



A social mobilizer sensitizes the population about Ebola in Forécariah.

# GUINEA

## Ebola

### Situation Report

28 October 2015



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- There were six new confirmed cases of Ebola in the past two weeks, bringing the total number of confirmed cases since the start of the outbreak to 3,350. (WHO SitRep, 25 October 2015). The number of confirmed deaths rose to 2,082.
- Most of the new confirmed cases were in Forécariah. As such, UNICEF is supporting the National Coordination for the Ebola Response in conducting a 21-day micro-containment campaign in five villages in Tana district starting on 22 October 2015. 100 households will be visited by social mobilizers who will sensitize inhabitants about the disease and distribute WASH kits. UNICEF will also construct two water points to provide residents with access to clean drinking water and to improve overall hygiene. In addition to the micro-containment campaign, UNICEF is also involved in conducting a separate campaign to sensitize the population of 30 nearby villages and to identify other people who may be in contact with other sick individuals.
- The Ministry of Health validated a three-year accelerated plan to eliminate new paediatric HIV infections in infants while keeping their mothers alive. By 2017, the plan aims to cut new HIV paediatric infection rates by 90 per cent, and the number of maternal and child deaths due to HIV by at least 50 per cent. This is an important component of the post-Ebola recovery plan for health services.
- Through play and recreation sessions, UNICEF and partners have provided psychosocial support to 130,922 children who have been affected by Ebola. UNICEF has also provided cash transfers to help cover the cost of food and clothes to 5,606 children who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola (out of 6,193 registered).
- UNICEF and Education Cluster partners are preparing for the reopening of schools for the new academic year on 9 November 2015. UNICEF has engaged religious leaders and broadcasters in the back-to-school campaign, stressing the importance of education. UNICEF has also purchased and delivered school supplies for nearly 438,000 students in 19 prefectures and is supplying soap for 12 prefectures to ensure the return to school is safe.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

As of 25 October 2015

**3,806**

Cases of Ebola (3,350 confirmed)

**2,535**

Deaths (2,082 confirmed)

**748**

Cases among children 0-17 (confirmed)

**519**

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

**4,350,633**

Children in affected areas since the beginning of the epidemic

**130,922**

Children received psychosocial support

**USD 142 million**

UNICEF funding needs until December 2015

**USD 33.5 million**

UNICEF funding gap (24%)

## Leadership and Coordination

- UNICEF's regional coordinator for the Ebola response, Dr Gianfranco Rotigliano, on 21 October 2015 visited two households in Ratoma in Conakry where confirmed cases of Ebola were recently notified. He met members of the victims' families, heard their stories, and developed a clearer understanding of issues relating to the stigmatization of Ebola victims' families and Ebola survivors. Dr Rotigliano also met teams carrying out trial vaccinations, social anthropologists and other NGOs partnering with UNICEF in the field.
- Following the new confirmed cases of Ebola in Forécariah, UNICEF is supporting the National Coordination for the Ebola Response in conducting a 21-day micro-containment campaign in five villages in Tana district which started on 22 October 2015. Social mobilizers are making visits to 100 households, sensitizing the occupants about the disease and providing them with WASH kits. In addition to the micro-containment campaign, a separate campaign covering 30 nearby villages is also under way; social mobilizers are sensitizing the population and looking for people who are sick.
- The Wash Cluster finalized the "4W matrix" setting out who does what, where and when at health centres. It also shared with partners the document outlining gender issues to be considered when planning and implementing WASH activities.

## WASH

- UNICEF and the Regional Directorate of Water, Environment and Forests (WEF) in Conakry trained 60 teachers from the urban communes of Dixinn and Ratoma in "WASH in schools."
- In the Forest Region of Guinea, UNICEF, in partnership with the Regional WEF Directorate, has prepositioned 78,000 bottles of chlorine in 215 villages in Yomou and Beyla to promote proper hygiene and hand washing practices, and for the treatment of water in households.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Regional Directorate of Health in Nzérékoré, trained 50 health workers coming from 25 health centers near the border with Liberia, on proper hygiene standards in health facilities.
- SNAPE, the national water agency, manually drilled 13 water points benefitting 3,900 people in Siguiri. 13 water management committees were established and their members trained in maintenance and care of the facilities.
- During the latest micro-containment campaign in Forécariah, 91 out of 100 households have so far received WASH kits. 99 per cent of the recipients are using them effectively.

## Health

- On 22 October 2015, the Guinean Minister of Health approved the three-year accelerated plan to eliminate new HIV infections in infants while keeping their mothers alive. The plan aims by 2017 to cut paediatric infection rates by 90 per cent; cut the number of maternal and child deaths due to HIV by at least 50 per cent; and increase the number of facilities that provide prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) services to 875 from 262 (meaning that 63 per cent of facilities in Guinea would have PMTCT services).
- As part of the post-Ebola recovery plan, UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in training 20 trainers from the health and finance ministries as well as from the national HIV coordination body. From 19-24 October, participants were trained in using the OneHealth planning tool (developed by international agencies including UNICEF and WHO) to reinforce resilience to Ebola and other diseases.

## Nutrition

- UNICEF and partners have provided counselling and therapeutic food to 2,240 Ebola patients in treatment centres (out of 2,600 targeted) as well as ready-to-use infant formula to 2,380 infants whose mothers have been affected by Ebola.
- Since October 2014, UNICEF and partners provided care to 7,504 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 Siguiri.

- Results from the [SMART nutrition survey](#) conducted in July 2015 revealed that the prevalence of malnutrition in Siguiri is very close to the crisis level of 15 per cent. In response, the Nutrition Cluster conducted a preliminary mission to Siguiri to assess needs and set priorities for activities. An operational plan setting out 15 action points and the contribution every agency will make is now in place. UNICEF's role is to reinforce the nutritional surveillance system and build the capacity of healthcare providers.
- Following the Nutrition Cluster mission, UNICEF and the NGO Helen Keller International (HKI) are supporting the training of 30 health workers from 15 health centres in Siguiri in the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM). Nutrition supplies including therapeutic milk, ready-to-use therapeutic food and essential medicines, have been prepositioned in Siguiri for use during any emergency response. The hospital at Siguiri has also been assessed for its wherewithal to provide inpatient care services to severely malnourished children with medical complications.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

- UNICEF continued its Ebola social mobilization and sensitization activities in nine prefectures in Lower Guinea. These included door-to-door visits to 27,250 households.
- Social anthropologists from the University of Sonfonia in Conakry, worked with social mobilizers in Dixinn, Conakry, to address four cases in which members of the local population were unwilling to cooperate with the Ebola response teams (one case related to the stigmatization of an Ebola survivor; neighbours no longer wanted him to fetch water at the communal water point). They also helped to trace people who had come into contact with Ebola victims and helped WHO staff monitor them.
- UNICEF has deployed more than 50 social mobilizers (including 31 from the communities affected) to support the current micro-containment campaign in Forécariah. Since October 22 2015, social mobilizers have identified 63 sick people through door-to-door visits who then accepted to go to proper health facilities for a checkup. UNICEF also supported a separate campaign targeting 577 households in 30 neighbouring villages. As of 25 October 2015, social mobilizers had visited 436 homes. Social mobilizers have been integral in both campaigns in encouraging 333 people who had come into contact with Ebola victims to advise WHO of their situation so they can be monitored.
- UNICEF and its partner NGO Zéro Pauvre en Afrique have deployed 224 social mobilizers in communes of Ratoma and Dixinn, Conakry. Both these communes have had recent confirmed cases of Ebola and are considered "active" for the disease.

## Child Protection

- UNICEF and partners trained four community leaders in child protection and psychosocial support in Forécariah, bringing the total number of community leaders trained so far to 7,663. At least 574 key leaders and 5,163 people (2,568 women) were sensitized on the importance of showing solidarity to Ebola survivors through 690 community dialogues.
- UNICEF and partners also organized 388 educative talks on child protection, with the participation of 3,234 people (1,729 women).
- UNICEF and partners organized 3,494 play and recreation sessions in which 5,321 children (2,460 girls) who had not previously participated were included. Among the new children there were 189 children who have lost one or both parents (118 girls). To date, 130,922 children have received psychosocial support.
- Community volunteers and social workers organized follow-up visits to families taking care of 4,174 children (2,006 girls) who have lost one or both parents due to Ebola.
- UNICEF and partners set up and trained the members of one new Village Council for Child Protection in Forécariah. This brings the total number of active councils to 868.
- During the reporting period, 26 parents/caretakers of 118 children (61 girls), received the second or third round of their cash installments. 5,606 out of 6,193 registered children have so far received cash to help cover basic costs for food and clothes and school supplies.
- To prepare the start of the new academic year on 9 November 2015, UNICEF and partners started distributing school kits to 480 children parents (182 girls) who have lost one or both.

## Education

- The start of the academic year was postponed to 9 November 2015 (from 5 October) because of the presidential elections. UNICEF has met with education and other key partners – such as religious leaders and broadcasters – to engage them in the back-to-school campaign and ensure a safe return to lessons for all.
- UNICEF has purchased and delivered school supplies for nearly, 438,000 students in 19 prefectures : Gaoual, Koundara, Téliélé, Koubia, Mali, Dalaba, Mamou, Kindia, Forécariah, Dinguiraye, Kérouané, Mandiana, Siguiri, Beyla, Guéckédou, Lola, Macenta, Nzérékoré and Yomou.
- UNICEF and GIZ, Germany's agency for development cooperation, will supply soap to 12 prefectures to ensure all schools have the hygiene supplies they need to help prevent the spread of Ebola.

## Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF delivered protective supplies and medical equipment worth more than US\$1million to the Central Pharmacy of Guinea to support the national health system.
- In support of the back-to-school campaign, UNICEF sent school supplies worth US\$140,000 to the prefectures of Gaoual, Koundara, Telimele, Kankan, Mali and Dalaba.
- UNICEF is making preparations with technical and financial partners for a national workshop on integrated logistics during an emergency response.

## Human Resources

- As of 27 October 2015, UNICEF Guinea has 207 staff members, of which 68 are international professionals and 139 are national staff. In addition to the main office in Conakry, UNICEF has three zonal offices in Conakry, Kankan and Nzérékoré which together have 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 2,542 social mobilizers and C4D specialists. In addition, it supports 5,096 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.

- Mosaiqueguinee.com carried an article about an initiative, supported by UNICEF, to stop early marriage. [L'UNICEF appelle à mettre fin aux mariages précoces](#)
- Guineematin.com published an article about UNICEF's involvement in the celebration of Global Handwashing Day. Frequent and proper washing of hands plays is a good hygiene practice and is fundamental in stopping the transmission and spread of Ebola.

[Journée mondiale du lavage des mains : les conseils de notre spécialiste santé](#)

# Programme Results

## UNICEF and Pillar/Sector Results for Ebola Response

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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		748				
Registered Ebola children who lost one or both parents/primary caregivers		6,193				
<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% <sup>1</sup> (1/1)	
Sub-prefectures, chiefdoms and/or counties reporting resistance/reticence to cooperating with frontline workers in the past week				0%	0/342	
Ebola-related resistance/reticence incidents reported in the past week				0	0	
<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	3,614,890	77%	3,500,000	2,537,728	73%
Population benefitting from water points rehabilitated/constructed				172,500	137,300	80%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Ebola-affected children provided with minimum package of psychosocial support (PSS) services	120,000	130,922	109%	120,000	130,922	109%
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	5,983	99%	6,000	5,983	99%
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Community health workers trained in Ebola prevention and case management				3,000	1,650	55%
<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>						
Children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment				7,250	7504	104%
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Radio stations broadcasting emergency learning programs				20	20	100%
Teachers trained in providing psychosocial support				27,510	11,285	41%

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<sup>1</sup> Dixin, Ratoma, Forécariah