



A UNICEF Communication for Development Specialist facilitates a meeting of the Women's Committee on Ebola Prevention in Port Loko District. ©UNICEF SL/2015/Bade

Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

22 July 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

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- UNICEF-led social mobilization teams comprising of mobilizers and community champions from key partners (IFRC, Restless Development, Oxfam and Health for All Coalition) reached 23,599 people through community meetings and household visits in 879 communities in Kambia and Port Loko districts.
- As of last week, 1,811 traditional leaders, paramount and section chiefs and 509 traditional healers from Kambia and Port Loko had been enlisted to spearhead community engagement activities in their communities
- An ambulance exhibit led by UNICEF and supported by CDC, Handicap International, GOAL, WHO, ActionAid International and the media was held in Susan's Bay area of Freetown with the aim of dispelling negative community perceptions on ambulances. Over 900 community members entered the ambulance. There was a question and answer session afterwards.
- During the reporting period, UNICEF-supported partners (Sierra Leone Water Company, OXFAM and Community Action for the Welfare of Children) delivered 113,5m³ of water to 673 people in 136 quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko districts.
- This week, UNICEF-supported the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to resume the Emergency Radio Education Programme. Although schools reopened on 14 April 2015, the programme will be aired to provide an opportunity for children in quarantine to continue learning as well as to complement school education and to accelerate learning.
- 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 22 July, USD 121.7 million (68.4% of the total funding needs) has been received.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 22 July 2015

8,694¹

Confirmed cases of Ebola

3,583¹

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 56.1 million³

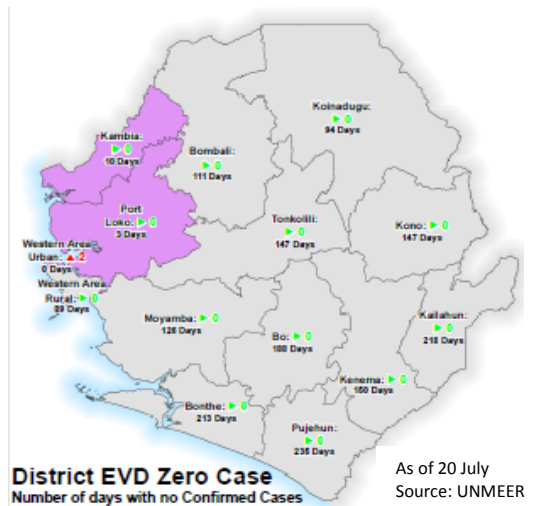
1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

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

3. Funding status as of 22 July 2015

Operation Northern Push (ONP) and Western Area Urban Surge

The surge in efforts to get to zero Ebola cases 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 19 July 2015, there were four confirmed Ebola cases, down from 14 cases the previous week. The two cases reported in Western Area Urban district came from Patton Street and Lumley areas of Freetown (the only two areas reporting cases out of 48 wards in the district). Two cases reported from Port Loko district came from two (Mamusa and Marampa) out of 11 chiefdoms.



Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization¹

- UNICEF-led social mobilization teams comprising of mobilizers and community champions from key partners (IFRC, Restless Development, Oxfam and Health for All Coalition) reached 23,599 people through community meetings and household visits in 879 communities in Kambia and Port Loko districts. Social mobilizers also reached out to schools and sensitized 16,930 students on key Ebola prevention behaviours.
- As of last week, 1,811 traditional leaders, paramount and section chiefs and 509 traditional healers from Kambia and Port Loko had been enlisted to spearhead community engagement activities in their communities.
- In Western Area Urban district, social mobilization activities continue to focus on Magazine Wharf, Goderich, Hagan Street, Congo Water and Patton Street areas. 5,709 people within quarantined houses and neighboring communities within the district were engaged by 35 key community leaders, 15 religious leaders and ward councilors.
- In all the hotspot areas in Western Area Urban district, Ebola Survivor Task Forces have been formed and continue to provide feedback from the community regarding supplies in quarantine homes, community perceptions around the Ebola response and their level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction, use of handwashing stations as well as other key issues.
- An ambulance exhibit led by UNICEF and supported by CDC, Handicap International, GOAL, WHO, ActionAid International and the media was held in Susan's Bay area of Freetown with the aim of dispelling negative community perceptions and building trust and confidence in the use of ambulances. Over 900 community members entered the ambulance. There was a question and answer session afterwards. An EVD survivor from the community also reassured community members on the safety of ambulances.

WASH

- During the reporting period, UNICEF partners (Sierra Leone Water Company, OXFAM and Community Action for the Welfare of Children-CAWEC) delivered 113,5m³ of water to 673 people in 136 quarantined households in Kambia and Port Loko. Since 18 June 2015, UNICEF partners have delivered approximately 812,72m³ of water, benefiting 3,733 people in 736 quarantined households in the two districts.
- UNICEF, through its implementing partners Oxfam and CAWEC, supported the construction of three household latrines for 21 people in 17 quarantined households in Kambia district. Since the beginning of ONP, 259 latrines have been constructed, benefiting 1,170 people in 273 quarantined households (798 in Kambia and 372 in Porto Loko).
- During the reporting period, 55 handwashing kits were distributed to six communities along the Guinea and Sierra Leone border. In addition, one quarantined household in Port Loko received a hygiene kit. Cumulatively 1,261 people from 301 quarantined households have been provided with hygiene kits in Port Loko and Kambia districts since the beginning of ONP.

Education

- During the reporting period, 22 school-going children (two in Kambia, seven in Port Loko and 13 in Western Area Urban) from newly quarantined households were identified and supported with learning materials.
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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).

children in quarantine to continue learning as well as to complement school education and to accelerate learning. UNICEF is also providing solar powered radios to households that do not have radios.

Child Protection

- UNICEF and partners continued to monitor and assess the situation of children and their families in quarantine. Cumulatively, 413 children who are under quarantine in Kambia, Port Loko and Western Area Urban districts have received psychosocial support (individual and group counselling) as well as play and recreational items.
- During the reporting week, 19 high contact children were receiving care in UNICEF-supported Observational Interim Care Centres in Kambia, Port Loko and Western Area Urban so as to minimize their exposure to Ebola.

Nutrition

- There were no reports of Severe Acute Malnourished children in the quarantined homes in Kambia and Port Loko districts during the reporting period.

Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

Health

- The preliminary results of the joint Polio and Birth Registration campaign, carried out from 10 to 13 July 2015, were released after a validation meeting of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Technical Coordinating Committee last week. The national coverage for the polio vaccination is estimated to be 92.4 percent and 249,196 children were registered (117.6 percent compared to the initial target). The campaign was conducted by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through the network of health workers throughout the country, with the support of UNICEF, WHO and other partners.
- On-the-job coaching and mentoring of health workers in Integrated Management of Newborn and Child Illnesses and infection prevention and control (IPC) by Chiefdom Supervisors continued during the reporting period. An additional 120 Peripheral Health Unit staff were coached on appropriate management of childhood and other illnesses in order to ensure full implementation of IPC measures.

Nutrition

- Last week, 45,299 under five children from 720 communities in 89 chiefdoms were screened. 767 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children were identified, 590² were admitted for treatment at the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme site while 177 who had SAM with medical complications were referred to an Inpatient Facility to receive pediatric and nutritional care. As of last week, 2,451 children were receiving treatment under OTP. In addition, 321 boxes of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food were consumed.
- UNICEF and partners continued to ensure that adequate nutrition supplies are available in Port Loko, Kambia, Western Area Urban and Rural as well as 10 other districts. Weekly updates of stock and consumption status were reviewed by District Logistics Officers, District Nutritionists and UNICEF Quality Assurance.
- As of last week, 405 infants (0-5 months) of Ebola affected mothers and infant orphans (0-5 months) of non-Ebola affected mothers from 11 districts³ were receiving biweekly supplies of Ready to Use Infant Formula from UNICEF. In addition, nutrition supplies (High Energy Fortified Biscuits (BP100), Ready-to-Use Infant Formula (RUIF) and Ultra High Temperature milk) were provided for 4,096 Ebola patients in 12 Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs), 23 Ebola Holding Centres (EHCs), three combined ETU/EHCs, seven Interim Care Centres (ICCs), six Observational Interim Care Centres (OICCs) and 18 Community Care Centres (CCCs)⁴.

WASH

- UNICEF continues to monitor and support 17 CCCs with essential WASH packages including sanitation facilities, waste management and water supply for drinking, personal hygiene and disinfection. During the reporting period, approx. 639m³ of water were delivered to water-stressed communities, ETUs and other health facilities across the country, benefitting 4,564 people.

² This represents 84.3 percent cases that were admitted after referral from the community.

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

⁴ UNICEF as well as other agencies CCCs

Community Care Centres (CCCs)

- In the past week, 584 patients were triaged at UNICEF-supported CCCs, representing an average of 83 patients per day. Of the four triaged patients who met the Ebola case definition, three were admitted to a CCC and one was immediately transferred to an ETU.

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	12	0	0	0%	24%
Tonkolili	4 x 8 beds	Concern Worldwide	29	0	0	0%	18%
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	523	3	1	0.8%	100%
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	20	0	0	0%	43%
TOTAL	136 beds		584	3	1	0.7%	58%

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

Child Protection⁵

- 33 senior social workers from the MSWGCA and Child Protection NGOs participated in the second week of the Core Group Psychosocial Support training in Freetown. The training is being supported by UNICEF in partnership with GOAL.
- A total of 340 children were reached with different types of protection and social services through the 13 protection desks across the country. 309 of the children are beneficiaries of the integrated package of psychosocial support services while 31 are being placed in other forms of alternative care.
- 107 children are receiving shelter and care in the Interim Care Centres of Bombali, Kenema, Western Area Rural and Urban districts while tracing of their families is ongoing. Last week, one child was reunified with her family while two infants were referred to the Western Area Urban Interim Care Centre pending identification of their families.

Education

- As part of preparations for the 2015 UNICEF supported in-service teacher training, a three-day training of master trainers took place in Makeni from 13 to 15 July 2015. The purpose of the training was to orient 30 master trainers from five Teacher Training Colleges on the harmonized teacher training manuals incorporating child centred teaching techniques, emerging issues, teaching of reading, Ebola prevention and control, peace building education, advocacy and maintaining of school records. The master trainers will then train 101 trainers who will train 1,003 primary school teachers from 303 schools across the country, benefiting 60,180 children.
- UNICEF, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and Save the Children International participated in the Education in Emergencies Information Management training held in Dakar, Senegal, from 6 to 10 July 2015. The training aimed at improving coordination and information management for the Ebola response, including finalizing the 3Ws (Who does What Where) for enhanced coordination.

Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	50	20	70
National Staff	82	87	169
Staff on Surge and SBP	4	6	10
Total Staff	136	113	249
Outsourced third party / government staff for CCCs	219		

Media & External Communication

- The Premier News published four stories on the joint Polio and Birth registration campaign while Radio Democracy produced a magazine programme on it. A [blog](#) post on UNICEF support for children orphaned by Ebola was published on UNICEF Connect. UNICEF's role in delivering humanitarian supplies during the ongoing Ebola outbreak was also mentioned in an [article](#) that was published on Devex website.
- Last week, UNICEF Facebook page likes increased by 38 to reach a total of 8,940. The Twitter account also reached 3,607 followers, with 23 new followers, 33 mentions and 32 retweets.

⁵ 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.

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 121.7 million (68.4% 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, 22 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	1,759,009	198%	532,000	974,641	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 ⁶)	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% ⁷ 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 ⁸	100%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	420,000	249,260	59%	420,000	249,260	59%
CHILD PROTECTION⁹						

⁶ 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

⁷ KAP Survey, December 2014

⁸ This was a one off activity carried out by UNICEF on behalf of the cluster

⁹ Targets for both indicators currently under revision.

Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	18,304	16,224	89%	18,304	16,224	89%
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				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						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	4,096	128%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	13,114	70%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	405	135%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)	36,000	18,000	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	94%	3,472	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	694,400	100%

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