



GUINEA

Ebola

Situation Report

11 March 2015



HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of confirmed cases of Ebola rose to 2,871 this week, according to WHO’s Epidemiological Situation Report. The total number of confirmed, suspected and probable cases rose to 3,285. The number of confirmed deaths from Ebola gained to 1,778, with confirmed, suspected and probable deaths rising to 2,170.
- The Rural Radio station in Forécariah was inaugurated on 7 March 2015 in the presence of the Prime Minister and UNICEF Representative in Guinea.
- Guinea continued to respond to the measles outbreak. Initial vaccination campaigns slated to last six days in Gaoual and Koundara were prolonged because of difficulties in reaching children in remote areas. The aim is to vaccinate 95 per cent of the total number of targeted children.
- This week, UNICEF and partners distributed 12,142 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soap) benefitting 84,994 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 150,669 and the total number of beneficiaries to 1.54 million.
- C4D coordinators and social mobilizers continued their work educating the population about Ebola, this week reaching 11,891 individuals through door-to-door calls, school visits, educational talks and mass sensitization sessions.
- UNICEF’s protection team set up and trained the members of six new community counsels for the protection of children this week bringing the total number to 432 out of the 500 planned.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 08 MARCH 2015

3,285
Cases of Ebola (2,871 confirmed)

2,170
Deaths (1,778 confirmed)

542
Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

321
Deaths of children and youth aged 0-17 (confirmed)

4,105,926
Children in affected areas

173
Confirmed cases among health workers with 90 confirmed deaths

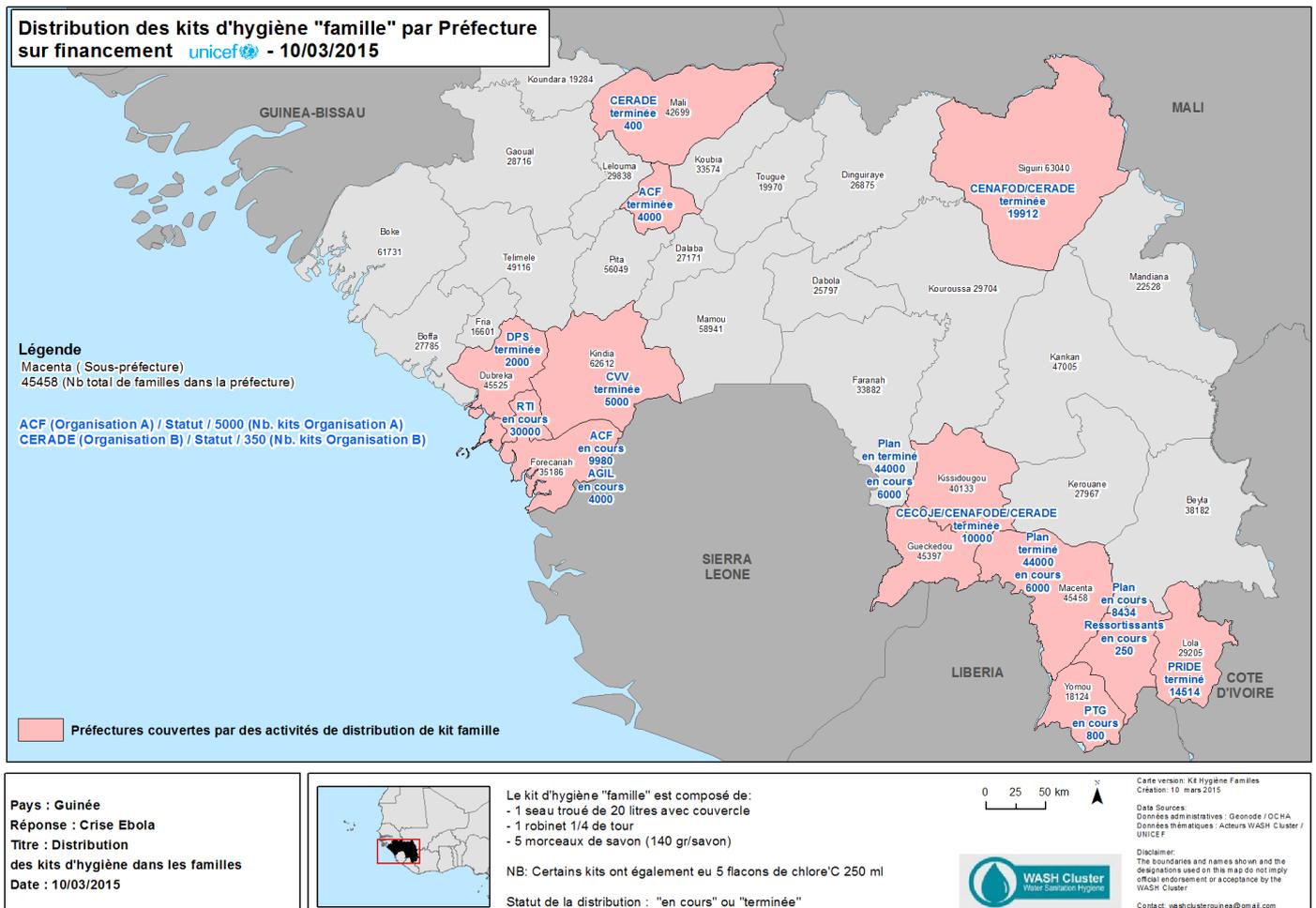
USD 93,514,000
UNICEF funding needs until June 2015

USD 14,318,284
UNICEF funding gap (15%)

Summary Analysis of Programme response

WASH

- UNICEF constructed one additional water point this week in the N'Zérékoré region. This brings the total number of new water points built since the start of the outbreak to 126 (80 in Faranah, 46 in N'Zérékoré) and the total number of people with improved access to water to more than 37,800.
- UNICEF and partners distributed 12,142 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soap) benefitting 84,994 people in Ebola-affected areas. This brings the total number of household WASH kits distributed to 150,669 and the total number of beneficiaries to 1.05 million.
- UNICEF has prepositioned 30,000 household WASH kits in the N'Zérékoré region. The NGO Pride Guinea distributed 760 of these kits this week in Lola Prefecture, bringing the total number the NGO has distributed in the prefecture to 4,994.
- UNICEF, in partnership with Action Contre la Faim, this week distributed 1,389 household WASH kits in Forécariah bringing the total number of household WASH kits distributed in the prefecture so far to 1,922. Of these, a total of 176 kits have been given to people who had come into contact with Ebola victims (103 this week).
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Scouts, distributed 1,500 household WASH kits in Koba, Boffa prefecture this week.
- UNICEF has prepositioned 1,500 household WASH kits with the Scouts in Coyah.
- UNICEF has prepositioned 18,749 household WASH kits with the NGO RTI StopPalu, in Coyah.
- In partnership with AGIL, a local NGO that supports governance, UNICEF distributed 4,000 household WASH kits in Kaback, Forécariah Prefecture.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the NGO Terre des Hommes, began work on a project to improve access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in 30 primary schools and 15 health centers in Kindia. Four schools are already connected to the drinking water network and in several sub-prefectures people already have improved access to water points.
- The WASH Cluster and other partners developed a standardized Health Care Structure Evaluation form and have already assessed 131 health care facilities in the most affected areas nationwide. This survey will provide information that will be used in the post-Ebola recovery phase when efforts will focus on rebuilding the country's healthcare system. The results will determine WASH priorities as part of these efforts.



Health

- Following in the outbreak of measles, vaccination campaigns took place in the prefectures of Gaoual and Koundara. Initially, each campaign was scheduled to last six days: 19 to 24 February 2015 in Gaoual and 26 February to 3 March 2015 in Koundara. However, due to initial low turnout and difficulties in reaching children in remote areas, it was decided to extend both campaigns for an extra four days each. At the end of the campaigns, medical workers had vaccinated children aged 6 months and below 10 - 51,170/59,555 (95.3 percent) in Gaoual and 37,882/39,921 (95 per cent) in Koundara.
- UNICEF worked with RTI StopPalu, an NGO, to organize a training session for health workers in Gaoual prefecture on how to manage malaria in the context of Ebola. The workshop included topics such as how to diagnose each of the diseases and Infection Prevention Control (IPC) measures.
- UNICEF trained 34 national staff from the eight regional health directorates in the collection, analysis and reporting of maternal and child health (MCH), prevention of transmission of HIV from mother to child (PMTCT), and Ebola data and information via RapidPro. RapidPro is a mobile telephone text messaging service developed by UNICEF Guinea that will help health workers and the health authorities to gather and analyse health data from around the country.

Communication for Development (C4D)

Social mobilization

- C4D coordinators and social mobilizers continued their work educating the population about Ebola. A tally of activities indicates they reached 11,891 individuals this week through door-to-door calls, school visits, educational talks and mass sensitization sessions.

Religious leaders

- Involving religious leaders into the Ebola response continues to be a top priority. This week, social mobilizers trained and sensitized a total of 560 religious leaders about Ebola across the country.

Coordination

- In Koundara, UNICEF participated in a meeting at the prefectural health board about the Ebola response and the measles response.
- UNICEF visited the border health posts in the sub-prefecture of Sambailo and Boundou Fourdou. UNICEF provided all the supplies for these posts and made the trip to ensure these are being used properly.

Radio broadcasts

- A site has been selected for the Rural Radio station in Boffa and UNICEF will supply the equipment. The station is expected to become operational soon.
- Rural Radio Forécariah was inaugurated on 7 March 2015 in the presence of the Prime Minister and UNICEF Guinea's country representative.
- Radio Mano River in Lola has been operational since 4 March 2015.
- UNICEF has provided equipment to Rural Radio Guéckédou and an international engineer is working to get the station up and running. The work is being coordinated by Rural Radio Guinea and the district commissioner.
- Religious leaders participated in programme to sensitize listeners to Ebola prevention in Biscrima and Dogomet. The National Network of Traditional Communicators (RENACOT) did a similar broadcast in Dabola.
- Rural Radio Kissidougou rebroadcast a programme covering the topic of stigmatization of people who have been cured of Ebola and how treatment centres operate.
- UNICEF and partners are working to complete the Rural Radio station at Yomou. UNICEF has provided the equipment and Caritas, the NGO that is coordinating the work, expects the radio station to be operational by the end of the month.

Child Protection

- No new children who lost one or both parents to Ebola were identified this week by UNICEF's partners and the current caseload remains at 4,606. UNICEF continued to make visits to families caring for these children and who have benefited from UNICEF support. The family visits team is now fully staffed and was this week able to ramp up its efforts to make sure the children are being properly looked after.
- Social workers linked to UNICEF partners made 786 follow-up home visits this week to families caring for children who lost one or both parents to Ebola.
- UNICEF trained 61 additional community volunteers this week bringing the total number to 1,797. These community volunteers organized 78 community dialogue sessions nationwide.

- Community volunteers and social workers also conducted 215 psychosocial support sessions reaching 3,423 children, bringing the total number of children who have benefited so far to 54,391 (or 45 per cent of the 120,000 targeted). UNICEF organized a training session for partners in Conakry focusing on case management and how to provide psychosocial support. The session was attended by 21 partner staff who will be working in Forécariah, Conakry and Coyah.
- UNICEF set up and trained the members of six new community counsels for the protection of children this week bringing the total number established to 432 out of the 500 planned.
- UNICEF's partner, Aide à la Famille Africaine, selected and trained four new families in Coyah that will act as temporary foster parents to children who are accompanying their parents to treatment centres or other unaccompanied children in the area. These temporary foster parents are themselves Ebola survivors who live close to treatment centres. One foster family is already caring for one unaccompanied child.

Education

- As Education Cluster lead, UNICEF and the National Federation of Parent Teachers Associations (PTA) met with the National Council of Civil Society Organizations (NCCSO) in Guinea to explore partnership opportunities. UNICEF and the PTA are especially keen for civil society and the private sector to help meet the shortfall in soap and school supplies.
- Thanks to efforts made by the rapid response team (RRT), the local administration and education authorities in Forécariah, two schools that had remained shut because of resistance to adopting Ebola safety protocols reopened there this week and attendance is gradually improving.
- The total number of schools closed because of resistance or quarantine fell to 14 from 19; 12 schools are resistant to Ebola safety measures, two are quarantined.
- The information management unit run by UNICEF and the Government, and the Office of Health Services in Schools are gathering data on education facilities lacking no-contact thermometers and providing them with these.
- A joint UNICEF-Ministry of Education monitoring and assessment mission is scheduled from 10 to 19 March 2015 in the five prefectures of Mamou, Faranah, Kissidougou, Guéckédou and Macenta. The aim of the mission is twofold: to check that all school hygiene materials provided are working and being used properly; and to assess the training needs of the local education authorities and partners so as to enhance collaboration in education in future emergency situations.

Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners provided specific nutrition care and support to 1,699 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,400 targeted) by providing therapeutic food and counselling.
- UNICEF and partners provided specific nutrition support for 1,004 infants and young children, children who have lost one or both parents to Ebola, children in foster care and children in care centres.
- The Ebola outbreak has caused widespread disruption in the provision of services (Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition or IMAM) to children with severe acute malnutrition. Prior to the outbreak, severely acute malnourished (SAM) children were treated as out-patients at health centers and SAM children with medical complications were treated as in-patients at hospitals. After the Ebola outbreak started, anecdotal evidence from field visits suggested that the number of health facilities providing those services diminished and that the number of children receiving those services also dropped significantly. More recent anecdotal evidence suggests that those numbers are starting to increase again. UNICEF with Nutrition and Food Security Cluster partners expects to conduct a systematic review of the impact of Ebola has had on the nutrition sector before the end of the first half of the year.

Supply and Logistics

- The supply and logistics team supported the WASH unit in distributing 26,750 household WASH kits (bucket with tap and soap) in Guinea Maritime and 6,450 household WASH kits in the Forest Region in partnership with RTI International, the Scouts, Plan Guinée and Pride, with logistics support from WFP. A total of 1,000 household WASH kits have been prepositioned as contingency supplies in the WFP cluster warehouse in Kissidougou.
- A total of 464,000 pieces of soap were distributed in the schools of Téliélé, Fria and Boké as part of the restocking plan for school hygiene kits.

- UNICEF set up two additional tents this week at border crossings in Lola and Yomou prefectures and provided hygiene equipment and materials. Staff will monitor those crossing over the border as a way to prevent the spread of Ebola.
- UNICEF took receipt of two trucks which will be handed over to the Pharmacy Centrale de Guinée to reinforce its logistics capacity.
- UNICEF conducted an assessment in Kankan with a view to setting up a logistics network there by the end of March 2015.

Media and External Communications

UNICEF is informing 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.

International media coverage

- WHO news release on 5 March 2015 announcing that trials of an Ebola vaccine are to start in Guinea was widely picked up and reported by international and local media outlets. Many of the reports noted that UNICEF – along with WHO, the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and vaccine alliance GAVI – is working with the affected countries to develop plans and strategies for large-scale introduction of the vaccine should this be needed. The CNN story also included a slide show of pictures showing UNICEF-supported social mobilization efforts and UNICEF-supported psychosocial support efforts.

[Guinea: UN Health Agency Announces Start of Ebola Vaccine Testing in Worst-Affected Areas of Guinea](#)

(AllAfrica.com)

[Potentially historic Ebola vaccine campaign to be launched in Guinea](#) (CNN.com)

Local media coverage

- Guinée News ran a story about the communication and social mobilization commission sensitizing 928 pupils at Faya Mirabo Touré primary school in Kissidougou on hygiene measures and prevention of Ebola

[Sensibilisation à l'école primaire Faya Mirabo Touré](#)

Vision Guinée reported on UNICEF partnering with FITIMA, an NGO, to conduct sensitization sessions in Nongo, Conakry.

[Sensibilisation à Nongo avec FITIMA](#)

Funding

Funding Requirements until June 2015, as defined in Humanitarian Appeal revised in Dec 2014					
Appeal Sector	Original Ebola Requirements (USD)	Revised Ebola Requirements (USD)	Funds received (USD)	Funding gap	
				\$	%
C4D/Social Mobilization	12,533,400	15,307,000	15,140,036	166,964	1%
Nutrition	3,121,200	5,100,000	2,000,000	3,100,000	61%
Health + HIV/AIDS + ECCC's	16,699,500	35,233,000	32,876,537	2,356,463	7%
WASH	18,343,800	15,639,000	12,434,114	3,204,886	20%
Child Protection	1,345,000	6,620,000	3,381,862	3,288,138	50%
Education	489,013	8,869,000	7,338,062	1,530,938	17%
Cross Sectorial	2,599,353	6,746,000	6,075,105	670,895	10%
Total	55,130,866	93,514,000	79,245,716	14,318,284	15%

Programme Results

UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for EVD response (11/03/2015)				
Indicators	Pillar / Sector		UNICEF	
	Target	Results	Target	Results
Percentage of EVD cases with onset in the past week	0%	2%	0%	N/A*
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT				
Percentage of prefectural Social Mobilization Taskforces (SMT) reporting on the dashboard each week	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100%
Percentage of prefectures with list of identified key religious leaders (including priests, imams, pastors, tribal leaders) or community groups who promote safe funeral and burial practices according to standard guidelines	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)	100% (38/38)
Number of CWCs established and functional	2,935	1,869 (64%)	1,400	1,400 (100%)
Percentage of subprefectures with at least one security incident or other form of refusal to cooperate in past week	0%	1% (3/342)	0%	(same as Pillar/sector)
CCCs/CTComs				
Percentage of Community Care Centres (CCC) established after a community dialogue process aligned with Global SOPs or according to norms established in country	100%	100% (7/7)	100%	100% (7/7)
Percentage of patients who present at a CCC within 48 hours of becoming ill with any symptoms that could be EVD	100%	N/A	100%	N/A
Percentage of Community Care Centers (CCCs, Rapid Isolation Treatment for Ebola (RITE), Interim Care Centers (ICC) and Transit Centers (TC)) functional against target set for the current reporting period	100% (10/10)	30% (3/10)	100% (10/10)	30% (3/10)
HEALTH AND NUTRITION				
Provision of nutrition support to Ebola patients (Ebola CTE)	5,000	4,899	2,400	1,699
Infants and young children 0-12 months who cannot be breastfed and who received replacement feeding	666	1,004	666	1,004
Children 6-59 months screened for SAM and referred for treatment	7,250	539	7,250	539
WASH				
Percentage of all Ebola community treatment and holding centres with essential WASH services	100% 27/27	100%	75% 20/27	100%
Percentage of people in EVD-affected areas receiving essential WASH services	100%	45%	75%	23%
People benefiting from hygiene kits in Ebola affected areas	4,666,667	2,086,531	3,500,000	1,054,683
Children benefiting from hand washing facilities at schools in Ebola affected areas	1,044,000	2,530,000	783,000	1,467,000
Non-Ebola Health centres in Ebola affected areas provided with Hand washing station	800	187	600	115
PROTECTION				
Percentage of EVD-affected children provided with care and support, including psychosocial support	70%	41% (49,518/120,000)	70%	45% (54,391 /120,000)
Percentage of children who have lost one or both parents/caregivers or who are separated from their parents/caregivers reintegrated with their families or provided with appropriate alternative care.	70%	74% (4,429/6,000)	70%	77% (4,606/6,000)
EDUCATION				

Reopened schools equipped with a minimum package for Ebola prevention	8,929	12,455	3,843	7,176
Teachers trained on psycho social support, Ebola prevention, and safe and protective learning environments	82,168	80,657	15,941	15,941

* N/A = Not Applicable

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