



A health worker administers the Polio vaccine to a child behind a quarantine line in the quarantined village of Kadalo in Kambia district. © UNICEF SL/2015/Bade

Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

15 July 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

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- UNICEF-led social mobilization teams reached 6,741 people through community meetings in 513 communities in Port Loko and Kambia districts. In Port Loko, social mobilizers reached out to schools and sensitized 12,527 students on key Ebola preventive behaviours. 740 traditional leaders, including paramount and section chiefs and 264 traditional healers, were engaged as part of intensified social mobilization for Operation Northern Push.
- In Western Area Urban district, Ward councillors and 27 key community and traditional leaders engaged 4,449 people within quarantined households and neighboring communities with the aim of promoting community ownership and cooperation in identification of sick people and those missing from Voluntary Quarantine Facilities.
- During the reporting week, UNICEF provided District Education Offices in Port Loko and Kambia with one vehicle each, four motorcycles for Port Loko and three for Kambia to support supervision and monitoring of education activities in the hotspot districts.
- Last week, UNICEF supported the delivery of 171,000 litres of water to 1,131 people in 263 quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko districts. UNICEF distributed 97 Family Tracing and Reunification kits, 200 mattresses and 50 pillows among the quarantined households in Kambia district
- 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 needs until the end of 2015. As of 12 July, USD 121.6 million (68.3% of the total funding needs) has been received.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 13 July 2015

8,688¹

Confirmed cases of Ebola

3,581¹

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 56.4 million³

1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

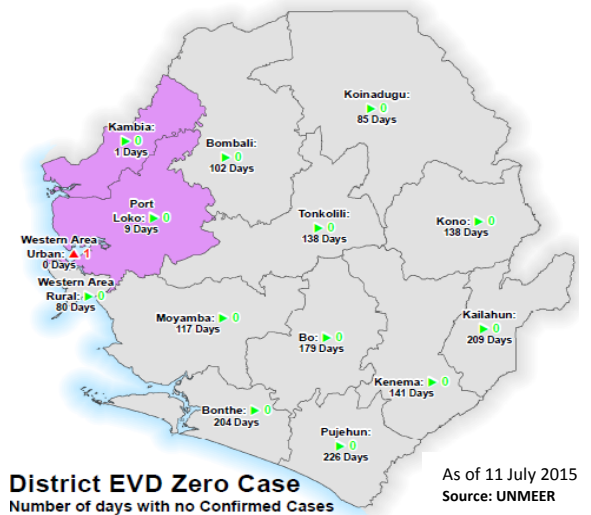
2. Source: Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender, and Children's Affairs.

3. Funding status as of 12 July 2015

Operation Northern Push and Western Area

Urban 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 12 July 2015, there were 14 confirmed Ebola cases, up from nine cases the previous week. Of the 10 cases reported in Western Area Urban district, nine came from ward 374 in the Magazine Wharf area of Freetown and one from Hagan street (the only two wards reporting cases out of 48 wards in the district). Three cases reported from Kambia district came from two (Samu and Tonkolimba) out of seven chiefdoms. One case was reported from Marampa chiefdom in Port Loko, a district with 11 chiefdoms.



Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization

- Intensification of social mobilization and community engagement activities in Port Loko, Kambia and Western Area Urban continued during the reporting week. Social mobilizers were an integral part of events response and quarantine home management in all three districts.
- UNICEF-led social mobilization teams reached 6,741 people through community meetings in 513 communities in Port Loko and Kambia districts. Social mobilizers and community champions from partners supported by UNICEF (IFRC, Restless Development, Oxfam and Health for All Coalition) conducted house to house visits that covered 5,064 households, engaging over 31,396 people on Ebola, reasons for Operation Northern Push as well as restrictions and precautionary measures that have been put in place.
- 740 traditional leaders, paramount and section chiefs and 264 traditional healers were engaged as part of intensified social mobilization for Operation Northern Push. In Port Loko, social mobilizers reached out to schools and sensitized 12,527 students on key Ebola preventive behaviours. As a result of intensification of social mobilization and community engagement in the two districts, the number of sick, suspect and death alerts continued to rise steadily.
- Social mobilization activities in Western area urban continue to focus on Magazine Wharf, Goderich and Congo water areas. Communities are being engaged on a daily basis through community conversations, dialogues and use of story boards with emphasis on infection prevention control (IPC) and preparedness.
- In Western Area Urban district, ward councillors and 27 key community and traditional leaders engaged 4,449 people within quarantined households and neighbouring communities with the aim of promoting community ownership and cooperation in identification of sick people and those missing from Voluntary Quarantine Facilities.
- Ebola survivors being an integral part of the social mobilization and community engagement pillar of the response, an Ebola survivor task force was formed to engage people in quarantined households and Voluntary Quarantine Facilities in the Magazine Wharf. The ward councillor was also engaged in transmitting Ebola messages and creating awareness on bye-laws and safe quarantine protocols for the next two weeks through skits on community radio stations.

WASH

- Last week, UNICEF supported the delivery of 171,000 litres of water to 1,131 people in 263 quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko districts. Since 18 June 2015, UNICEF partners (Sierra Leone Water Company, GUMA Valley Water Company, OXFAM and Community Action for the Welfare of Children-CAWEC) have delivered approx. 699,220 litres of water to 3,060 people in 600 quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko.
- UNICEF, through its implementing partners (Oxfam and CAWEC) supported the construction of 17 household latrines which are serving two quarantined households in Kambia and 15 in Port Loko. Since the beginning of Operation Northern Push, UNICEF partners have constructed 256 latrines which are serving 256 quarantined households consisting of 1,139 people (767 in Kambia and 372 in Porto Loko).

- 39 quarantined households also received hygiene kits. Cumulatively, since the beginning of Operation Northern Push, 300 quarantined households (1,260 people) have received hygiene kits in Port Loko and Kambia districts.
- House-to-house hygiene promotion sessions to sensitize people on good hygiene practices including hand-washing with soap, disposal of solid waste, safe storage of water and maintenance of latrines reached 46 quarantined households in Kambia district.

Education

- During the reporting week, UNICEF provided District Education Offices in Port Loko and Kambia with one vehicle each, four motorcycles for Port Loko and three for Kambia to support supervision and monitoring of education activities in the hotspot districts.
- As schools prepare to close on 17 July 2015 for a one month holiday, the number of children in quarantined households continues to grow. Last week, 145 school going children were identified in newly quarantined homes in Port Loko (11 girls and 26 boys), Kambia (23 boys and 31 girls) and Western Area (54).
- UNICEF, working with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and implementing partners, continued to monitor and provide education support (text books, exercise books and radios) to children in quarantined households. UNICEF is also working with teachers to provide lesson notes to quarantined children as well as engaging their schools to prepare for the children's return once they are discharged from quarantine.

Child Protection

- In Kambia district, UNICEF distributed 97 Family Tracing and Reunification kits, 200 mattresses and 50 pillows among the quarantined households. Also in Kambia district, all households in Kargboto village in Tonko Limba chiefdom ended quarantine on 8 July 2015. 97 people in five chiefdoms (Samu, Tonkolimba, Mambolo, Magbema and Bramaia) are being provided with psychosocial support Services on a daily basis.
- In Western Area Urban, 67 people in the Voluntary Quarantine Facility, including 15 children, received psychosocial support.

Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

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

- During the reporting period, U-Report (a sms based reporting system) registered users increased by 113 percent, to 6,376. UNICEF also conducted a youth engagement campaign with the aim of increasing U-reporters in Port Loko and Kambia districts.

Health

- UNICEF supported the implementation of the combined Polio and birth registration campaign which ran from 10 to 13 July 2015. It was extended to 14 July 2015 to ensure that all eligible children missed during the initial four days are vaccinated. Vaccination data is being compiled at district level for collation and dissemination at the central level.
- As part of its continued support to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) Recovery Plan, UNICEF supported 163 Chiefdom Supervisors to conduct coaching and mentoring of staff providing clinical services for children under five in 535 out of the targeted 965 Peripheral Health Units (PHU) during the past two weeks. This is a follow up to the December 2014 trainings on appropriate Management of Childhood Illnesses that targeted 2,400 PHU staff.

Nutrition

- Prepositioning of nutrition supplies in Port Loko, Kambia, Western Area and 10 other districts continued based on weekly monitoring updates from District Logistics Officers, District Nutritionists and UNICEF Quality Assurance.

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).

- Cumulatively, 391 infants (0-5 months) of Ebola affected mothers and infant orphans (0-5 months) of non-Ebola affected mothers from 11 districts² received bi-weekly supplies of Ready to Use Infant Formula (RUIF). UNICEF also provided nutrition supplies (RUTF in the form of compressed biscuits, RUIF and Ultra High Temperature milk) to 4,073 patients and survivors at 12 Ebola Treatment Units (ETU), 23 Ebola Holding Centres (EHC), two combined ETU/EHCs, seven Interim Care Centres, six Observational Interim Care Centres and 18 Community Care Centres.
- During the reporting week, 39,228 children under five years were screened in 85 out of the 149 chiefdoms. 700 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children were identified, of whom 590³ were admitted for treatment under the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) while 110 who had SAM with medical complications were referred to Inpatient Facilities to receive pediatric and nutrition care. As of last week, 2,567 children were receiving treatment in OTP centers.
- Roll out of updated Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) guidelines was completed in Kono, Tonkolili and Kailahun districts. As a result, 50 percent of Peripheral Health Units in these districts are now providing OTP services.

WASH

- UNICEF continues to monitor and support 17 Community Care Centres with essential WASH packages including sanitation facilities, waste management and safe water for drinking, personal hygiene and disinfection. UNICEF partners (Sierra Leone Water Company and Guma Valley Water Company) also trucked water to water-stressed Ebola affected communities, Ebola Treatment Units and other health facilities. During the reporting period, approx. 690,000 litres of water were delivered, benefitting approx. 4,930 people.

Community Care Centres (CCCs)

- Last week, 884 patients were triaged at UNICEF-supported CCCs, representing an average of 126 patients per day. Three of the patients triaged met the Ebola case definition. One patient was admitted to a CCC and two were immediately transferred to an Ebola Treatment Unit.

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	8	0	0	0%	90%
Tonkolili	4 x 8 beds	Concern Worldwide	154	0	0	0%	100%
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	669	1	2	0.4%	100%
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	53	0	0	0%	100%
TOTAL	136 beds		884	1	2	0.3%	98%

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

Child Protection⁴

- During the reporting period, 814 children were reached with integrated psychosocial support services through the 13 protection desks in the country. In addition, six referrals were made to Observational Interim Care Centres while 16 children were placed in alternative care. The majority of psychosocial support services were provided to quarantined households in Kambia, Port Loko and Western Area.
- UNICEF also identified and provided support to three victims of sexual and gender based violence.

Education

- UNICEF provided two vehicles to District Education Offices in Pujehun and Kailahun districts to support monitoring of education activities. The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology also received one vehicle for monitoring WASH in schools. In addition, UNICEF provided 33 motorcycles to district education offices across the country to support supervision and monitoring of education delivery.

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

³ This represents 84.3 percent cases that were admitted after referral from the community.

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.

Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	50	20	70
National Staff	82	86	168
Staff on Surge and SBP	4	6	10
Total Staff	136	112	248
Outsourced third party / government staff for CCCs	219		

Media & External Communication

- UNICEF, Government and WHO issued a joint press release on the Polio and birth registration campaign launched on 10 July 2015. The press release was reproduced by the Democrat and Satellite newspapers while the Exclusive newspaper produced a news article from it. UNICEF also facilitated the visit of five local journalists to Port Loko and Kailahun districts to cover the polio and birth registration campaign.
- During the reporting period, UNICEF promoted the use of U-Report on six community radio stations (Radio Democracy, African Young Voices, Radio Bankasoka, Galaxy Radio, Radio Kolenten and Radio Mawopnet).
- UNICEF was mentioned in the [Awoko](#) newspaper for its support of inter-district monitoring of people movements to curb the spread of Ebola. UNICEF was also mentioned on [WHO website](#) for its support of “Ambulance Open Days” that are aimed at dispelling fear of ambulances amongst communities.

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 12 July 2015, USD 121.6 million (68.3% of the total funding needs) has been received.

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, 15 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	1,735,214	196%	532,000	971,669	183%
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	8	4% (8/182 ⁵)	0	8	4% (8/182)
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week	0	9		0	9	
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	
Community Care Centres*						
CCCs established		58			46	
CCCs functional		17			17	
CCCs decommissioned		41			29	
CCCs converted/transformed into Alternate Care Centres		0			0	
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	249,259	59%	420,000	249,259	59%
CHILD PROTECTION*						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	17,722*	15,642	88%	17,722*	15,642	88%
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 ⁸				1,240,601 95%	1,205,865 97.2%	97%
HIV/AIDS						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy				1,142	916	80%

⁵ There are 149 chiefdoms in 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

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

⁸ The measles campaign for Sierra Leone targeted children 9-59 months

*Discussions on the targets for CP are still ongoing.

(ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)						
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						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	4,073	127%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	12,575	67%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	391	130%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41	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%

Next Situation Report: 22 July 2015

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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