



Villagers in Massesebe, Tonkolili district, celebrate after completing their time in quarantine. @UNICEF SL/2015/Kassave

# Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

19 August 2015



## HIGHLIGHTS

- In the week to 16 August 2015, there were zero confirmed Ebola cases, down from one case the previous week.
- In Tonkolili, UNICEF, in collaboration with its partners 'Sierra Leone Water Company' and PACT, delivered 356,000 litres of potable water to 52 quarantined households (approx. 42.5 litres per person daily), benefiting at least 634 people. UNICEF and partners also supported the district council in collection and disposal of solid waste from 51 quarantined households and Masanga hospital.
- Tonkolili Social Mobilization pillar partners continue to engage traditional healers and community leaders for effective response to Ebola incidents. Last week, 595 people in quarantine were released from Massesebe village and Masanga hospital in the presence of The President.
- Theatre for Development performances organized by UNICEF through the District Health Management Team and OXFAM, continued in 10 communities of Kaffu Bullom chiefdom, Port Loko district. The performances, which are popular among women and children, help to create awareness on Ebola prevention. 2,750 people were reached.
- In Port Loko, UNICEF partners provided 33,000 litres of water to 49 quarantined households with 294 people and also supported the distribution of 1,200 bars of laundry and bathing soap to 108 people in 18 quarantined households.
- UNICEF and the Tonkolili District Education Office provided learning materials to 148 school-going children as a follow up to the education needs assessment conducted for quarantined households last week. Radios were also distributed to 52 households to enable children in quarantine to access the radio education programme.
- All the 300 children in quarantine in Tonkolili and Western Area districts received continuous psychosocial support (PSS) from UNICEF partners to build their resilience and enhance their ability to cope during and after quarantine.
- The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, with support from UNICEF, conducted 119 PSS trainings for 5,950 teachers in ten districts. The trainings aim to empower teachers to support the psychosocial wellbeing of pupils in schools and to ensure that children from quarantined households and Ebola survivors are adequately re-integrated when schools open at the end of August 2015.

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**As of 19 August 2015**

**8,699**<sup>1</sup>

Confirmed cases of Ebola

**3,586**<sup>1</sup>

Confirmed deaths from Ebola

**1,459**<sup>2</sup>

Confirmed cases of infected children under age 18 registered by MSWGCA

**8,624**<sup>2</sup>

Registered Ebola Orphans

**UNICEF funding needs to June 2015**

USD 178 million

**UNICEF funding gap**

USD 55.2 million<sup>3</sup>

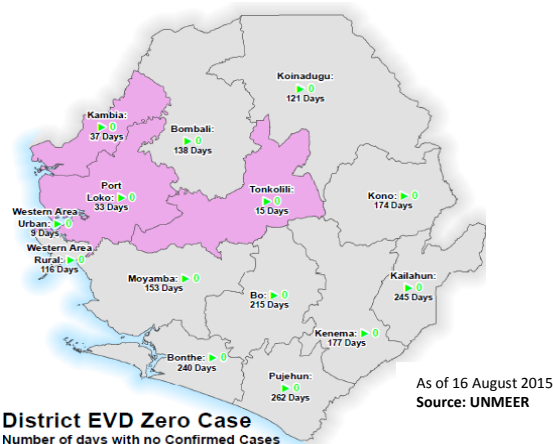
1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

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

3. Funding status as of 18 August 2015

## 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 16 August 2015, there were no confirmed Ebola case, down from one case the previous week.



### Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization (SM)<sup>1</sup>

- In Western Area, UNICEF facilitated the orientation of all SM pillar partners, including WHO, CDC, Social Mobilization Action Consortium, Health for all Coalition and Sierra Leone Red Cross, on the standard operating procedures for the community engagement component of Operation Safeguard Western Area (OSWA). Harbour masters, ward councilors, taskforce members, survivors and social mobilizers from all wards were also oriented.
- An active case finding mini surge was launched on 16 August 2015 across the seven high risk wards in Western Area. Intensive social mobilization and community engagement activities, including house-to-house visits, street announcements, community meetings, manning of check points and screening of commuters were conducted. One of the key points of discussion was the need for vigilance, and continued early referral and death notification despite the lifting of restrictions.
- Tonkolili SM pillar partners continue to engage traditional healers and community leaders for effective response to Ebola incidents. Religious leaders are conducting prayers in quarantined houses. 595 people in quarantine were released from Massesebeh village and Masanga hospital in the presence of The President. The partners also ensured smooth reintegration of quarantined people back in their communities by engaging community leaders and by organizing community dialogues prior to their release. A series of radio panel discussions to promote safe and dignified burials were also conducted.
- Theatre for Development performances organized by UNICEF through the District Health Management Team and OXFAM, continued in 10 communities of Kaffu Bullom chiefdom, Port Loko district. The performances, which are popular among women and children, help to create awareness on Ebola prevention. 2,750 people were reached.
- In Port Loko district, social mobilization activities led by UNICEF and partners reached 56,165 people and 696 traditional healers in 2,352 communities.
- As part of the 'Getting to a resilient zero' strategy, Kambia paramount chiefs are developing Community Action Plans based on the national guidelines on community engagement. The exercise is led by the District Health Management Team and UNICEF, with support from SM pillar partners Restless Development, CDC and WHO.

### WASH

During the reporting week, UNICEF, through its partners Sierra Leone Water Company and PACT achieved the following:

- Provided 356,000 litres of potable water to 52 quarantined households (42.5 litres per person daily) for 634 people.
- Pumped 140,000 litres of water to the quarantined Masanga hospital, benefiting 138 people as well as supporting provision of clinical services.
- Distributed packaged drinking water sachets (10,430 litres) to over 634 quarantined people.
- Supported Masanga and Magburaka hospitals with 1,200 litres of fuel to run the hospital generators.
- Sensitized over 500 quarantined people on good hygiene practices including Ebola prevention, hand washing with soap, garbage collection, use of trash bags and cleaning of toilets.
- Supported the district council in collection and disposal of solid waste from 51 quarantined households and Masanga hospital.

Port Loko district

- Provided 33,000 litres of water to 49 quarantined households with 294 people.
- Supported the distribution of 1,200 bars of laundry and bathing soap to 108 beneficiaries in 18 quarantined households.
- Supported the construction of 15 latrines serving 90 people in the quarantined homes.

<sup>1</sup> UNICEF is the lead agency for the UN for social mobilization and community engagement and co-chairs the Social Mobilization pillar with the Health Education Division (HED) of the MoHS.

## Education

- UNICEF and the Tonkolili District Education Office provided learning materials to 148 school-going children (73 girls and 75 boys) as a follow up to the education needs assessment conducted for quarantined households last week. Solar powered radios were also distributed to 52 households for children in quarantine to access the radio education programme.
- Learning materials (exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, crayons and mathematical sets) were distributed to 42 pupils (20 girls and 22 boys) in Marampa chiefdom, Port Loko, after their learning materials were destroyed during the decontamination of houses and property following the end of quarantine.

## Child Protection

- All 300 children in quarantine last week (Tonkolili-283 and Western Area-17) received continuous PSS in order to build their resilience and enhance their ability to cope during and after quarantine. 359 quarantined children in Tonkolili and Western Area districts also received PSS from UNICEF partners GOAL, Cap Anamur and St. Georges Foundation.
- Four children from the Observational Interim Care Centre (OICC) in Tonkolili were reunified with their families after completing their time in quarantine.
- In Port Loko, 298 protection cases were registered at the protection desk. An age and gender appropriate group counselling session was provided for 12 Ebola affected children whose parents died while they were in the OICC. With UNICEF support, arrangements were made to conduct PSS for the children's relatives who are providing foster care.
- The Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA) and UNICEF are leading the follow up and assessment of Ebola survivors in Kambia district. 61 out of 66 survivors have so far been reached and assessed. Five have relocated to other districts.
- Family Homes Movement and GOAL, with UNICEF support, organized a three-day PSS training for community members in seven hotspot wharfs<sup>2</sup> in Western Area. 35 participants (five from each wharf) were trained.

## Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

### Health

- The Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS), supported by UNICEF, commenced a three-day training on 'Immunization in Practice', targeting 1,200 health workers from Peripheral Health Units (PHU) around the country. 400 PHU staff from Kenema, Kono Tonkolili, Kambia and Bonthe districts completed the training last week.

### WASH

- UNICEF continues monitoring and supporting 17 CCCs with essential WASH packages including sanitation facilities, waste management and water supply for drinking, personal hygiene and disinfection. Last week, 732 m<sup>3</sup> of water were delivered to over 5,228 people in water stressed Ebola affected communities, Ebola Treatment Units and health facilities in other districts.

### Nutrition

- 557 infants (0-5 months) of EVD affected mothers and infant orphans (0-5 months) of non-EVD affected mothers from 11 districts<sup>3</sup> are receiving biweekly supplies of Ready to Use Infant Formula from UNICEF.
- 33,908 children were screened in 647 communities countrywide. 522 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children were identified and admitted for treatment at the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) centre while 172 who had SAM with medical complications were referred to inpatient facilities to receive pediatric and nutrition care. By the end of last week, 2,045 children were receiving treatment under OTP. 239 boxes of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) were consumed during the reporting period.
- Last week, the MoHS approved the distribution of RUTF from Freetown to all districts with support from UNICEF. Distribution from District Medical Stores to the individual OTP health facilities is in progress.

## Community Care Centres (CCCs)

Since 17 November 2014, 29,830 patients have been triaged at CCCs and 1,029 (3.4%) were Ebola suspects. In the past week, 594 patients were triaged and two were Ebola suspects. The average triage for the week: 85 patients per day.

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<sup>2</sup> Ward 365, 371,374,377,378,380 and 382

<sup>3</sup> Port Loko, Kambia, Tonkolili, Koinadugu, Western Area, Moyamba, Kenema, Pujehun, Bonthe, Bo and Kono

## Seven-day status update

District	Number/ Type of CCC	Implementing Partner	Triaged	Admitted	Transferred	% Ebola Suspects	Reporting Completeness
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	560	1	1	0.4%	100%
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	34	0	0	0%	43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80 beds</b>		<b>594</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>87%</b>

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

## Child Protection<sup>4</sup>

- As of last week, a cumulative total of 1,631 children were receiving Psychosocial Support (PSS) from all district protection desks, OICCs, quarantined households and non-quarantine communities. 17 children (9 boys and 8 girls) were reunified with their families. 20 children are being placed in other forms of alternative care while 13 (9 boys and 4 girls) received Family Tracing and Reunification kits.
- The Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) Programme Officer visited Kambia and Port Loko in the company of the UNICEF Child Protection team last week. The aim of the visit was to assess progress and impact of the current OFDA partnership with UNICEF Sierra Leone. The team met children and families who benefited through Family Tracing and Reunification kits provided by UNICEF through its partners, and those who had been in the UNICEF-supported OICC. The team also met the Child Welfare Committee and Paramount Chiefs in Kaffu Bullon and attended a social mobilization theatre performance in Mambolo chiefdom of Port Loko.

## Education

- With schools set to open for the second term on 31 August 2015, UNICEF partners<sup>5</sup> and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), are collecting data (using RapidPro) from all schools across the country in order to determine the readiness of schools in terms of hygiene supplies. UNICEF has also procured 18,000 30 litre and 18,000 20 litre buckets, 9,000 jerry cans, 50,000 bars of soap and cleaning materials (brushes, brooms, gloves, chlorax) to be distributed to identified schools.
- The MEST, with support from UNICEF, conducted 119 PSS trainings for 5,950 teachers in ten districts. The trainings aim to empower teachers to support the psychosocial wellbeing of pupils in their schools and to ensure that children from quarantined households and Ebola survivors are adequately re-integrated when schools open at the end of August 2015.

## Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	48	17	65
National Staff	71	96	167
Staff on Surge and SBP	5	1	6
Total Staff	124	114	238
Outsourced third party / government staff for CCCs	140		

## Media & External Communication

External relations this week focused on the end of quarantine for communities in Tonkolili district. UNICEF was on the ground to reply to interest from [BBC](#), [Reuters](#) and AP. The end of quarantine in Kambia district was the subject of a [web story](#) published on the main UNICEF website. ECHO also published a [blog](#) post featuring UNICEF's Kambia field coordinator and a social mobilizer. In addition, UNICEF contributed to a regional [news note](#) highlighting the successful implementation of Ebola safety protocols in schools, a subject that also generated some global interest, including from [Reuters](#), [AFP](#), [Bloomberg](#) and [Daily Mail](#).

## 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 18 August 2015, USD 122.6 million (68.9 per cent of the total funding needs) has been received.

<sup>4</sup> UNICEF is the UN Child Protection lead agency for the Ebola response and co-chairs the Child Protection, Psychosocial and Gender pillar with MSWGCA.

<sup>5</sup> Development Initiative Programme, Forum of African Women Educationalists, Community Empowerment for Rural Development, Cause Canada, Christian Aid Under assisted Societies Everywhere, Action for Community Transformation and Sponsorship, Community Action to Restore Lives and Community Initiative for Rural Development.

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, 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		Not Available				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		8,624				
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Households reached with interpersonal communication on Ebola prevention	886,480	1,829,093	206%	532,000	999,024	188%
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	21	12% (21/182)	0	21	12% (21/182)
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week	0	30		0	30	
Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors	<3%	38% 1,286/3,415		<3%	38% <sup>6</sup> 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	
<b>COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES</b>						
CCCs established		58			46	
CCCs functional		10			10	
CCCs decommissioned		48			36	
<b>WASH</b>						
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 <sup>7</sup>	100%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	420,000	249,978	59.5%	420,000	249,978	59.5%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	25,000	18,832	75%	25,000	18,832	75%

<sup>6</sup> KAP Survey, December 2014

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

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	2,000	1,911	95%	2,000	1,911	95%
<b>HEALTH</b>						
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 <sup>8</sup>				1,240,601	1,205,865 97.2%	97.2%
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>						
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%
<b>NUTRITION</b>						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	4,118	128.7%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	15,272	81%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	557	186%
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)	36,000	18,338 <sup>9</sup>	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 <sup>10</sup>	94%	3,472 <sup>11</sup>	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 <sup>12</sup>	694,400	100%

### Next Situation Report: 26 August 2015

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<sup>8</sup> The measles campaign for Sierra Leone targeted children 9-59 months

<sup>9</sup> Complete package of Teachers training in PSS, Ebola prevention including school protocol and guidance notes

<sup>10</sup> This is derived from the national coverage of 94% observed in RapidPro Monitoring

<sup>11</sup> UNICEF targeted at distributing 24,300 hygiene kits.

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