



Quarantined children in Massesbeh village, Tonkolili district, with toys and wind-up radios distributed by the UNICEF-supported psychosocial pillar of the Ebola response.
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Sierra Leone Ebola Situation Report

12 August 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

- In the week to 9 August 2015, there was one confirmed Ebola case, the same as the previous week. The case was reported from Hagan Street area of Freetown in Western Area Urban district.
- UNICEF coordinated 26 street theatre performances in Massassebeh and Masanga communities in Tonkolili district. This initiative is helping to reduce the stress levels of people in quarantined houses and is also an innovative way of message delivery. Similar performances are also being done in Port Loko, Kambia and Western Area Urban districts.
- UNICEF and Welthungerhilfe supported the Collective Community Action Project which was launched last week. A team of 392 community mobilizers across all Wharfs in Western Area will promote hand washing and conduct community engagement for early case identification and treatment.
- In Tonkolili, UNICEF partners Sierra Leone Water Company and PACT provided 149,000 litres of potable water to 52 quarantined households (over 500 people) and pumped 280,000 litres of water to the quarantined Masanga hospital, benefiting 138 people as well as supporting clinical service provision. They also supported the Tonkolili district council to decontaminate, collect and dispose of solid waste from all the quarantined households in Massesbeh village and Masanga hospital, and provided fuel to enable power generation for water pumping and lighting at the hospital.
- In Porto Loko, UNICEF provided 37,500 litres of water to 56 households (336 people) in underserved areas.
- 148 children of school going age in need of learning and recreational kits were identified in quarantined households during the education needs assessment conducted by UNICEF in Tonkolili last week. 52 households will also be provided with solar powered radios.
- UNICEF partner Plan Sierra Leone provided an integrated package of psychosocial support services for all the children released from quarantine in Port Loko. Connect Sierra Leone, with UNICEF support, conducted follow up visits to the children and their families for psychological first aid.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 12 August 2015

8,699¹

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

UNICEF funding needs to June 2015

USD 178 million

UNICEF funding gap

USD 56.1 million³

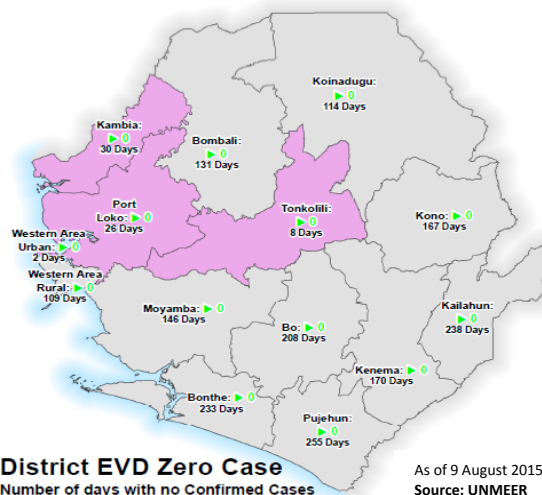
1. Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation

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

3. Funding status as of 4 August 2015

Operation Northern Push (ONP), Western Area Urban and Tonkolili 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 9 August 2015, there was one confirmed Ebola case, the same as the previous week. The case was reported from Hagan Street area of Freetown in Western Area Urban district.



Communication for Development (C4D) and Social Mobilization¹

- In Tonkolili, a unique initiative by CDC and UNICEF to build community trust and confidence in the Ebola response was launched. Video messages from patients at the Ebola Treatment Centre were shared with their relatives and vice versa.
- UNICEF coordinated 26 street theatre performances in Massassebeh and Masanga communities in Tonkolili district. This initiative is helping to reduce the stress levels of people in quarantined houses and is also an innovative way of message delivery. Similar performances are also being done in Port Loko, Kambia and Western Area urban districts.
- UNICEF continues to engage in cross border collaboration between Forecariah (Guinea) and Kambia with bordering villages and communities organizing regular meetings to ensure a smooth flow of information.
- UNICEF-supported engagement with traditional healers was intensified across Port Loko, Kambia and Tonkolili as part of the “Bush-to-Bush” campaign. Over 789 traditional healers were engaged to garner their support for the Ebola response, especially with a focus on reinforcing social mobilization efforts including participation in daily radio talk shows.
- A special orientation of all 106 Peripheral Health Unit representatives in Port Loko was organized during the week. UNICEF presented results of key informant interviews conducted by the social mobilization pillar on the behaviours and attitudes of mothers with children under the age of five, and how these affect the high mortality rate of children.
- UNICEF and Welthungerhilfe supported the Collective Community Action Project which was launched last week. A team of 392 community mobilizers across all Wharfs in Western area urban will promote hand washing and conduct community engagement for early case identification and treatment.
- In Western Area, all 69 ward councilors and 98 village headmen were engaged to maintain the vigil against Ebola and to promote preventative behaviours in their wards and in 600 other communities. 20 Ebola task forces worked across Western Area sensitizing communities, dispelling fears around Ebola and preventing the hiding of sick people.

WASH

During last week, UNICEF, through its partners Sierra Leone Water Company and PACT, achieved the following in Tonkolili district:

- Provided 149,000 litres of potable water to 52 quarantined households (500 people and approx. 42.5 litres/person daily) and pumped 280,000 litres of water to the quarantined Masanga hospital in Tonkolili, benefiting 138 people as well as supporting clinical service provision.
- Distributed 15,000 litres of packaged drinking water sachets to 638 quarantined people. Two water storage tanks, with a storage capacity of 13,000 litres, were also installed, and 106 units of 20 litre rigid jerrycans and 50 units of 120 litre buckets with taps were distributed to enhance household water storage and hand washing practices.
- Distributed hygiene kits (51 home protection kits, 165 bed nets, 1,020 bars of laundry soap and 100 toilet kettles) to all the 51 quarantined households of the district.
- Supported the Tonkolili district council to decontaminate, collect and dispose of solid waste from all the quarantined households in Massessebeh village and Masanga hospital and provided fuel to enable power generation for water pumping and lighting at the hospital.
- Constructed household latrines for two quarantined households with six people in Massessebeh. All the quarantined households of the village now have access to latrines.

UNICEF also provided 37,500 litres of water to 56 households (336 people) in underserved areas of Porto Loko district.

¹ 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

- 148 children of school going age in need of learning and recreational kits were identified in Tonkolili quarantined households during the education needs assessment conducted by UNICEF last week. 52 households will also be provided with solar powered radios.

Child Protection

- Every quarantined child in Tonkolili and Western Area Urban was visited by UNICEF and partners as part of regular monitoring of their situation. In Port Loko district, 50 children released from quarantine in Mamusa village received follow-up visits as well as individual and group counselling sessions from UNICEF partner Connect Sierra Leone.
- Since the recurrence of Ebola in Tonkolili, UNICEF has provided personal and household items (mattresses, blankets and bedsheets, pillow sets, sanitary pads, bed nets, play and recreational materials) and 52 family protection kits to address the immediate needs of quarantined children and their families. UNICEF also provided 40 Family Tracing and Reunification kits to benefit at least 40 children and their families
- The UNICEF-supported Magburuka Observational Interim Care Centre (OICC) in Tonkolili received four children who were at high risk of infection. They were provided with care, protection and psychosocial support through joint efforts by Child Fund, MSWGCA and UNICEF. UNICEF also provided a generator for the OICC.
- Also in Tonkolili, UNICEF provided family liaison services through photographs and video messages so that quarantined parents and caregivers maintain contact with their families.
- In Port Loko, UNICEF partner Plan Sierra Leone provided an integrated package of psychosocial support services for all the children released from quarantine (50 family tracing and reunification kits, recreational kits and mattresses). Connect Sierra Leone, with UNICEF support, conducted follow up visits to the children and their families for psychological first aid and supported a 13 year old boy to receive trauma and bereavement group counselling at Lunsar OICC.
- 50 children released from quarantine in Mamusa village, Port Loko, received follow-up visits, individual and group counselling sessions from UNICEF partner Connect Sierra Leone. 12 children were registered and provided with emergency assistance (mattresses, clothes and food items).
- All the children from Port Loko OICC were reunified with their families. To date, 572 Ebola contact children have received care and support in OICCs across the country.

Health

- During the past week, UNICEF supported the distribution of infection prevention and control (IPC) supplies in Kambia and Pujehun health facilities. The distribution in other districts will continue this week.
- Also supported by UNICEF, the District Health Management Teams in Port Loko and Pujehun organized a district IPC review of non-Ebola health facilities. The meeting brought together all stakeholders supporting IPC in the district, including the District Health Management Teams (DHMT), Chiefdom Supervisors, Ebola Response Consortium, District Logistic Officers, local Councils, WHO and UNICEF. During the review, achievements and challenges were discussed, key required activities identified and recommendations for improvement were made.

Summary Analysis of Other Programme Responses

Health

- UNICEF, in partnership with World Hope International, is supporting the scale up of the integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) of common childhood illnesses in Bombali district. This includes the identification and treatment of children, 2 to 59 months, with pneumonia, malaria and diarrhoea as well as identification and referral of children with danger signs. The training of all the 750 Community Health Workers (CHWs) in Bombali was completed last week.
- UNICEF, with funding from European Union, supported the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to conduct a five day Training of Trainers on Immunization in Practice for the remaining seven DHMTs. 52 DHMT staff were trained as trainers in Immunization Management and District Vaccine Distribution Management Tool in order to address issues relating to quality vaccine coverage, high dropout rates and vaccine management.

WASH

- 732m³ of water were delivered to 5,228 people in water stressed and Ebola affected communities, Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) and other health facilities in districts that have no Ebola cases.

Nutrition

- 518 infants (0-5 months) of Ebola affected mothers and infant orphans (0-5 months) of non-EVD affected mothers from 11 districts² are currently receiving biweekly supplies of Ready-to-Use Infant Formula from UNICEF. Nutrition supplies³ were provided for 4,118 Ebola patients at Ebola facilities around the country.
- 45,314 children were screened in 552 communities countrywide. 612 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children were identified. 544⁴ were admitted for treatment at the Out Patient Therapeutic Programme centre while 296 who had SAM with medical complications were referred to an inpatient facility to receive pediatric and nutrition care. By the end of last week, 2,213 children were receiving treatment under OTP. 254 boxes of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food were consumed during the reporting period.
- Scaling up of the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) program is in progress in 11 health facilities in Bonthe and 40 in Bo district.

Community Care Centres (CCCs)

- Since 17 November 2014, UNICEF-supported CCCs have triaged 29,214 patients and detected 1,027 Ebola suspects across five districts. 844 of the Ebola suspects received supportive care at the CCCs and 183 were immediately transferred by ambulance to the nearest ETU. In the past week, 598 patients were triaged at UNICEF-supported CCCs, representing a daily average of 85 patients. Two of the patients triaged (both in Kambia district) met the Ebola case definition. One was admitted and received lab test results within 48 hours of admission. The other patient was 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						
Tonkolili	4 x 8 beds						
Kambia	8 x 8 beds	Marie-Stopes	563	1	1	0.4%	100%
Western	0						
Kono	2 x 8 beds	Partners in Health	25	0	0	0%	79%
TOTAL	136 beds		598	1	1	0.3%	95%

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

Child Protection⁵

- UNICEF supported the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA), the District Ebola Response Centre (DERC) and child protection partners Connect Sierra Leone and Conforti in the development of a 42 day plan for the Child Protection, Psychosocial Support and Gender pillar.
- UNICEF implementing partner Family Home Movement provided mobile phones to 60 Child Welfare Committee members who have been tasked to identify and refer child protection issues to the relevant child protection authorities.
- Last week, UNICEF initiated an assessment to identify key concerns and needs of Ebola survivors. 53 out of 65 children affected by Ebola have been assessed to date. Two children who were abandoned by their mother were placed in community care while family tracing is being undertaken by UNICEF, MSWGCA and partners.
- 253 children were reached with different types of protection and social services through the 13 protection desks. This includes 247 children benefiting from an integrated package of psychosocial services and one child who was placed in alternative care.

Education

- UNICEF held a workshop with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) and the National School Reopening Coordinator to discuss priority projects for the Ebola recovery plan, anticipated bottlenecks, challenges in the implementation of the activities, and the next action plan. The projects, being implemented by UNICEF, with support from DFID, include the replenishment of IPC supplies.

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

³ Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (BP100), Ready-to-Use Infant Formula and Ultra High Temperature whole/full cream milk

⁴ This represents 84.3 percent cases that were admitted after referral from the community

⁵ UNICEF is the UN Child Protection lead agency for the Ebola response and co-chairs the Child Protection, Psychosocial and Gender pillar with MSWGCA

- 1,003 primary school teachers from 303 schools countrywide completed a 10 day training on Child Centered Teaching Techniques. The training integrated Ebola prevention and control to enable the teachers to respond effectively to the ongoing crisis.
- The MEST officially launched the Revitalizing Education Development in Sierra Leone (REDi-SL) project which is supported by UNICEF, Global Partnership for Education, DFID and World Bank. The project is aimed at improving the learning environment and opportunities in targeted areas. UNICEF is also the Coordinating Agency for the implementation of the project.

Human Resources

UNICEF Personnel in Sierra Leone	Freetown	In the field	Total Staff Strength
International Staff	49	17	66
National Staff	72	96	168
Staff on Surge and SBP	5	2	7
Total Staff	126	115	241
Outsourced third party / government staff for CCCs	219		

Media & External Communication

- Last week, UNICEF published a blog [post](#) highlighting the role of neighbourhood watch groups in Port Loko district.
- Daily social media posts continued, with a total of 26,270 people reached via posts on the Facebook page. Global UNICEF social media platforms also shared the posts.

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 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, 12 August 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	1,829,093	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% 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	
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	249,870	59%	420,000	249,870	59%
CHILD PROTECTION						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	25,000	17,201	69%	25,000	17,201	69%
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	1,874	94%	2,000	1,874	94%
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 ⁸				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						

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

Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				3,200	4,118	128.7%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				18,885	14,750	78.1%
Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				300	518	172.7%
EDUCATION						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				41	41	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support (PSS)	36,000	18,338 ⁹	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 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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⁹ Complete package of Teachers training in PSS, Ebola 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