



A health worker packs Ready to Use Therapeutic Food for a child at a Community Health Centre in Kambia district
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Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

- In the week to 28 June 2015, there were eight confirmed Ebola cases, the same number of cases as the previous week. Cases came from the districts of Port Loko (2), Western Area Urban (4) and Kambia (2).
- Last week, UNICEF and partners constructed 41 household latrines for quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko districts, benefiting more than 246 people. All the 220 households (929 people) that have been under quarantine since the start of Operation Northern Push now have access to household latrines.
- UNICEF, working together with the District Education Offices in Kambia and Port Loko, supported 361 children who are living in quarantined households by providing basic learning materials, supplementary reading and lesson notes so as to ensure continuity of learning during their quarantine period.
- A total of 163 quarantined households (680 people) received replenishment supplies of soap and 18 hygiene kits were distributed to security check points in Kambia and Port Loko districts. House-to-house hygiene promotion sessions are continuing in the affected chiefdoms to sensitize the quarantined households on good hygiene practices.
- Despite the rains, UNICEF-led social mobilization teams continued intensified social mobilization in Port Loko and Kambia districts, reaching 13,876 people through community meetings in 1,160 communities.
- Monitoring of schools is continuing in Port Loko and Kambia. 83 per cent of both boys and girls were in school in Port Loko while in Kambia, 81 percent of boys and 85 percent of girls were in school on the day of monitoring.
- UNICEF Sierra Leone requires a further USD 57.3 million of the USD 178 million requested for its response to the Ebola crisis, until the end of June 2015. To date, USD 120.5 million has been received – 68 percent of the total.*

*Funding status as of 23 June 2015

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 29 June 2015

8,665¹

Confirmed cases of Ebola

3,566¹

Confirmed deaths from Ebola

1,459²

Confirmed cases of infected children under age 18 registered by MSWGCA

8,624²

Registered Ebola Orphans

UNICEF funding needs to June 2015

USD 178 million

UNICEF funding gap

USD 57.3 million*

1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

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

Operation Northern Push

The surge in efforts to get to zero Ebola cases in the north-western districts of Port Loko and Kambia 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 28 June 2015, 8 new confirmed cases were recorded. Four of the cases came from the Magazine Wharf area of Freetown, two cases were reported from Kambia district and the other two cases were reported from two chiefdoms in Port Loko district. One of these cases, which was reported from the chiefdom of Masimera, is linked to the Magazine Wharf chain of transmission.

WASH

As part of Operation Northern Push in Kambia and Port Loko districts, UNICEF and partners (Sierra Leone Water Company, GUMA Valley Water Company and community water carriers) have arranged water-trucking to quarantined households. This week, approx. 196,725 litres of water was delivered to 929 people in 220 quarantined households in Kambia (Kadalo and Kargboto communities in Tonko-Limba Chiefdom) and Port Loko districts. Two boreholes were drilled at two Community Care Centres in Kabaya and Kania communities.

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Last week, 163 quarantined households (680 people) received replenishment supplies of soap and 18 hygiene kits were distributed to security check points in Kambia and Port Loko districts. House-to-house hygiene promotion sessions are continuing in the affected chiefdoms to sensitize the quarantined households on good hygiene practices including hand-washing with soap, disposal of solid waste, safe storage of water and maintenance of latrines. The sessions, conducted by UNICEF partners, have benefitted 11,637 people, including 3,796 girls and 2,633 boys.

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

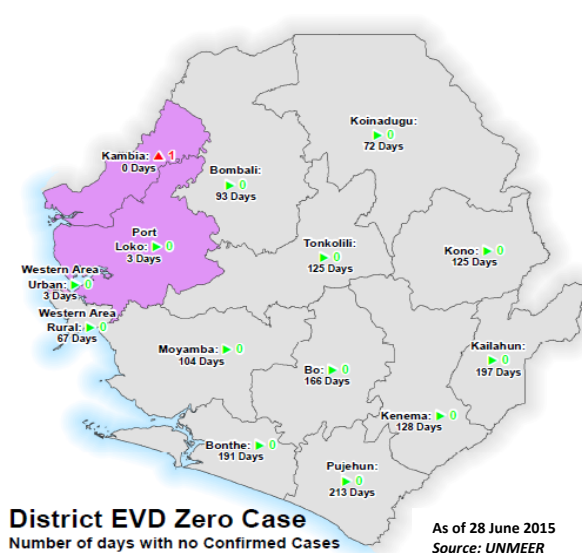
Despite the rains, UNICEF-led social mobilization teams continued intensified social mobilization in Port Loko and Kambia districts, reaching 13,876 people through community meetings in 1,160 communities. Social mobilizers and community champions from partners (District Health Management Teams, IFRC, Restless Development, Oxfam, and Health for All Coalition) conducted house-to-house visits, engaging over 43,462 people on Ebola prevention. The surge is also meant to clarify restrictions and precautionary measures that have been put in place during the ongoing Operation Northern Push. To enable social mobilizers to continue their work through the rainy season, UNICEF provided rain gear to 2,180 social mobilizers in Port Loko, Kambia and Western Area districts.

Effective community dialogues and increased ownership are being promoted as the key to reducing resistance in Port Loko and Kambia communities. Based on these consultations, 20 security checkpoints complete with hand washing stations have been set up in the affected communities. UNICEF provided buckets and soap for hand washing through OXFAM.

2,278 traditional leaders, including paramount section chiefs, village headmen and over 875 traditional healers and herbalists were engaged as part of Operation Northern Push intensified social mobilization. Social mobilizers also reached out to schools and sensitized 31,871 students on key preventive behaviours. Close to 2,900 social mobilizers are now on the ground in Kambia and Port Loko districts.

Child Protection and Nutrition

During the reporting period, UNICEF prepositioned additional nutrition supplies at District Medical Stores in 13 districts, including quarantined households in Kambia, Port Loko and Western area.



Bramaia and Masungbala chiefdoms in Kambia district successfully completed their period under quarantine. UNICEF provided 107 children with supplementary food in Kargboto and Kadalo communities. 248 cases (110 boys and 138 girls) have been documented in the Protection Desk data entry tool to date.

In Port Loko, one eight month old infant is still at the Observation Interim Care Centre in Lunsar town. The infant is scheduled to end the third cohort on 30 June 2015. The family tracing and reunification process has started and UNICEF, together with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA), provided Psychosocial Social Support for 160 children during the reporting period.

In the districts of Kambia and Port Loko, the District Ebola Response Centre has formed two and three Psychosocial Support teams respectively. The teams comprise of UNICEF (three Child Protection staff in Kambia and three in Port Loko), MSWGCA and Child Protection partners. These teams conduct daily psychosocial support visits to families and children in quarantine.

Education

Monitoring of schools is continuing in Port Loko and Kambia. Despite the reoccurrence of Ebola cases, schools remain open. This week, RapidPro data showed a 0.7 percent increase in enrolment for Port Loko while Kambia registered a 4 per cent decrease. Head count verification of attendance was done by monitors on the day of data collection. This showed 83 per cent of both boys and girls were in school in Port Loko while in Kambia, 81 percent of boys and 85 percent of girls were in school on the day of monitoring. In addition, out of a total of 5,071 teachers registered in the 600 schools monitored in Port Loko, 3,062 (78 per cent) were present on the day of monitoring. In Kambia, teacher attendance in the 331 schools monitored was much higher with 2,171 teachers out of 2,418 (90 per cent) present.

At the time of monitoring, 91 per cent of schools in Port Loko and 86 percent of schools in Kambia district were observing infection prevention control protocols with hand washing, temperature screening and cleaning of schools. This data is being used to inform rapid response where challenges and gaps are observed and to provide required support to the schools to ensure continued safety of children.

UNICEF, working together with the District Education Offices in Kambia and Port Loko, supported 361 children (53 per cent girls and 47 per cent boys) who are living in quarantined households by providing basic learning materials, supplementary reading and lesson notes so as to ensure continuity of learning during their quarantine period. In Western Urban area, 19 children (12 boys and 7 girls) living in quarantine houses also received similar support from Freetown City Council, District Education Office (DEO) and UNICEF.

Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization (SM)¹

- In Western Area, social mobilisers from UNICEF social mobilization partners continue to work closely with the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) team and contact tracers for active case finding. Each social mobilization team has a survivor and a community stakeholder. A three-day orientation of 69 ward councillors and village chiefs, 98 tribal leaders and 69 village task forces was conducted during the week.
- During the reporting period, over 4, 000 people in Western Area were reached through one-to-one dialogues and house-to-house searches. Intensive community engagement continues around the five quarantine households within the Wharf Magazine area and in the Voluntary Quarantine Facility.
- In order to ensure high levels of vigilance and to avoid complacency in districts that have been Ebola free, UNICEF continues to promote key Ebola prevention messages through community radios across the country. Various programming formats like jingles, interviews, discussions and call-in programmes in local languages are broadcast on these radio networks on a daily basis.

¹ 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 Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS).

Health

- UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) and 13 District Health Management Teams to organize on-the-job training, coaching and mentoring for 165 chiefdom health supervisors across the country. The trained supervisors will in turn carry out mentoring and supportive supervision to the health facilities in their respective chiefdoms, targeting all the 1,185 Peripheral Health Units in the country. The training focused on the appropriate integrated management of childhood illnesses for children under five, with special emphasis on quality infection prevention and control (IPC) practices.
- As part of the program to reinforce IPC practices in health facilities, the MoHS, with UNICEF technical and financial support, organized district reviews of IPC in Western Area Rural and Urban districts. Participants were drawn from Peripheral Health Unit staff (mainly chiefdom supervisors), implementing partners and District Health Management team members. Activities on IPC at Peripheral Health Units and hospitals were discussed, lessons learned were shared by various partners and concrete recommendations made.
- The District Health Management Team of Kailahun and Pujehun districts, in partnership with Save the Children International and supported by UNICEF, organized a training on the provision of maternal and newborn health community based interventions and integrated community case management for 173 new community health workers. 150 of them will replace the ones who have left the system in Kailahun district.

Nutrition

- Cumulatively, 318 infants (0-5 months) of Ebola affected mothers and infants (0-5 months) who have lost one or both parents of non-Ebola affected mothers from 11 districts² are receiving biweekly supplies of Ready to Use Infant Formula from UNICEF. In addition, nutrition supplies were provided for 3,927 Ebola patients at 12 Ebola Treatment Units, 23 Ebola Holding Centres, two Ebola Treatment Units/Ebola Holding Centres (combined), seven Interim Care Centres, six Observation Interim Care Centres and 18 Community Care Centres.
- During the reporting period, 36,127 children under five years were screened at the community level in 83 out of 149 chiefdoms countrywide. 761 (2 per cent) children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were identified, of whom 576³ were admitted for treatment to the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP), while 155 children who had SAM with medical complications were referred to an inpatient facility to receive pediatric and nutrition care. 352 boxes of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food were distributed to these new and ongoing SAM cases in 427 operational OTP centres and 19 inpatient facilities across the country. Cumulatively, the case load under the OTP reached 2,520 as at the last week of the first semester.

WASH

- To date, UNICEF supported WASH implementing partners have reached 1,471,139 people (approx. 269,495 households) with Ebola prevention messages in all 14 districts.
- UNICEF continues to monitor and support the 17 retained CCCs as well as 28 Ebola Treatment Units and Ebola Health Centres in eight districts with essential WASH packages that include sanitation facilities, waste management and water supply for drinking, personal hygiene and disinfection.

Community Care Centres (CCCs)

- Since 17 November 2014, UNICEF-supported CCCs have triaged 25,138 patients and detected 973 Ebola suspects across five districts. During the past 32 weeks, 811 patients have received overnight care at the CCCs and 162 patients have received rapid ambulance transfers for immediate care.
- In the past week, 821 patients were triaged at UNICEF-supported CCCs, representing an average of 117 patients per day. There were two patients admitted to the CCCs while 100 percent of lab results were available within 48 hours.

² Port Loko, Kambia, Tonkolili, Koinadugu, Western Area, Moyamba, Kenema, Pujehun, Bonthe, Bo and Kono.

³ This represents 76 per cent cases that attended after referral from the community. There are efforts made to encourage mothers whose children have been identified with malnutrition to attend.

Seven-day status update

District	Number/ Type of CCC	Implementing Partner	Triaged	Admitted	Transferred	% Ebola Suspects	Reporting Completeness
Bombali	3 x 8 beds	World Hope	36	0	0	0%	100%
Tonkolili	4 x 8 beds	Concern Worldwide	176	0	0	0%	96%
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	557	1	0	0.2%	100%
Western	0						
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	52	1	0	1.9%	57%
TOTAL	136 beds		821	2	0	0.2%	94%

All data received through RapidPro, a SMS-based data collection platform, is cleaned continuously and adjusted, including for those previously reported.

Child Protection⁴

- UNICEF is hosting a team from New York for ten days to assess the capacity of the MSWGCA to develop a Case Management/Child Protection Information Management System.
- During the reporting period, 990 children were provided with units of services following referrals from protection desks. 67 of these children (42 boys and 25 girls) were new referrals. 29, (43 per cent) of the cases were immediately referred to appropriate partners for assessment and follow up. 975 out of the 990 children benefited from integrated psycho-social support while three contact children were referred to the Observation Interim Care Centre and 12 were placed in other forms of alternative care.
- The Interim Care Centres (ICC) continue to provide care and support for Ebola affected (non-contact) children with no caregivers as a last resort. There are currently six ICCs receiving children out of eleven that are ready to receive children upon referral. As of 28 June 2015, the six ICCs had 113 Ebola-affected children under care. Three children from the ICC in Western Urban area were reunified with their parents.

Education

- During the reporting period, UNICEF supported District Education Offices in all the fourteen districts to conduct a review of the teacher training on Ebola prevention, protocol implementation, psychosocial support and social mobilization conducted prior to school reopening. The results show that 18,000 teachers countrywide have been trained. The review, whose outcomes will be shared next week, focused on identifying challenges and gaps in the implementation of modules, impact of the training, review of the training materials and lessons learned.

Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	51	20	71
National Staff	102	64	166
Staff on Surge and SBP	3	7	10
Total Staff	156	91	247
Outsourced third party/government staff for CCCs	164		

Media & External Communication

- UNICEF facilitated extensive local media coverage of media and advocacy activities on child marriage that were implemented by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs and the Youth and Child Advocacy Network on the Day of the African Child. Children participated in radio debates and discussions on child marriage on over 20 radio stations across the country. Several local newspapers including [Awoko](#), Democrat, Nation Business and Spectator produced stories on the day's activities. UNICEF also facilitated the one-day takeover of the UNICEF global Twitter account by five female youth activists from various African countries, including Sierra Leone, who twitted on [child marriage](#).

⁴ UNICEF is the lead agency for the UN on child protection in the Ebola response and is co-chairing the Child Protection, Psychosocial and Gender pillar with MSWGCA.

- UNICEF was also mentioned in the Concord Times Newspaper in its review of the Progress for Children report as well as in a blog on [UNICEF Connect](#) on the surge efforts in two of the remaining Ebola hotspot districts of Kambia and Port Loko.
- Facebook followers increased to 8,724, with 25 likes, 818 post likes and 10 post comments. The Twitter account also continues to attract more people as it reached 3,512 followers, 31 retweets and 10 mentions.

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 June 2015. As of 23 June 2015, USD 120.5 million has been received, 68 percent of the current appeal.

UNICEF greatly appreciates the contributions that have been received to date including 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, 1 July 2015						
Indicators	Pillar / Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
EPIDEMIOLOGY*						
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	1,687,714	190%	532,000	943,770	177%
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week	100%	8/8	100%	100%	8/8	100%
Chiefdoms reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week	0	13	7% (13/182 ⁵)	0	13	7% (13/182)
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week	0	13		0	13	
Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors	<3%	38% 1,286/3,415		<3%	38% ⁶ 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	

*The figures for sections with asterisks (Epidemiology, Community Care centres, Child Protection, Health, HIV AIDS and Education remain the same as last week)

⁵ There are 149 chiefdoms in districts in Sierra Leone. However the Western Area (urban and rural) Districts do not have chiefdoms but wards. These total chiefdoms and wards add up to 182

⁶ KAP Survey, December 2014

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 ⁷	100%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	420,000	248,391	59%	420,000	248,391	59%
CHILD PROTECTION*						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	14,954*	12,874	86%	14,954	12,874	86%
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*	1,868	74%	2,523	1,868	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 9-59 months immunized against measles during the measles campaign				1,240,601	1,205,865	97%
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				900	155	17%
HIV positive children under 15 continuing to receive ART				539	300	56%
NUTRITION						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	3,927	123%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	11,371	60%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	318	106%
EDUCATION*						

⁷ This was a one off activity carried out by UNICEF on behalf of the cluster

Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41 ⁸	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)	36,000	18,000 ⁹	50%	9,000	8,997	99.9%
Teachers trained in Ebola prevention	36,000	18,000	50%	9,000	8,997	99.9%
Schools equipped with minimum hygiene package for Ebola prevention compliant with protocols	9,000	8,460 ¹⁰	94%	3,472 ¹¹	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 ¹²	694,400	100%

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⁸ Programme stopped by the Education Ministry until further notice

⁹ Complete package of Teachers training in PSS, EVD prevention including school protocol and guidance notes

¹⁰ This is derived from the national coverage of 94% observed in RapidPro Monitoring

¹¹ UNICEF targeted at distributing 24,300 hygiene kits.

¹² Derived from schools equipped with minimum hygiene package multiplied by average of 200 students per school