

Children affected by Ebola receive education kits provided under the ECHO's Children of Peace programme, which will also provide education and psychosocial support.



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# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- There was one confirmed case of Ebola this week, which brings the total number of confirmed cases to 3,338. Forécariah, one of the prefectures in which Ebola has been most intractable, is now classified as “inactive” after having gone 21 days without any cases. This leaves Conakry and Dubréka as the two remaining “active” areas. (WHO, Ebola Situation Report, 6 September 2015).
- The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO), the NGO Save the Children and UNICEF launched a photo exhibition called "Beyond Ebola – Helping Children Rebuild their Lives" to show the ECHO's assistance to Ebola orphans and other children affected by the disease in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The European Commission has made a donation of €500,000 under its ECHO Children of Peace Initiative to UNICEF Guinea for education support activities including psychosocial support
- UNICEF is supporting a back-to-school campaign in preparation for the new academic year scheduled to start on 5 October 2015. Social mobilizers are sensitizing parents about the importance of education for children.
- The preliminary results of the SMART nutrition survey found that the rate of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) in children under the age of five in Guinea is 8 per cent and the rate of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is 2 per cent.
- The campaign in Conakry to check that drivers are not transporting corpses or sick people continued for a fifth week, with social mobilizers this week reaching 53,003 people at 12 mini-bus and taxi stations, 10 train stations and 34 harbours.
- UNICEF and partners organized 1,322 plays and recreational sessions, in which 2,073 children (887 girls) who had not previously participated were included. Among the new children there were 158 children who lost one or both parents (79 girls). This brings the total number of children that have received psychosocial support to 114,301.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 6 September 2015

**3,792**

Cases of Ebola (3,338 confirmed)

**2,530**

Deaths (2,078 confirmed)

**744**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**518**

Deaths of children and youth aged 0-17 (confirmed)

**4,350,633**

Children in affected areas since the beginning of the epidemic

**196**

Cases among health workers with 100 deaths (confirmed)

**114,301**

Children received psychosocial support

**2,367,568**

People benefited from UNICEF hygiene kits

## Leadership and Coordination

Following the WASH Cluster's agreement on a draft proposal for a minimum WASH package for health facilities during health emergencies, Cluster members have now also agreed on common indicators for monitoring WASH activities at health facilities and other public places.

## WASH

- UNICEF, in partnership with the NGO Search for Common Ground, implemented a series of activities on hand washing and hygiene promotion. Informative videos shown 107 times in clubs, schools and youth centers in Forécariah, Fria and Conakry reached 7,489 people, including 729 women.
- In collaboration with the regional WASH taskforce in Nzérékoré, UNICEF is monitoring and supervising activities in rural communities in Beyla, Macenta, Lola and Nzérékoré where a Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programme to stop open defecation and improve overall hygiene is in place. UNICEF, in partnership with the regional environment directorate, has produced informative radio spots that will be broadcast on the rural radio station in Lola.
- UNICEF and partners drilled three new water points in Siguiri, benefiting at least 900 people. This brings the number of new or rehabilitated water points completed so far in Siguiri and Mandiana to 33 out of the 50 planned.
- UNICEF has prepositioned 700 hand washing kits Nzérékoré which will be distributed to households, health centres and public places.

## Health

- [A 19-month-old Guinean boy tested positive for vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 \(cVDPV2\) in Mali](#) where he had travelled seeking medical attention after developing paralysis in July 2015. The Ministry of Health, with support from UNICEF and WHO, has planned a three-round polio vaccination campaign in September, October and November 2015, targeting 1.14 million children under the age of five. The first four-day round of the campaign will start on 16 September 2015 in four regions along the border with Mali: Labé, Kankan, Faranah and Nzérékoré. The second four-day round will commence on 28 October 2015 in the same four regions. The last five-day round will start on 29 October 2015 countrywide, and will be combined with deworming and vitamin A supplements. This outbreak of polio could have resulted from the severe disruption of polio surveillance, routine vaccinations and vaccination campaigns caused by the Ebola outbreak. Both Guinea and Mali have been wild polio virus (WPV) free since 2011.
- The Health and Child Survival section and its partners held a mid-year review to assess results achieved so far in 2015 and to set priorities for the rest of the year. The section has three subsections – health, nutrition and WASH – which usually hold their mid-year reviews separately. This year they met jointly so as to better identify where their work overlaps and how they can more effectively work together to achieve better results. The partners also agreed to request additional funding from The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to accelerate the elimination of HIV transmission from mother-to-child. December 2017 is the target date for stopping all mother-to-child transmissions.

### Post Ebola recovery planning

- UNICEF Liberia supported UNICEF Guinea's health team by sharing knowledge and good practice about implementing post-Ebola health programmes. Several tools were adopted including a framework for identifying and managing bottlenecks and budget planning.
- Ten UNICEF staff received training in Level 3 emergency monitoring. A new team will now work with local health authorities to monitor their activities.

## Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners have provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,234 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted) as well as Ready-to-Use Infant Formula (RUIF) to 2,380 infants whose mothers have been affected by Ebola.

- Since October 2014, UNICEF and partners have provided care to 7,117 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in Ebola-affected areas in Forécariah, Kindia, Coyah, Dubréka, Boffa, Conakry, Macenta, Guéckédou, Kissidougou, Nzérékoré, Lola, Beyla, Faranah and Siguiiri.
- UNICEF and the Ministry of Health held a four-day training of trainers in Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) with a focus on admission/discharge criteria and the use of the new integrated and harmonized monitoring tools. The 42 trainers, who come from every health district in Guinea, will now train healthcare providers in their areas. This is expected to improve the nutrition data, making it easier to reach targets and improve the overall management of the nutrition programme.
- The preliminary results of the SMART survey were published. The rate of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) in children under the age of five in Guinea is 8 per cent and the rate of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is 2 per cent. Siguiiri has the highest malnutrition rates with 14.5 per cent of children suffering from acute malnutrition and 3.9 per cent of children suffering from SAM. The rate of chronic malnutrition in Guinea is 25.9 per cent and Nzérékoré has the highest rate at 31.6 per cent. A total of 16.3 per cent of children under the age of five are underweight.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

- UNICEF continued its social mobilization activities on Ebola in Boké, Conakry, Coyah, Dubréka, Forécariah, Fria and Kindia. These included making door-to-door visits to 84,737 households.
- In Conakry, the ministries of youth and youth employment, transport, and interior and security continued their campaign for a fifth week to ensure drivers are not transporting corpses or sick people. Campaign workers sensitized 53,003 people at 12 mini-bus and taxi stations, 10 train stations and 34 harbors; only 736 people, equivalent to 1.4 per cent of the total number of people stopped, refused to wash their hands and/or have their temperature taken. Video messages on Ebola prevention broadcast in train carriages, reached 17,503 people.
- In Conakry's Matam municipality, the 21-day quarantine period for 59 people who were in contact with an Ebola victim ended. To mark the occasion, social mobilizers organized a community forum, also attended by municipality officials, to ensure the population continues to engage in the Ebola response. In Ratoma, where the most recent confirmed case of Ebola was reported, social mobilizers were able to persuade a resident suspected of having Ebola to enter a treatment facility for tests. These, fortunately, came back negative.
- Strengthening surveillance in border areas continues to be an important focus of social mobilization activities. In Forécariah, 4,558 people traveling to and from Sierra Leone were sensitized, had their temperature checked and washed their hands at the three border sanitary control posts. In addition, 608 people living in this border region were sensitized, including 18 religious and 103 women leaders. Through these sensitization activities, 12 people were referred to health facilities (though none of them were suspected of having Ebola).

## Child Protection

During the reporting week, UNICEF and partners:

- trained 411 community leaders in child protection and the provision of psychosocial support (PSS), bringing the total of community leaders trained to 7,302. UNICEF and partners also sensitized 861 key leaders on the importance of supporting Ebola survivors at 173 community forums.
- organized 1,322 plays and recreational sessions, in which 2,073 children (887 girls) who had not previously participated were included. Among the new children there were 158 children who lost one or both parents (79 girls). To date, 114,301 children have received psychosocial support.
- set up 36 new Village Councils for Child Protection and trained their members, bringing the total number of active councils to 793.
- partners provided individual WASH kits to 435 children who lost one or both parents (214 girls) and family WASH to 70 caretakers of children who lost one or both parents in Guéckédou.
- Community volunteers and social workers organized follow-up visits to families taking care of 2,022 children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola (1,000 girls).

## Education

- UNICEF is supporting a back-to-school campaign in preparation for the new academic year scheduled to start on 5 October 2015. The campaign targets more than 1.8 children, including 850,000 girls. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to equip schools with hygiene supplies and to train 7,367 teachers (in addition to the 11,390 teachers already trained) in providing psychosocial support to ensure that schools continue to be a safe environment for children and adults.
- As schools reopen – and in tandem with radio education programmes – teachers will continue to educate pupils about Ebola prevention. Teachers and children are being encouraged to actively engage in social mobilization efforts to end the Ebola outbreak.
- The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO), the NGO Save the Children and UNICEF launched a photo exhibition called "Beyond Ebola – Helping Children Rebuild their Lives" to show the ECHO's assistance to Ebola orphans and other children affected by the disease in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The European Commission has made a donation of €500,000 under its ECHO Children of Peace Initiative to UNICEF Guinea for education support activities including and psychosocial support.

## Supply and Logistics

During the last reporting period, UNICEF conducted the following activities:

- distributed, with the NGO Action contre la faim, 11,500 family WASH kits to Ebola-affected communities in Conakry, Labe and Forécariah.
- transferred 1,000 family WASH kits to Forécariah, which will be distributed by the NGO AGIL. The NGO PRIDE will also distribute 671 family WASH kits in the Forest Region of Guinea.
- transferred 78 handwashing units, 840 jerry cans, 139,000 bottles of chlorine and 147,000 bars of soap to the Forest Region. These will be distributed to schools by the NGO Action pour la Protection de l'Humanité.
- gave five motorbikes to the international NGO Child Fund, to help its staff conduct supervision of community health workers.
- is currently purchasing the first package of cold chain equipment under the Extended Programme for Immunization (EPI), with a GAVI donation of US\$2.5 million.

## Human Resources

UNICEF Guinea has a total of 199 staff members, of which 64 are international professionals and 135 are national staff. In addition to the main office in Conakry, UNICEF has three zonal offices in Conakry, Kankan and Nzérékoré which together have a total of 83 employees. Staff from the main office are deployed constantly in the field to coordinate and support social mobilization and C4D activities. Through its partnerships with various national and international NGOs, UNICEF is coordinating the activities of 2,556 social mobilizers and C4D specialists. In addition, it supports 4,816 members of Village Watch Committees and Neighbourhood Watch Committees in eight active sub-prefectures.

## Media and External Communications

UNICEF continues to inform its audiences through regular press releases and social media posts, in English and French. UNICEF Guinea frequently posts updates about the emergency and its response on Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Tumblr pages.

- The Government of Guinea thanked UNICEF for its support in making sure there was not a single case of Ebola among teachers or children on school grounds since classes resumed in January 2015. A total of 12,455 schools received 48,615 hand washing kits to prevent the spread of the virus in schools and 80,657 teachers were trained in Ebola prevention and hygiene [Bulletin - Rentrée Scolaire 2015](#)
- UNICEF Guinea's communications chief gave an interview to Spanish newspaper El País about the Ebola response, education and orphans in Guinea [El ébola no ha terminado todavía](#)

# Programme Results<sup>1</sup>

## UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response

Guinea, 9 September 2015

Indicators	Pillar / Sector			UNICEF		
	Target	Actual	% Achieved	Target	Actual	% Achieved
<b>EPIDEMIOLOGY</b>						
Children 0-17 years living in Ebola affected areas		4,350,633				
Cases among children 0-17 years		744				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		6,196				
<b>COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Hotspot communities reached by social mobilizers/rapid response teams within 24 hours of detection of Ebola cases in the past week				100%	100% (1/1)	
Sub-prefectures, chiefdoms and/or counties reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week				0%	1/342	
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week				0	2	
Proportion of population surveyed who indicated discriminatory attitude towards Ebola survivors				<3%	N/D	
<b>WASH</b>						
Non-Ebola health centres in Ebola-affected areas provided with hand washing station and/or WASH support	800	233	29%	600	162	27%
People benefiting from household WASH kits in Ebola-affected areas	4,666,667	3,443,530	74%	3,500,000	2,366,368	68%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed				172,500	133,100	77%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	120,000	114,301	95,2%	120,000	114,301	95,2%
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	6,000	5,951	99%	6,000	5,951	99%
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Health structures in Ebola-affected areas provided with Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies				800	723	90%
Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				3,000	1,100	37%
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>						
HIV positive pregnant/breast feeding women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	4,723	71%
Exposed new born provided with antiretroviral (ARV) for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)				6,608	1,652	25%
<b>NUTRITION</b>						
Ebola patients receiving nutrition support				2,600	2,234	86%
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				7,250	7,117	98.1%

<sup>1</sup> A number of the Humanitarian Performance Indicators in the table have been removed. This is because certain targets have been achieved and are no longer part of UNICEF Guinea's response. The Country Office is currently working on developing indicators that do reflect current activities and priorities and these will be introduced into the table in coming weeks.

Infants 0-6 months who cannot be breast fed, receiving ready to use infant formula				2,600	2,380	92%
<b>EDUCATION<sup>2</sup></b>						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programmes				20	22	110%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support				27,510	11,285	41%

### Next SitRep: 16 September 2015

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<sup>2</sup> Schools are on their summer break and, until they open on 5 October 2015, many education indicators are not being monitored.