2015, 565 children have been provided with care and protection services in UNICEF supported OICCs.

Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization (SM)³

- In consultation with the National Social Mobilization Pillar, the 'Community Engagement and Ownership for Sustained Response to the EVD Outbreak' strategy was finalised last week. The strategy outlines the critical interventions for systematic community engagement at chiefdom, ward and community level around the drivers of Ebola transmission.
- Last week, the UNICEF and Welt Hunger Hilfe 'Collective Community Action project' was initiated with the orientation of 49 Harbour Masters and 49 taskforces and six representatives from the local councils.

² Family Homes Moment, GOAL, St. George's Foundation, Advocacy Moment Network, Connect Sierra Leone

³ UNICEF is the lead agency for the UN for social mobilization and community engagement and is co-chairing the Social Mobilization pillar with the Health Education Division (HED) of the MoHS.

Health

- As part of the early recovery plan, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, with the support of UNICEF, International Growth Center and other partners, organized a three day consultative meeting with all stakeholders of the Community Health Workers (CHW) program at central, district and community levels, to deliberate on the progress of the program and to propose policy and strategy changes required to adapt to the current programming environment.
- The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, with UNICEF support and funding from European Union, organized a five-day training of trainers on 'Immunization in Practice'. 24 participants from six districts attended the training. The trainers will cascade the training to health providers from all the Peripheral Health Units in Bo, Pujehun, Kono, Moyamba, Bonthe and Kenema.

Nutrition

- 497 infants (0-5 months) of Ebola affected mothers and infant orphans (0-5 months) of non-Ebola affected mothers from 11 districts⁴ are currently receiving biweekly supplies of Ready to Use Infant Formula from UNICEF. In addition, nutrition supplies⁵ were provided for 4,107 Ebola patients at 12 Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs), 23 Ebola Holding Centres (EHCs), three combined ETU/EHCs, seven Interim Care Centres and six Observational Interim Care Centres as well as 18 Community Care Centres.
- Last week, 44,304 children were screened in 580 communities (78 chiefdoms) countrywide. 660 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children were identified. 564⁶ were admitted for treatment at the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) centre while 295 who had SAM with medical complications were referred to an In-Patient Facility to receive pediatric and nutrition care. By the end of last week, 1,989 children were receiving treatment under OTP. 228 boxes of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) were consumed.

Community Care Centres (CCCs)

- Since 17 November 2014, UNICEF-supported CCCs have triaged 28,598 patients and detected 1,024 Ebola suspects across five districts. 842 of the Ebola suspects were admitted to CCCs. 182 patients also got rapid ambulance transfers for immediate care at Ebola Treatment Units.
- In the past week, 488 patients were triaged at UNICEF-supported CCCs, representing an average of 70 patients per day. Three (two in Kono and one in Kambia district) of the patients triaged and admitted, met the Ebola case definition while 100 percent of the lab results were received within 48 hours of patient admission.

Seven-day status update

District	Number/ Type of CCC	Implementing Partner	Triaged	Admitted	Transferred	% Ebola Suspects	Reporting Completeness
Bombali	0						
Tonkolili	0						
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	463	1	0	0.2%	100%
Western	0						
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	25	2	0	8%	50%
TOTAL	80 beds		488	3	0	0.6%	89%

All data is received through RapidPro, a SMS-based data collection platform.

Child Protection⁷

- UNICEF continued to cater for the immediate protection and psychosocial needs of children affected by Ebola in fourteen districts. 665 children benefited from integrated psychosocial support services during the reporting period. In addition, six separated and unaccompanied children were reunified with their families. To date, 16,954 children have benefited from UNICEF-supported psychosocial support services countrywide.

Education

- Last week, UNICEF, in collaboration with the Freetown Teachers College, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) and the MSWCGA, rolled out the training of 10,000 pre-primary and secondary school teachers

⁴ Port Loko, Kambia, Tonkolili, Koinadugu, Western Area, Moyamba, Kenema, Pujehun, Bonthe, Bo and Kono

⁵ Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (BP100), Ready-to-Use Infant Formula (RUIF) and Ultra High Temperature (UHT) milk

⁶ This represents 84.3 percent cases that were admitted after referral from the community.

⁷ UNICEF is the UN Child Protection lead agency for the Ebola response and co-chairs the Child Protection, Psychosocial and Gender pillar with MSWCGA.

on PSS. The training aims at equipping teachers with basic PSS skills so that they can effectively support the needs of school children affected by Ebola. 9,000 teachers were trained prior to school reopening.

Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	47	20	67
National Staff	84	84	168
Staff on Surge and SBP	2	2	4
Total Staff	133	106	239
Outsourced third party / government staff for CCCs	219		

Media and External Communication

UNICEF produced a [Story](#) on children in UNICEF-supported Observational Interim Care Centres and the recent [Birth Registration](#) exercise. UNICEF also participated in a programme on Radio Democracy to discuss the importance of breastfeeding, to mark World Breastfeeding Week. Finally, UNICEF has commenced production of a film on Maternal and Child Health in support of the EU/UNICEF Communications and Visibility strategy.

Funding

In line with the UN inter-agency response strategy for the Ebola outbreak, [UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC) is appealing for USD 178 million for Sierra Leone to support the needs of children and communities affected by the Ebola crisis until the end of July 2015. Currently, UNICEF is revising its HAC appeal in order to establish the funding needs until the end of 2015. As of 4 August 2015, USD 121.7 million (68.4% of the total funding needs) has been received.

UNICEF greatly appreciates the contributions that have been received to date from DFID/UKAID, OFDA/USAID, ECHO/European Union, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, SIDA, the Governments of Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates, OCHA, and the Danish, Japan, Swedish, Swiss and UK Committees for UNICEF, as well as the US Fund for UNICEF, and the private sector.

Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response						
Sierra Leone, 5 August 2015						
Indicators	Pillar / Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
Children 0-17 years living in Ebola affected areas		Not Available				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		8,624				
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention	886,480	1,797,236	202.7%	532,000	988,786	186%
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week	100%	11/11	100%	100%	11/11	100%
Chiefdoms reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week	0	13	7% (13/182)	0	13	7% (13/182)
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week	0	21		0	21	

Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors	<3%	38% 1,286/3,415		<3%	38% ⁸ 1,286/3,415	
Proportion of population surveyed who rejected alternatives to traditional burials/funerals	<3%	12% 437/3,540		<3%	12% 437/3,540	
COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES						
CCCs established		58			46	
CCCs functional		17			17	
CCCs decommissioned		41			29	
WASH						
Ebola community, treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services	94	69	72%	52	36	69%
CCCs provided with essential WASH services	58	58	100%	46	46	100%
Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station and/or WASH support	1,162	1,162	100%	1,162	1,162 ⁹	100%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	420,000	249,370	59%	420,000	249,370	59%
CHILD PROTECTION¹⁰						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	18,852	16,954	90%	18,852	16,954	90%
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	2,523	1,874	74%	2,523	1,874	74%
HEALTH						
Health structures in Ebola-affected areas provided with Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies				1,185	1,195	101%
Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				6,000	9,715	162%
Children 6-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign ¹¹				1,240,601 95% children 9-59 months	1,205,865 97.2%	97.2%
HIV/AIDS						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				1,142	916	80%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				900	155	17%
HIV positive children under 15 continuing to receive ART				539	300	56%
NUTRITION						

⁸ KAP Survey, December 2014

⁹ This was a one off activity carried out by UNICEF on behalf of the cluster

¹⁰ The discussions on the targets for CP are still ongoing.

¹¹ The measles campaign for Sierra Leone targeted children 9-59 months

Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	4,107	128.3%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	14,206	75.2%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	497	165.7%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)	36,000	18,338 ¹²	50.9%	9,000	8,997	99.9%
Teachers trained in Ebola prevention	36,000	18,338	50.9%	9,000	8,997	99.9%
Schools equipped with minimum hygiene package for Ebola prevention compliant with protocols	9,000	8,460 ¹³	94%	3,472 ¹⁴	3,472	100%
Children in school benefitting from learning kits	1,800,000	1,800,000	100%	1,800,000	1,800,000	100%
Children enrolled in schools equipped with minimum hygiene package	1,800,000	1,692,000	94%	694,400 ¹⁵	694,400	100%

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¹² Complete package of Teachers training in PSS, Ebola prevention including school protocol and guidance notes

¹³ This is derived from the national coverage of 94% observed in RapidPro Monitoring

¹⁴ UNICEF targeted at distributing 24,300 hygiene kits.

¹⁵ Derived from schools equipped with minimum hygiene package multiplied by average of 200 students per school