

Emergency Appeal Operation Update

Ebola Virus Disease Emergency Appeals (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Global Coordination & Preparedness)

Combined Monthly Ebola Operations Update N° 26¹

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Current epidemiological situation + country-specific information

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Ebola Situation Reports of 14 October 2015, no confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) were reported in the week to 11 October. This was the second consecutive week with zero confirmed cases. However, 150 registered contacts remain under follow-up in Guinea, of which 118 are high risk, and an additional 259 contacts remain untraced. There remains a near-term risk of further cases among both registered and untraced contacts.

No confirmed cases of EVD were reported in the week to 4 October. This is the first time that a complete epidemiological week has elapsed with zero confirmed cases since March 2014. All contacts have now completed follow-up in Sierra Leone while over 500 contacts remain under follow-up in Guinea.

Presidential elections were held in Guinea on 11 October 2015. At the time of these elections the worst of the EVD epidemic is over despite there being a lesser number of prevalent cases. According to news reports, seven opposition parties had called for a postponement, citing alleged irregularities in the electoral roll, but their pleas were rejected by the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI). Cellou Dalein Diallo of the Union of Democratic Forces of Guinea (UFDG) also petitioned the Supreme Court of Guinea to have the election postponed, but it was rejected.



Liberia National Red Cross Society social mobilization volunteers, Zoe Sanbullah and Mustapha Massaquoi, continue to share prevention measures in communities bordering Sierra Leone. Volunteers are active in 16 border communities, carrying out direct outreach to promote Ebola safety measures, and anti-stigma awareness. IFRC/Anita Dullard

IFRC's Ebola Strategic Framework is organised around five outcomes:

1. The epidemic is stopped;
2. National Societies (NS) have better EVD preparedness and stronger long-term capacities;
3. IFRC operations are well coordinated;
4. Safe and Dignified Burials (SDB) are effectively carried out by all actors
5. Recovery of community life and livelihoods.

Helping stop the epidemic, the EVD operations employ a five pillar approach comprising: (i) Beneficiary Communication and Social Mobilization; (ii) Contact Tracing and Surveillance; (iii) Psychosocial Support; (iv) Case Management; and (v) Safe and Dignified Burials (SDB) and Disinfection. The revision has included an addition sector on recovery basically covering food security, livelihoods and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Six emergency appeals were launched to respond to and combat EVD outbreaks in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Senegal. Those in Guinea, Liberia and Guinea are still active whilst coordination and technical support continues at the regional level. The Ebola emergency appeals have been revised to anticipate a longer-term vision as operations head toward recovery. The revised appeals can be found at <http://ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/appeals/> and are currently planned to end in December 2017.

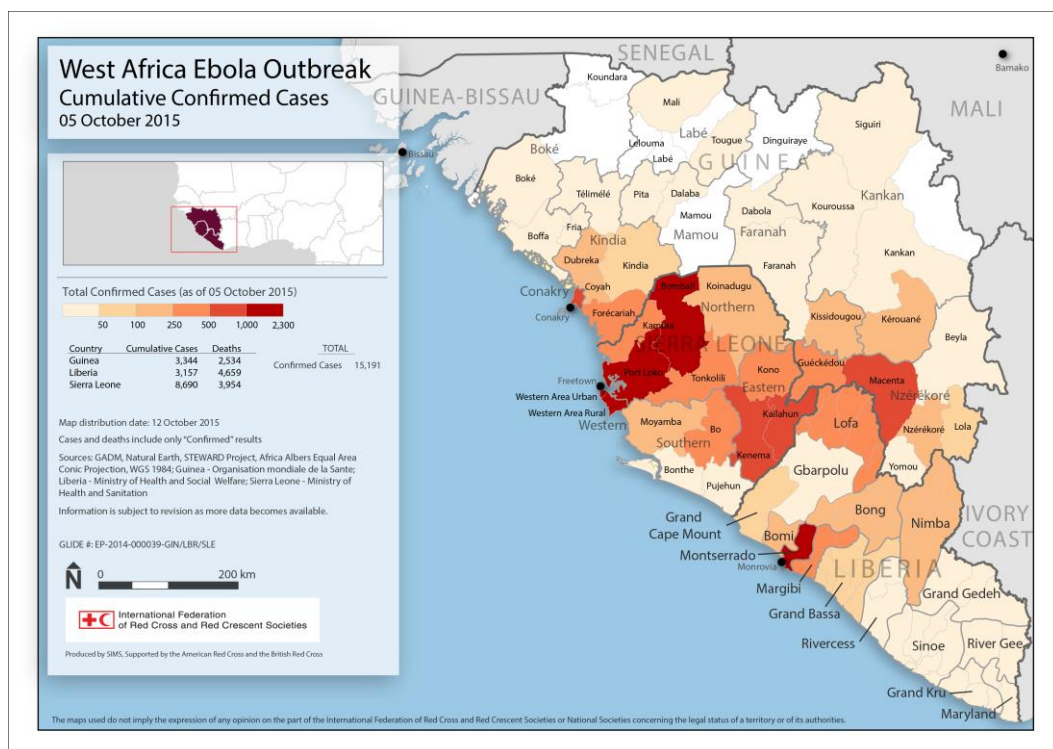
Smaller preparedness and response operations were financed by the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) in Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Togo, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia, Kenya, Guinea Bissau and Ethiopia. In total, 16 countries in Africa launched emergency operations relating to this outbreak.

¹ A single combined operations update is produced for the 4 Ebola operations on a monthly basis.

In **Sierra Leone**, 2 high-risk contacts associated with the 2 most recently active chains of transmission in the country were lost to follow-up and have not yet been found. In addition, a patient who was reported as a case in the United Kingdom on 29 December 2014, and who later recovered, was hospitalised on 6 October in the United Kingdom after developing late EVD-related complications. As of 13 October, 62 close contacts have been identified in the UK for follow-up.

There were a total of 4 confirmed cases of the Ebola Virus Disease reported in the week to 27 September, all in Guinea. Over a two months period, the case incidence has remained below 10 cases per week. No new confirmed cases were reported from **Sierra Leone** in the week to 27 September. That was the second consecutive week with zero cases. Over 700 contacts remain under follow-up in Bombali related to the last reported case on 13 September.

Guinea: All 4 confirmed cases reported from Guinea in the week to 27 September had symptom onset in Forecariah, and are registered contacts of a 10-year-old girl who sought treatment in Forecariah after traveling from the Ratoma area of the capital, Conakry. The 10-year old girl subsequently died on 14 September in the Forecariah sub-prefecture of Kaliah. Two of the 4 new cases are traditional healers who are reported to have treated the girl. Over 450 contacts are under follow-up in Guinea, including 1 in the prefecture of N'Zerekore due to the movement of a contact associated with the Ratoma chain of transmission. The majority of contacts (311) are located in Forecariah, with 147 in Conakry. All contacts are associated with the Ratoma chain of transmission. An active case-finding operation took place from 28th September to 1st October in the Conakry districts of Dixinn and Ratoma during which approximately 900 households were visited.



As of 30 September 2015, the number of cases from known chains of transmission which have been reported in Guinea for the last 21 days was at 6. At the same time, the number of contacts being follow-up were as follows: 112 in Conakry, 325 in Forécariah and 2 in Coyah. An active case finding campaign has been ongoing in Conakry to ensure all known and unknown contacts are placed under proper follow-up before it becomes too late for any action to be taken. Similarly, a campaign was scheduled in Forécariah, one of the hotspot prefectures of Guinea.

An assumption can be made that good progress has been made towards the wide spread control of the epidemic as no confirmed cases of EVD were reported in the week ending 4 October 2015. This is the first time that a complete epidemiological week has elapsed with zero confirmed cases since March 2014 in Guinea.

Being the key pillar where the IFRC and Guinea Red Cross (GRC) intervenes, the trend of SDBs remains relatively stable (the weekly average is 681 SDBs), and so is the number of houses and other places disinfected (weekly average: 478,2) and swabs taken (weekly average: 680,6) since the measure of the systematic burials is ongoing in the country.

In terms of the strategic orientation of the operation, the IFRC and GRC are working on strengthening awareness and detection campaigns in Forécariah and Conakry following recommendations from the workshops organized by the National Ebola Coordination Cell on Surveillance and Social Mobilization for Survivors' support. Plans are underway to deploy a mobile community radio station in the area in order to strengthen communication/social mobilization and ownership of the population's fight against Ebola.

In this regard, it is envisaged that the IFRC and NS need to maintain SDB activities until December 2015 and undertake intervention capacities during the first quarter of 2016 as part of strategic preparedness in case the epidemic resurges. In addition, IFRC is also working on possible collaboration with the PREPARE program, the United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund and other partners in terms of strengthening preparedness capacities of the NS during and beyond the Ebola crisis.

Once again, **Liberia** was declared EVD free on 3 September after 42 days of the discharge of the last positive case. Liberia's current focus is on improving swabbing for all deaths, border surveillance and provision of Psycho Social Support (PSS) – which remains a high priority for the Government of Liberia and among key stakeholders in the fight against the disease. On 30th September, Liberia was on day 27 of the prescribed 90-days of heightened surveillance period.

The United Nations is currently developing EVD Phase-3 Plans that are focused on epidemic preparedness and assistance to EVD survivors. In this regard, several meetings have been conducted with the participation of IFRC. The Ebola Response Phase 3 Framework for achieving and sustaining a resilient zero incorporates new developments and breakthroughs in Ebola control, from vaccines, diagnostics and response operations to survivor counselling and care.

The distribution of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) kits for a safe school environment began during in the second week of September 2015. During that reporting period, a total of 290 kits had been delivered as follows: 254 in Montserrado, 30 in Grand Bassa and six in River Gee. In addition, during this reporting period, a working group comprising of LNRCS, IFRC and Danish Red Cross health and PSS units met to discuss the community based health preparedness plan which focuses on priority diseases with the potential to cause outbreaks and other diseases or events of international concern. These diseases include; Acute Flaccid Paralysis, Bacterial Meningitis, Cholera, Diarrhoea with blood (Shigella), Human Rabies, Lassa Fever, Measles, Neonatal tetanus, Viral haemorrhagic Fever (including Ebola Virus Disease), Yellow fever, maternal deaths and neo-natal deaths. The preliminary draft from this working group was presented to LNRCS, IFRC and Danish Red Cross. Feedback was also provided during the discussion. It is envisaged that the second draft will be shared with a wider group for further feedback.

It is worth noting that improvements to case investigation and contact tracing, rapid isolation and treatment, and effective engagement with affected communities have all played a part in reducing case incidence to its current low level. As of 27 September 2015, the number of cases and deaths was 28,424 and 11,291 respectively.

Ebola Emergency Appeals: Summary Update on Resource Mobilization

Appeal	Guinea MDRGN007	Liberia MDRLR001	Sierra Leone MDRSL005	Coordination & Preparedness MDR60002	Total Figures (CHF)
Budget	56.0 million	56 million	94.6 million	15.9 million	212.7 million
Income to date	26.5 million	26.2 million	56.3 million	11.4 million	116.1 million
Coverage	47%	47%	60%	72%	54%
Funding gap	29.5 million	29.8 million	38.2 million	4.5 million	96.6 million

Funding priorities: IFRC is urging donors to commit non-earmarked funds with longer timeframes

Operation Updates

Latest available cumulative data are provided below for 11 situation and programme indicators.

	Operational Countries and Appeals			
	GUINEA	LIBERIA	SIERRA LEONE	TOTAL
	(MDRGN007)	(MDRLR001)	(MDRSL005)	
Cumulative Cases	*3,804 ²	10,672	13,911	28,387
Cumulative Health Care Worker Deaths	*100	192	541	833
Cumulative Deaths	*2,528 ³	4,808	3,955	11,291
Fatality rate	66.4%	45%	28.4%	39.7%
Safe and Dignified Burials (SDB) conducted by NS	18,971	3,825	25,779	48,575
Trained RC volunteers active in Ebola	903	142	3,044	4,089
Contacts traced by NS	1,138	7,827	97,160	106,125
Houses disinfected by NS	30,585	2,818	17,559	50,962
People reached through face to face social mobilization	1,995,042	2,411,220	3,277,496	7,683,758
People reached through Psychosocial support	8,940	8,287	365,062	382,289
People treated by NS	N/A	N/A	978	978

Guinea

A. Social mobilization and beneficiary communication

Community engagement through Social Mobilization and Beneficiary Communications (BenComs) activities continued throughout Guinea during the reporting period. A total of 155,742 people were reached through face-to-face interactions, door-to-door sensitization (during active case finding and hygiene promotion campaigns) in the reporting period. Radio interactive shows also continued both on rural and national radio stations which have signed collaborative agreements between IFRC/Guinea RC.

Highlight:

- Social mobilization and community engagement sessions held by the volunteers during SDBs reached 146,964 persons across the active prefectures.
- Social mobilisation and community engagement sessions during routine sensitization activities in various prefectures reached 3,322 households
- A total of 1,282 households (or 4,169 persons) sensitized on hygiene promotion and benefited from hygiene kits during the active case finding campaign in 2 communes of Conakry, i.e. Ratoma and Dixinn.
- Forty three (43) hygiene kits distributed to 20 health facilities in Ratoma and 1 landing site (for fishermen and other sea users).
- Participation in the active case finding campaign in 2 communes of Conakry (Ratoma and Dixinn).
- Production and broadcast of 36 radio interactive shows on Ebola at Tamata, Renaissance and Espace Kakande radio stations. The themes were centred on the “Reduction/stopping of the stigma against persons cured from Ebola, the use of body bags during SDBs, hygiene promotion, active case finding and Psycho Social Support for affected families”. All in all, a total of 116 calls and 10 SMS were received during the radio shows.

² This number includes 3,344 confirmed cases.

³ This number includes confirmed, probable, and suspected cases.

- Continued broadcast of Red Cross programmes on Radio Santéya FM in the Forécariah, sub prefecture of Sikhourou.
- Training of 46 volunteers involved in Community Epidemics Response Teams' activities in the prefecture of Boké.

Challenges:

- Unwillingness and reluctance towards embracing some Red Cross interventions (some households rejected hygiene kits).
- Some houses were closed and occupants unreachable due to the ongoing political campaign for the October presidential election.

Planning:

- Deployment of the second mobile RC radio station in Boké.
- Continue Social Mobilisation and Communication activities to support the surveillance and active cases finding campaigns.
- Conduct a hygiene promotion campaign promotion in Forécariah.

B. Psychosocial Support

Highlights:

Psycho Social Support (PSS) activities are designed to support Ebola affected families, Red Cross staff and volunteers involved in the EVD operation across Guinea. For the time being, most PSS activities are concentrated in the 4 most active prefectures namely Conakry, Forécariah, Boké and Dubréka where a high number of SDB activities is recorded. In September, PSS has also been extended to supporting affected families with condolences kits⁴ to comfort them and be at the forefront in the fight against stigma such families face from other community members, who wrongly believe an Ebola survivor can still transmit the disease to those who come into contact with him/her.

In the prefecture of Dubréka, 495 persons were provided with a psychosocial first aid. In addition, economic support was also provided to 99 families who had lost their relatives due to the Ebola disease. A total of 10 PSS volunteers trained in PSS were deployed for the activities whereby condolence kits were distributed to each affected household. The representative of the Ebola National Coordination Cell who participated in the activities on the behalf of the government appreciated the support provided and noted that such support also served to change the image of the Red Cross which had mostly been associated with SDBs of Ebola victims.

In conclusion, PSS was made available for 20 communities members in Dixinn and Ratoma during the active case finding campaign in Conakry. A follow up visit was made to the construction site of a house of a family seriously affected by Ebola whose 13 relatives had been killed. This family's house had been completely destroyed by a storm in early June leaving the rest of the family in a desperate situation. Construction works (funded by the Red Cross) are at an advanced stage.

Challenges:

The difficulties related to the deployment of PSS volunteers to the field persists. The number of PSS supervisors and officers in the field are insufficient making it difficult to reach all the target areas.

Plan:

- Participate in the workshop on the “Strategic Planning for care-taking of Ebola survivors at Kindia,
- Training an additional PSS volunteer team in Boké,

⁴ Each condolence kit contains 2 bags of rice (50kgs each), 10L of cooking oil, 7kgs of sugar, and 1 box containing 70 pieces of soap.

- Organize a stress management session for the IFRC and Guinea RC staff,
- Continue the broadcast of interactive radio shows with a specific focus on PSS.

C. Contact Tracing and Surveillance

Highlight:

During the reporting period, Contact Tracing and Surveillance activities were mainly implemented in 2 prefectures namely Forécariah and Boké. In Forécariah, all the 30 villages bordering Sierra Leone were covered by surveillance activities as part of joint efforts to fight the epidemic in the two affected neighbouring countries. The targeted sub-prefectures were: Benty, Moussayh, Farmoriah, Sikhourou and Kanfarande where the following achievements were conducted:

- SDB teams were notified of 30 community for follow up,
- 58 suspected patients presented at Ebola Treatment Centres (ETC) for tests,
- As part of surveillance, 59 persons were notified as they moved from one community to another (surveillance of community events likely to be the source of contact and transmission of Ebola due to gathering and promiscuity),
- 7 community events were monitored and notified as part of active surveillance and detection of possible new cases,
- Training of 46 volunteers on community-based surveillance and the Beneficiary Communication approach,
- A number of activities were equally achieved in the framework of inter-pillar activities. In this regard, 9 community dialogues reaching 553 persons were held and 26 information sessions reaching 422 persons were conducted. Furthermore, 29 women community leaders were reached during various sensitization specific sessions whereas 63 participants were successfully reached by 7 sensitization sessions with local traditional healers.

Challenges:

- Activities targeting schools could not be implemented as they coincided with holidays.
- Difficulties in accessing certain areas due to heavy rains leading to the deterioration of roads.
- Despite the decrease of new Ebola cases however, the IFRC and Guinea RC strategy consists of maintenance of existing capacities to better respond to surveillance and active case finding. To date, at least 156 volunteers and 12 supervisors are fully involved in surveillance and case finding activities across the country.

Planning:

- Mapping and identification of cross-border villages with Sierra Leone and Liberia in the prefecture of Guékédou,
- Launch and extension of community-based surveillance activities in the sub-prefecture of Kanfarande (Boké),
- Continued door-to-door sensitization and community based surveillance activities in Forécariah,
- Participation in coordination platform meeting with other stakeholders in the framework of joint cross border activities.

D. Case Management in Red Cross Ebola Treatment Centres – Macenta

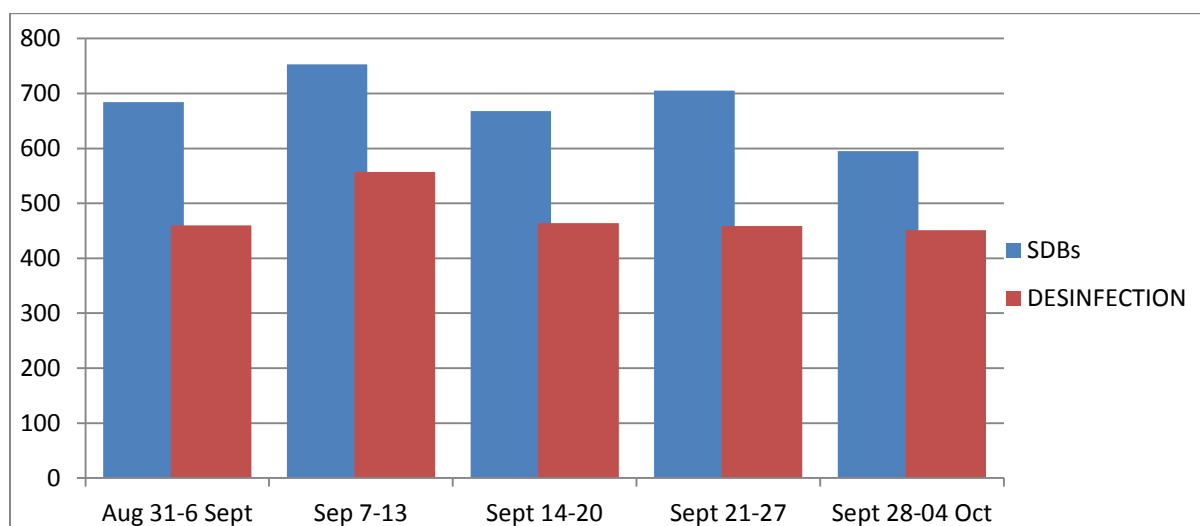
Highlights

- GRC does not undertake case Management in Guinea but it used to provide transport for patients to ETCs in specific areas. However, the French Red Cross is implementing this pillar under a bilateral agreement with the Government of Guinea. Since 11 July 2015, The Red Cross is no longer involved in the transportation of patients or patients treatment. MSF and other government partners are fully in charge of this pillar.

E. Safe and Dignified Burials and Disinfections of Houses

Highlight

- During the reporting period, Safe and Dignified Burials were conducted as usual with a total of 3,369 safe burials conducted across the 8 active prefectures. At the same time, 2,381 houses and other facilities were disinfected whereas 3,404 swabs were obtained before burial to determine whether the patient was Ebola positive or negative. The trend of SDBs has been relatively high but stable since the end of June which pushed the Red Cross to maintain the same intervention capacities by keeping all the 69 SDB teams active in the target areas.



The trend of SDBs has relatively remained stable in September with a weekly average of 681 SDBs Versus 742 in August and 679 in July.

With regard to capacity building, the SDB pillar ensured the participation of 50 RC volunteers to the Rapid test method also known as “OraQuick” to facilitate the process of swabs and SDB in the field. Development of Terms of Reference for an elaboration of a national strategy to improve the hygiene, sanitation and dignified body management in Guinea has also been the focus of this reporting period. A workshop for the review of new SDB protocols was successfully conducted.

Challenges

No major challenges to be reported during this period.

Planning:

- Validation process of new SDB protocols by the Guinea RC internal commission.
- Refresher training for volunteers involved in hygiene and sanitation for all operational bases.
- Refresher training for volunteers involved in SDBs for all operational bases.
- Continue systematic safe burials as required in implementation zones.
- Participate and contribute to the micro-confinement campaign in Forécariah.

Liberia

A. Social Mobilization and Beneficiary Communication

Highlights

- A field assessment was conducted in counties bordering Sierra Leone and Guinea to identify community radio stations that are able to support the dissemination of information in border areas.
- A Humanitarian Hub event (part of the global Voices to Action campaign) was held in Nimba county. Activities included a two-day forum with community leaders, Red Cross volunteers and community-based organisations to receive their opinions about the work of the Red Cross in their communities.
- A two-day workshop was conducted to determine the best way of integrating the Beneficiary Communications - Community Engagement (BC/CE) and Accountability to Beneficiaries Framework into EVD and LNRCS programs. RC chapter level field staff from the priority counties to be covered under the EVD Recovery Phase and programs staff from LNRCS Headquarters participated in the workshop. Training materials are being developed and capacity building activities are scheduled.

B. Psychosocial Support

Highlights

Activities continued to focus more on standardisation of PSS within the LNRCS through technical support in developing key tools and guidelines to strengthen the programme. Technical support was provided in the following areas:

- Final preparation for the PSS refresher training conducted from 5 - 9 October 2015 for officers from the 15 chapters.
- Integration of PSS into the LNRCS emergency preparedness and response plan on disease outbreaks and health events 2015-2017.
- Finalisation of the LNRCS PSS strategy and guidelines.

C. Safe and Dignified Burials and Disinfection of Houses

Highlights

- There were no SDB related activities in September due to the closure of this activity in Liberia.

D. Surveillance – Active Case Finding

Highlights

In Bomi:

- A total of 16 volunteers are working as primary screeners at official border crossing points in Grand Cape Mount County.

In Gbarpolu chapter:

- Staff carried out field supervision visits in seven communities in Kongba District which borders Sierra Leone.
- Staff conducted four meetings in Kongba (Liberia) and one in Ngiema town (Sierra Leone) where residents expressed willingness to work together.
- Staff conducted information sessions with 33 volunteers including 15 bordering community volunteers on the history of the Red Cross, principles and emblems with emphasis on Ebola safety measures and the volunteer code of conduct.

- LNRCS Volunteers continued to conduct sensitization on hands washing and encouraging persons with fever to seek medical services. A total of 5,243 persons were reached by these initiatives (3,224 males and 2,019 females).
- Staff also conducted temperature checks in Camp Alpha, Money Camp, Monkey Dunnia, Normon and Lyne with its volunteers monitoring temperatures of peoples crossing from both countries.

E. Case Management - Community-Based Household Protection

Highlights

- There is currently no update due to the completion of this activity.

Sierra Leone

A. Social Mobilization; Community Engagement and Beneficiary Communications

Achievements

In response to the new cases in Sella Kafta village, Tonko Limba chiefdom, Kambia district, which has resulted in over 970 people quarantined, the SLRCS Communication Department deployed the Beneficiary Communication team to organize community meeting, radio shows and forum theatre. Working with trained Red Cross volunteers based in the affected communities, the team organized Focus Group Discussions with the stakeholders and opinion leaders and conducted house to house visits. The following were undertaken during the reporting period

- Outside broadcast unit (radio-in-a-box):
 - ✓ 13 radio-in-a-box shows during Operation Northern Push, including the last cases in Kambia, plus 2 shows in Tonkolili.
 - ✓ On-going shows in 50 wards in Western Area Urban and Rural in-cooperation with UNICEF.
 - ✓ On-going shows in 14 wards in Western Area Urban and Rural on Ambulance Exhibition Project.
- “Red Cross Nar Salone” TV and radio shows:
 - ✓ 47 out of 52 national radio shows through SLBC TV,
 - ✓ 17 out of 26 national radio shows through Star FM,
 - ✓ 237 out of 312 radio shows through 12 community radio stations in 12 districts (26 weeks),
 - ✓ 4 additional radio shows in Port Loko during Operation Northern Push, and two additional radio shows in Tonkolili (SLBC FM) and Western Area Rural (Vacity FM). The SLRCS BenCom Officer was invited to participate as the guest speaker.
- Voice over and editing of Ebola animation video into eight local languages: This was done with three languages: Krio, Mende, and Themne. The video is produced by IFRC and UNICEF using English narration.
- A total of 9,408 school children in 45 schools in Port Loko sensitized on Ebola prevention.
- 6 meetings organised with religious leaders, traditional healers and women groups organised in Port Loko as part of the UNICEF led stewardship project.

Challenges:

- The establishment of the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) has not yet been done. The SLRCS Communications Department will schedule a meeting with the IFRC Health Coordinator and IT to discuss the messaging and technical IT aspects.
- Control room has not yet been setup due to lack of office space in SLRCS Headquarters. It is envisaged that this issue will be discussed during the SLRCS SMT meeting.

- Bonthe District radio show has been postponed as a result of money transfer issues.

Planning:

- Utilising of Trilogy Emergency Response Application, TERA, (*developing the messages by the Health office*),
- The Saturday night show on SLBC (*on-going assessment for the STAR TV or AYV-TV/African Young Voices footprint*),
- Continuing the voice-over of the Ebola animation video into another five local languages: Kissi, Fulla, Susu, Limba, and Kono,
- Continued work on comparative analysis on technical aspects and footprint coverage of TV stations. Preparations are underway to move the program from SLBC TV to another TV station in order to result in better visual performance, larger audiences and suitable time delivery,
- Developing IVR information and coding. The draft will be presented to Health and DRR for their inputs,
- Organizing the delivery for TERA messaging to be consistent,
- Continued/on-going show for outside broadcast with UNICEF in Western Area Rural and Urban.

B. Psychosocial Support

Highlights

- Psycho Social Support to staff and volunteers continued during the reporting period.

C. Surveillance and Contact Tracing

Highlights

- Weekly reporting on suspected Ebola cases and death notification is ongoing in Port Loko District.
- Preliminary in-depth analysis for the first five weeks reporting was conducted and gaps were identified and communicated to the branch and supervisors.
- Meeting with Port Loko supervisors scheduled for 30th September to discuss the gaps previously identified.
- Community trainings are ongoing in Konaidugu. The trainings are carried out by the Headquarter data manager, CEBS focal point/DRR officer, Koinadugu BHO, PA and program coordinator together with the supervisors in each chiefdom. To date, trainings have been conducted in 10 out of 12 chiefdoms and 792 of 918 volunteers have been trained. The trainings were scheduled to end on 8th October.
- Distribution of motorbikes was conducted on 5th September in Kabala. Representatives from SLRC Headquarters and Konaidugu branch were present together with stakeholders from the different chiefdoms and partner organisations. The distribution was covered by 12 media stations.
- 18 supervisors have received motorbikes while 6 supervisors are pending delivery of drivers licences.

Challenges:

- Under reporting on live alerts has been observed. However, based on discussions at the surveillance pillar meeting the latter seems to be a trend in all districts.
- There has been challenges in obtaining drivers licence for supervisors since only 16 supervisors have been granted authorization for driving.
- The bikes distribution was delayed.

Planning:

- Distribution of the 24 motorbikes for CEBS supervisors was scheduled for 1 October at Port Loko Branch. The distribution was to include the supervisors, branch representatives, and the SLRCS Secretary General. It was envisaged that this distribution would be covered by 6 media stations.
- Begin a system of Airtel money transfer to supervisors for refuelling of motorbikes.
- A meeting between supervisors, BHO and CEBS focal point/DRR Officer for SLRCS together with CEBS delegates, was scheduled for 1 October at the Port Loko Branch. The agenda would include discussion on reporting to date, challenges with the reporting structure, case definitions and any other business. Plans for the roll-out of the whole CEBS package with reporting on additional case definitions and with using Magpi were also scheduled for discussion.
- Preparations are underway for the roll-out of the entire CEBS package in November.

D. Case Management in Red Cross Ebola Treatment Centres - Kenema and Kono**Highlights**

- IFRC continues to support the decontamination and deconstruction of the ETC in Kenema, fencing of the ETC cemetery and rehabilitation of the VHF ward in Kenema hospital.

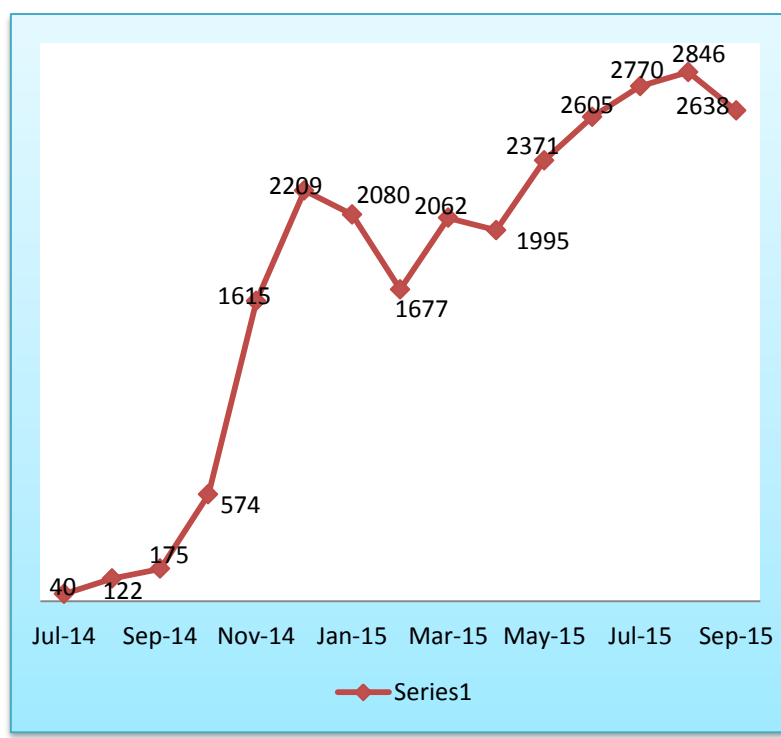
E. Safe and Dignified Burials and Disinfections**Highlights**

- The Red Cross SDB teams continue with more than 50% of all the safe burials conducted across the country. A total of 2,884 burials were conducted during this reporting period.
- The SDB Standard Operating Procedures are in place and enforce that all burials must be carried out within 24 hours with the exceptions of Medico Legal and Repatriated corpses.
- SLRCS is training an additional six teams to increase their capacity to 61 teams nationwide. The remaining teams are from the Ministry of Health and Sanitation supported by a consortium consisting of Concern Worldwide, CRS, World Vision and CAFOD.

Graph 1: Cumulative burials conducted by the Red Cross teams per District.

N°	DISTRICT	BURIAL TEAMS	COMM.	HEALTH CENTRE	CURRENT WEEK	Sep-15	CUMULATIVE
					26-30 SEPT.		AS FOR 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015
1	Bo	4	41	31	72	378	4088
2	Bombali	4	24	14	38	271	2274
3	Bonthe	3	11	1	12	94	981
4	Kailahun	3	19	2	21	132	2000
5	Kambia	2	9	0	9	71	571
6	Kenema	3	51	21	72	381	1979
7	Koinadugu	2	5	6	11	44	468
8	Kono	5	22	1	23	101	1032
9	Moyamba	2	7	0	7	63	741
10	Port Loko	5	17	0	17	149	1714
11	Pujehun	2	12	6	18	155	1254
12	Tonkolili	4	26	1	27	136	1048
13	Western Rural	6	30	1	31	238	2712
14	Western Urban	9	40	37	77	425	4917
GRAND TOTAL		54	314	121	435	2638	25779

Graph 2: Trend in Monthly SDBs



Challenges

- Due to the persistent request from Funeral Homes to tap into their livelihood business, the Burial Pillar was requested to analyse the situation and make suggestions / recommendations to be submitted to His Excellency the President.
- Other implementing organization have been unable to carry out burials as mandated due to the lack of appropriate vehicles and the inaccessible areas due to the rain season. This has resulted in an increased workload on Red Cross burial teams in a number of Districts as they are called upon to fill the gap.

Planning

- Refresher Training,
- Training of 8 additional SDB Teams,
- First Aid training for HQ Drivers,
- Specialized WatSan & IPC Training,
- Upgrade NDRT Training,
- Development of SDB Standard Operating Procedures on EVD cross border epidemics (including translation),
- Implementation of the UNDP Project,
- Field monitoring.

Capacity building of the National Societies

Following the recommendations of the National Coordination cell, community engagement and surveillance has been enhanced in Guinea through the deployment of a mobile radio station, "Santeyah FM". Since June 2015, this mobile radio has been operating in prefectures bordering Guinea Bissau and is expected to be further deployed at the border with Sierra Leone in Forécariah. The broadcast will continue both in local languages and French to reach the maximum number of audience.

Community Epidemic Response Teams will also continue surveillance and social mobilization activities in villages along the borders of the above mentioned countries. To maintain good communication and follow-up for ongoing and future activities, IFRC at the country level in Guinea continues to participate in a number of coordination meetings. These include the weekly routine meetings with the National Coordination Cell, sub-commission meetings (specifically for heads of pillars) and prefectural-level meetings attended by IFRC field coordinators.

In terms of logistics, internal Quality Control and logistics capacity assessment (within IFRC and Guinea RC) have been conducted to assess the real capacities available to support the intervention until the end of the year and plan for the future period. In this regard, a fuel contingency strategy was put in place: 5 fuel tanks with electrical pump (low consumption), 6,000 litres each, were pre-positioned in the following areas of intervention, 1 tank each in Boké, Boffa, and Forecariah, and 2 tanks in Conakry. The stocks are due to be only utilized during emergency crisis to allow the NS continue its intervention.

With regard to the security situation in Guinea, the country representative with the assistance of the security delegate continue to monitor the political situation and potential demonstrations or violence with regard to the upcoming presidential elections. The launch of the campaigning period began on 10th September 2015. Evacuation and hibernation plans have been developed and will be updated as required. No security incident was reported during this period of time, however, a security refresher training for GRC and IFRC staff in the field has been carried out to minimise risks to personnel safety and reduce probability of road traffic accidents. A total of 8 IFRC sub-delegations visited throughout Guinea and approximately 60 IFRC drivers plus 10 rental car drivers and 50 GRC Volunteers attended these the training.

In preparation for the forthcoming electoral period, hibernation stocks have been purchased and positioned in a secured area. The delegation will continue to closely monitor the security situation and take adequate measures (alerts, warnings, movement restrictions, hibernation) accordingly.

Regional Coordination and Preparedness

The EVD *preparedness* component remains important to the non-affected countries as well as the affected country when building on the learning from the experience on the intervention of the NS involved in the response. Therefore, efforts in preventing further spread into other countries or EVD cleared areas and preparing NS to adapt their strategies towards such epidemics will continue to be a priority for the IFRC to accompany the NS. Through the revised Emergency Appeal IFRC seeks to provide the appropriate support and resources to National Societies to effectively and efficiently manage the response to the disease beyond the country level, providing a regional overview and coordination function, and a wider communication and enhanced preparedness for both the wider Africa and global contexts.

Highlights:

A refined phase-3 response coordinated by the Interagency Collaboration on Ebola will build on the measures to drive case incidence to zero, and ensure a sustained end to EVD transmission. There is need for enhanced capacity to rapidly identify a re-introduction (either from an area of active transmission or from an animal reservoir), or re-emergence of virus from a survivor, improved testing and counselling capacity as part of a comprehensive package to safeguard the welfare of survivors, and the increased use of innovative technologies - for vaccines to rapid diagnostic tests.

Risk Assessment

The risk still remains as several high-risk contacts associated with active and recently active chains of transmission in Guinea and Sierra Leone have been lost to follow-up. There remains a near-term risk of further cases.

Movement Coordination

Bilateral Contributions

A number of Partner National Societies have provided bilateral support to the affected countries, as well as preparedness activities in surrounding countries, including:

Partner National Societies' bilateral contributions in West Africa

Guinea	Liberia	Sierra Leone	Surrounding countries
French Red Cross	Austrian Red Cross	Austrian Red Cross	Belgian Red Cross
Belgian Red Cross	American Red Cross	Belgian Red Cross	British Red Cross
Botswana Red Cross	Botswana Red Cross	Botswana Red Cross	Canadian Red Cross
Canadian Red Cross	Canadian Red Cross	Canadian Red Cross	Danish Red Cross
Danish Red Cross	Danish Red Cross	Finnish Red Cross	French Red Cross
Spanish Red Cross	German Red Cross	Iranian Red Cross	Iranian Red Cross
	Spanish Red Cross	Norwegian Red Cross	Netherlands Red Cross
		Spanish Red Cross	Spanish Red Cross
			Swiss Red Cross

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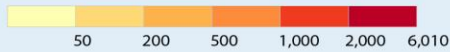
West Africa Ebola Outbreak

Cumulative Cases

05 October 2015



Total Cases (as of 05 October 2015)



Country	Cases	Deaths	TOTAL
Guinea	3,801	2,534	Cases 28,239
Liberia	10,514	4,659	Deaths 11,147
Sierra Leone	13,924	3,954	

Map distribution date: 12 October 2015

New cases and deaths include "Probable/Suspected" and "Confirmed"

Sources: GADM, Natural Earth, STEWARD Project, Africa Albers Equal Area Conic Projection, WGS 1984; Guinea - Organisation mondiale de la Sante; Liberia - Ministry of Health and Social Welfare; Sierra Leone - Ministry of Health and Sanitation

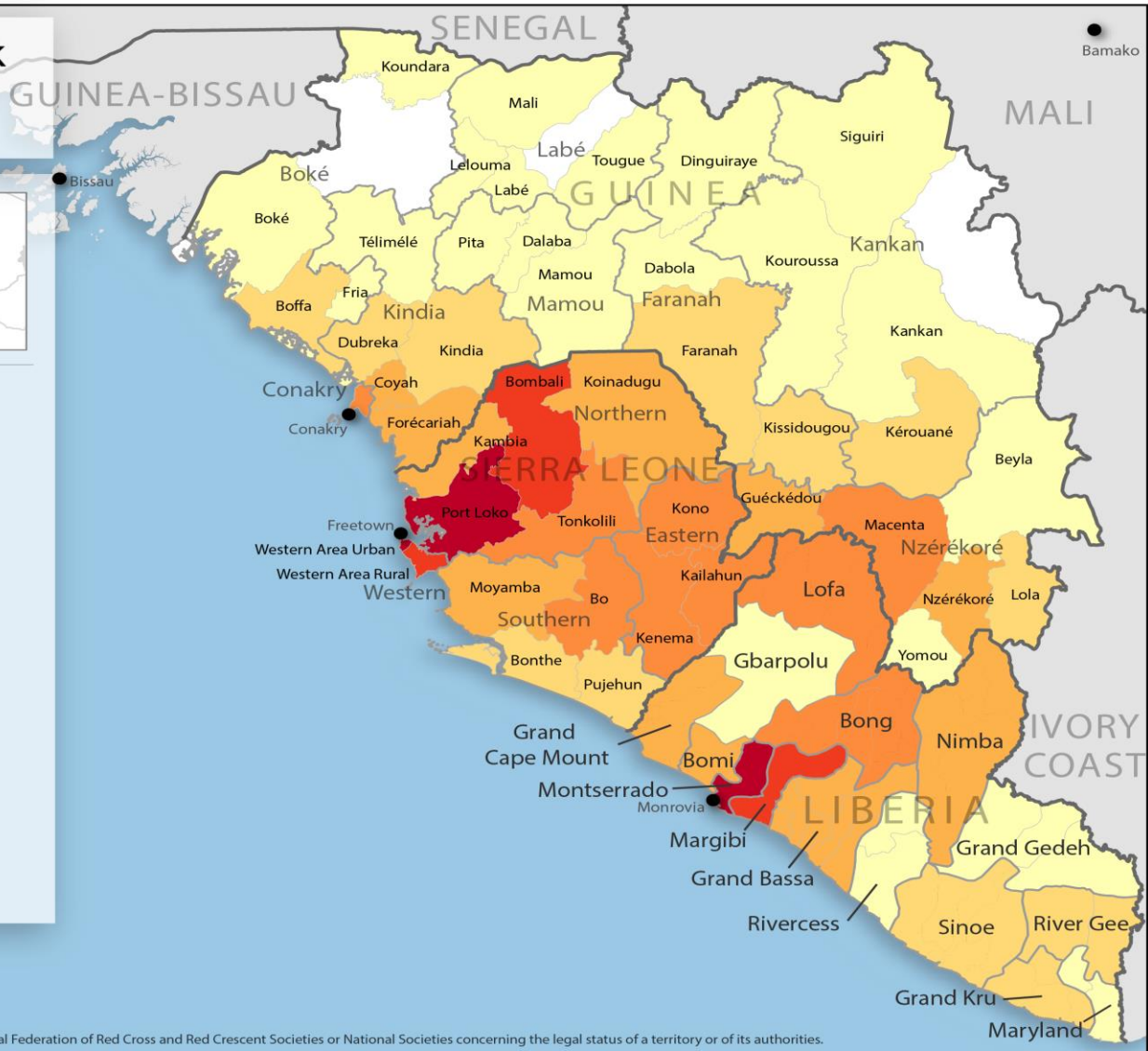
Information is subject to revision as more data becomes available.

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How we work

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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At a glance

EMERGENCY APPEALS													
Appeal Code	Appeal Name	Appeal Timeframe		Budget	Funding	Coverage	Gap	Income	DREF	Expenditure	Balance	Commitments	Exp/Bud
MDR60002	Africa - Ebola Coordination and prep	19-Aug-14	31-May-15	2,893,667.00	551,220.44	0.19	2,342,446.56	551,813.44		172,020.82	379,792.62	26,245.16	6%
MDRGN007	Guinea - Ebola Virus Disease	26-Mar-14	30-Jun-15	8,752,366.00	3,671,032.46	0.42	5,081,333.54	3,698,596.97	-	1,397,605.87	2,300,991.10	464,979.09	16%
MDRLR001	Liberia - EVD Outbreak	09-Apr-14	30-Jun-15	8,387,155.00	2,761,706.69	0.33	5,625,448.31	2,729,730.79	-	1,129,010.76	1,600,720.03	388,284.61	13%
MDRNG017	Nigeria - Ebola Virus Disease	08-Aug-14	31-May-15	1,619,444.00	434,992.18	0.27	1,184,451.82	434,992.18	-	335,199.28	99,792.90	31,683.87	21%
MDRSL005	Sierra Leone - Ebola Virus Disease	06-Apr-14	15-Jun-15	12,179,729.00	6,601,286.42	0.54	5,578,442.58	6,555,621.60	1,000,000.00	1,751,757.47	5,803,864.13	4,170,747.12	14%
MDRSN010	Senegal - Ebola Virus Disease	08-Sep-14	28-Feb-15	1,380,962.00	-	-	1,380,962.00	-	253,515.00	140,758.00	112,757.00		10%
TOTAL EMERGENCY APPEALS				35,213,323.00	14,020,238.19	0.40	21,193,084.81	13,970,754.98	1,253,515.00	4,926,352.20	10,297,917.78	5,081,939.85	14%

DREF OPERATIONS													
Appeal Code	Appeal Name	Appeal Timeframe		Budget	Funding	Coverage	Gap	Income	DREF	Expenditure	Balance	Commitments	Exp/Bud
MDRBJ014	Benin - Ebola Virus Disease	27-Aug-14	27-Nov-14	50,204.00	-	N/A	0	-	50,204.00	24,402.45	25,801.55		49%
MDRCF018	Central African Rep - Ebola Virus Di	29-Aug-14	29-Nov-14	48,697.00	-	N/A	0	-	48,697.00		48,697.00	7,050.36	
MDRCI006	Côte d'Ivoire - Ebola Preparedness	18-Apr-14	18-Jul-14	60,950.00	-	N/A	0	-	60,950.00	59,979.59	970.41		98%
MDRCM019	Cameroon - Ebola Virus Disease	24-Aug-14	24-Nov-14	49,922.00	-	N/A	0	-	49,922.00	9,333.74	40,588.26	6,276.13	19%
MDRGM009	Gambia - Ebola Virus Disease Prepare	15-Sep-14	15-Dec-14	46,856.00	-	N/A	0	-	46,856.00	34,409.00	12,447.00		73%
MDRGW002	Guinea Bissau - Ebola Virus Prepared	08-Oct-14	08-Jan-15	49,168.00	-	N/A	0	-	49,168.00		49,168.00		
MDRKE031	Kenya - Ebola Virus Disease Prepared	23-Sep-14	23-Dec-14	59,127.00	-	N/A	0	-	59,127.00	50,518.00	8,609.00		85%
MDRML010	Mali - Ebola Preparedness	18-Apr-14	31-Aug-14	57,715.00	-	N/A	0	-	57,715.00	51,239.05	6,475.95		89%
MDRSN009	Senegal - Ebola Virus Disease	11-Apr-14	24-Aug-14	54,848.00	-	N/A	0	-	54,848.00	53,589.74	1,258.26		98%
MDRTD013	Chad - Ebola Virus Disease Preparedn	12-Sep-14	12-Dec-14	54,766.00	-	N/A	0	-	54,766.00		54,766.00		
MDRTG005	Togo - Ebola Virus Disease	27-Aug-14	27-Nov-14	49,530.00	-	N/A	0	-	49,530.00	23,875.57	25,654.43		48%
TOTAL DREF OPERATIONS				581,783.00	-	N/A	0	-	581,783.00	307,347.14	274,435.86	13,326.49	48%

Donor response

Ebola Emergency Appeals Consolidation, by Appeal

TIMEFRAME: 2014-2015

Refreshed on 08-May-2015 at 17:09

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT	126,186,934
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE	107,572,452
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE	85%

	MDR60002	MDRGN007	MDRLR001	MDRNG017	MDRSL005	MDRSN010	Total
	Africa	Guinea	Liberia	Nigeria	Sierra Leone	Senegal	CHF
BUDGET	15,882,441	28,509,039	24,464,985	1,619,444	54,330,063	1,380,962	126,186,934
FUNDING							
<u>Opening Balance</u>							
Income							
Airbus		65,256					65,256
American Red Cross	157,214	1,400,883	451,884		1,308,722		3,318,703
Andorran Red Cross	6,153						6,153
Australian Government				50,441			50,441
Australian Red Cross	87,106	68,649	81,647		212,746		450,148
Austrian Red Cross (from Austrian Government)		582,579	582,579				1,165,159
Belgian Federal Government			2,407,190				2,407,190
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation		909,770	909,770		1,053,418		2,872,958
British Red Cross	151,378	41,751	133,317		458,549	75,314	860,308
British Red Cross (from Band Aid)		143,333					143,333
British Red Cross (from British Government)			1,064,307		19,836,708		20,901,015
British Red Cross (from Children's Investment Fund Foundation)		2,507,478	2,375,871		1,765,134		6,648,483
British Red Cross (from DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee))		1,002,944			674,887		1,677,831
Canadian Red Cross	83,983				273,944		357,927
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	496,417	1,803,420	918,665	58,969	894,349	46,250	4,218,070
China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch			72,813				72,813
Czech Government					130,033		130,033
Danish Red Cross	50,000						50,000
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)		77,557					77,557
European Commission - DG ECHO	778,605	1,798,620	1,162,613	114,840	988,296		4,842,973
European Commission - RELEX/EEAS	6,295,160						6,295,160
FIATA-Intl Fed Freight Forwarders Assoc.		29,541					29,541
Finnish Red Cross		73,261	55,290		24,406		152,956
Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)	144,259	417,469	288,815		266,936		1,117,480

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FUNDING							
Opening Balance							
Income							
French Red Cross		14,835					14,835
French Red Cross (from Total)			179,657		179,657		359,314
German Red Cross	21,387						21,387
Guinea - Private Donors		7,423					7,423
Icelandic Red Cross	160,000				714,155		874,155
Icelandic Red Cross (from Icelandic Government)					195,600		195,600
ICRC	10,000						10,000
Irish Red Cross Society	62,845						62,845
Israel - Private Donors	9,653						9,653
Italian Government Bilateral Emergency Fund (from Italian Government)					1,203,910		1,203,910
Italian Red Cross	207,892						207,892
Japanese Government	671,527	7,764,238	3,972,226		1,410,745		13,818,736
Japanese Red Cross Society	87,579	204,388	204,270	53,400	204,307	45,600	799,543
KPMG International Cooperative(KPMG-I)	20,120	43,924	32,349		32,348		128,741
Luxembourg - Private Donors	2,824						2,824
Monaco Government	24,030						24,030
Nestle		42,000					42,000
Nethope INC.		45,673	45,673		45,673		137,020
Norwegian Red Cross			51,244		42,728		93,972
On Line donations	88,607						88,607
Philippine Red Cross	24,110						24,110
Portuguese Red Cross		1,804					1,804
Qatar Red Crescent Society	9,501						9,501
Red Crescent Society of Islamic Republic of Iran		25,000			10,000		35,000
Red Cross of Monaco	28,191	18,213	12,142	18,096	18,097	15,102	109,842
Shell				61,599			61,599
Sime Darby Berhad			142,332				142,332
Spanish Government	753,067		1,613,715		3,872,916		6,239,698
Spanish Red Cross					284,955		284,955
Swedish Red Cross		1,021,899	1,299,327		763,917		3,085,143



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FUNDING							
Opening Balance							
Income							
Swiss Red Cross	19,245				308,312		327,557
Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)		800,000	1,000,000		1,700,000		3,500,000
Switzerland - Private Donors	1,072						1,072
Taiwan Red Cross Organisation		26,415					26,415
The Netherlands Red Cross	10,567	1,109,918	203,786		74,329		1,398,601
The Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)	965,448	723,726	723,726	241,651	1,206,285		3,860,836
The Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Red Cross Silent Emergency Fund)		48,840			51,875		100,715
The Republic of Korea National Red Cross		30,000		30,000			60,000
Tullow Guinea Limited		181,376					181,376
UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund	45,110		174,644				219,754
Unidentified donor			236				236
United States Government - USAID		2,814,026	932,514		6,524,616		10,271,156
World Cocoa Foundation	138,598	181,163					319,761
Cash contributions	11,611,647	26,027,374	21,092,602	628,996	46,732,553	182,266	106,275,438
British Red Cross		100	100		100		300
Finnish Red Cross					162,531		162,531
Spanish Red Cross					4,050		4,050
Swiss Red Cross					127,872		127,872
The Netherlands Red Cross		30,078	11,790		162,539		204,407
UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund			541,093				541,093
Inkind Goods & Transport		30,178	552,983		457,092		1,040,253
Australian Red Cross			65,515				65,515
British Red Cross			68,874				68,874
British Red Cross (from British Government)					69,820		69,820
Canadian Red Cross	6,230	68,155			44,015		118,399
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	26,939						26,939
Danish Red Cross			197,686				197,686

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FUNDING							
Opening Balance							
Income							
Finnish Red Cross	21,245		26,700				47,945
French Red Cross		12,450					12,450
Irish Red Cross Society			5,035				5,035
Kenya Red Cross Society			16,467				16,467
Norwegian Red Cross					28,663		28,663
Spanish Red Cross					7,924		7,924
Swiss Red Cross					20,173		20,173
United States Government - USAID					287,647		287,647
Inkind Personnel	54,414	80,605	380,277		458,242		973,538
Airbus		-3,263					-3,263
British Red Cross (from British Government)					573		573
DFID Partnership Allocations	-720,259						-720,259
KPMG International Cooperative(KPMG-I)	-1,006	-2,196	-1,617		-1,617		-6,437
Nestle		-2,100					-2,100
Shell				-3,080			-3,080
Sime Darby Berhad			-7,117				-7,117
Sundry Income		3			7,880		7,882
Tullow Guinea Limited		-9,069					-9,069
United States Government - USAID					26,091		26,091
Other Income	-721,265	-16,625	-8,734	-3,080	32,926		-716,778
Total Income	10,944,796	26,121,532	22,017,128	625,916	47,680,814	182,266	107,572,452
TOTAL FUNDING	10,944,796	26,121,532	22,017,128	625,916	47,680,814	182,266	107,572,452
COVERAGE	69%	92%	90%	39%	88%	13%	85%

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OPERATION (based on information Logistics received from partners)

	MDR60002	MDRGN007	MDRLR001	MDRNG017	MDRSL005	MDRSN010	Total
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	Africa	Guinea	Liberia	Nigeria	Sierra Leone	Senegal	CHF
<u>Bilateral Contributions</u>							
American Red Cross					38,148		38,148
British Red Cross					3,123		3,123
Canadian Red Cross					660,710		660,710
Danish Red Cross					25,089		25,089
Finnish Red Cross					155,627		155,627
French Red Cross		20,000					20,000
German Red Cross					845,560		845,560
Norwegian Red Cross					488,004		488,004
Spanish Red Cross					563,590		563,590
Swiss Red Cross		39,500					39,500
<u>Total Bilateral Contributions</u>		59,500			2,779,850		2,839,350