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Emergency appeal Sierra Leone: Ebola virus disease

 International Federation
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Emergency Appeal n° MDRSL005

6 million people to be assisted

DREF allocated: CHF 334,013

Glide n° EP-2014-000039-SLE

Appeal timeframe: 8 months

Appeal budget: CHF 880,000

Launched: 26 June 2014

End date: December 2014

This Emergency Appeal seeks CHF 880,000 to enable the IFRC to support the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society to deliver assistance and support to some 6 million people, with a focus on information and communication, surveillance, case identification and contact management, case management (including body management), psychosocial support, and regional preparedness and response. The planned response reflects the current situation and information available at this point of the evolving operation, and will be adjusted based on further developments and more detailed assessments.

Details are available in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) [<click here>](#)

The disaster

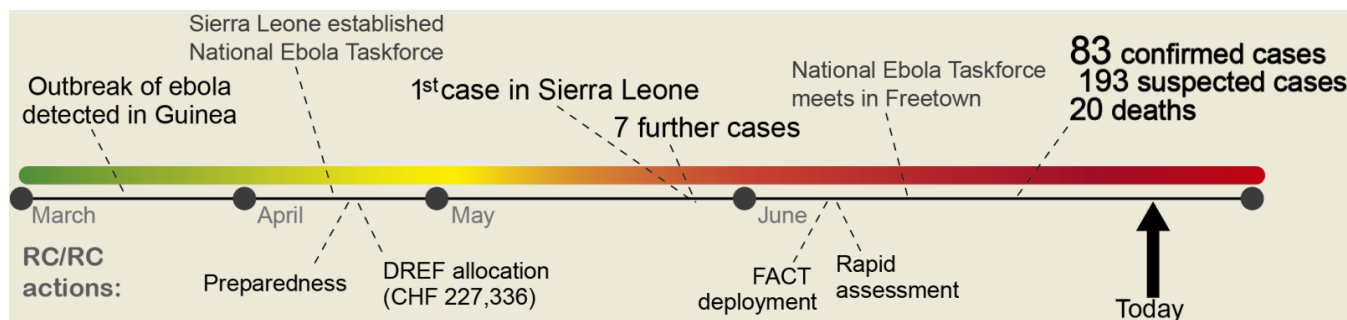


10 March: An outbreak of ebola virus disease (EVD) was detected in Guinea close to the borders of Sierra Leone and Liberia.

26 May: The Sierra Leone Ministry of Health announced that the first case of EVD had been detected. Soon after, a seven further cases were identified. The epidemic has spread in a westerly direction to affect the whole of Kailahun.

Much of this spread is the result of movement of healthcare workers infected while caring for the first cases.

16 June: The Government reports 193 suspected cases, 83 confirmed cases and 20 deaths. At least 10 cases have recovered in Kenema Hospital.



The operational strategy

Needs assessment and beneficiary selection

The initial needs assessment resulted in the following needs identified:

1. Information and communication
2. Surveillance, case identification and contact management
3. Case management (including body management)
4. Psychosocial support
5. Regional preparedness and response

In addition to having a national range, and based on the assessments carried out and indications provided by the MOH, the operational focus is on high risk groups and opinion leaders such as:

- Women's groups and associations in Kailahun
- Drivers in Kailahun
- Schools in Kailahun
- Religious leaders

Special attention will be given to women and women's groups since this is a particularly vulnerable portion of the affected population. To date, although there are no official figures, reports indicate that most of the people affected by the EVD are women. The health workers affected have been mainly women and women are the ones that take care of their sick family members and relatives. They are also the ones that care for the body of the person that has died, which is highly infectious if not dealt properly with.

Challenges:

- Common cultural beliefs jeopardize the control of the spread:
 - Ebola is almost universally fatal
 - Victims are socially stigmatized
 - Isolation represents an offense and family shame
 - It's brought by outsiders / foreigners
- Only one treatment centre, far from affected areas
- PPE and Chlorine are in short supply
- Houses of affected not disinfected
- Burial costs are expensive
- Women are health caring for the infected family members
- Often contact with deceased person before burial
- Communication systems in rural areas are poor
- Kailahun has a history of political instability and civil unrest, and access can be a challenge

Proposed sector of intervention: Health and care

Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced.

Output 1.1: The capacity of Sierra Leone Red Cross to manage the EVD outbreak response is strengthened.

Activities planned:

- Establish a National Society task force at headquarter level to coordinate with internal and external partners
- Conduct rapid and ongoing assessments in Kailahun and Kenema and incorporate findings into plan of action
- Mobilise surge vehicles and maintain operational capacity at field level
- Provide term capacity through the deployment of an Operations Manager, Emergency Health Delegate and Mass Sanitation Delegate
- Provide surge capacity through the deployment of a Basic Health Care and IT and Telecommunications Emergency Response Unit

Output 1.2: Increased public awareness about EVD (signs and symptoms, transmission risk factors, actions for suspected cases and anti-stigma information).

Activities planned:

- Develop communication strategy for targeted awareness
- Train 430 volunteers in disease signs, symptoms, prevention and referral mechanisms
- Refresh volunteers on community-based awareness-raising and social mobilization techniques
- Produce and disseminate context-specific Information, Education and Communication materials
- Procure visibility equipment and personal protective equipment
- Conduct health promotion campaigns using house-to-house, community sensitization and media campaign in targeted counties

Output 1.3: Epidemiological investigation and epidemic control measures carried out

Activities planned:

- Provide surge vehicles for Community Disaster Response Teams
- Train volunteers for contact daily surveillance
- Establish coordination and clear referral mechanism with county health teams
- Train volunteers in the use of basic personal protective equipment for contact tracing and dead body management
- Train 430 volunteers and supervisors in different modules (monitoring community base, tracing and referrals, awareness techniques door to door and at the weekly market and other public places)
- Organise cross-border workshop on dead body management

Output 1.4: Psychosocial support provided to the target population

Activities planned:

- Provide psychosocial counselling to affected persons, family members, and volunteers
- Train volunteers who are following up contact in psychosocial first aid
- Conduct community visits for mitigation and reduction of stigma and fear
- Prepare communities for re-integration / acceptance of suspects / probable / confirmed cases
- Accompany and support individuals discharged from isolation back to their communities to assist in re-entry and re assure community
- Establish volunteer care mechanisms and systems

Output 1.5: Provide support to individuals or families who have lost belongings due to disinfection and epidemic control measures

Activities planned:

- Procurement and distribution of appropriate resettlement packages

Output 1.6: Risks to volunteers are minimised.

Activities planned:

- A risk assessment is undertaken prior to deployment of volunteers to affected communities.
- Establish volunteer care mechanisms and systems.
- Procure protective raingear, footwear and sanitizer for volunteers
- Insure 430 volunteers

Outcome 2: Regional Ebola preparedness measures and coordination mechanisms are in place.

Output 2.1: Sierra Leone and bordering National Societies are prepared and respond in a coordinated manner

Activities planned:

- Organise field level regional workshop on learning
- Organise regional headquarter level workshop on learning
- Develop IFRC guideline management of an EVD epidemic that crosses borders

Outcome 3: The plan is effective and implemented within the budget.

Output 3.1: A process of monitoring and evaluation will be maintained and reported on throughout the program.

Activities planned:

- Establish regular monitoring system to map cases and National Society field capacity

Coordination and Partnerships

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation is responsible for coordinating the operational response to this disaster. The National Ebola Taskforce has been active since the beginning of the crisis, and the following organizations are providing vital operational support at the international, national, and local levels.

Budget

See attached IFRC Secretariat budget (Annex 1) for details. The budget reflects the high human-resource intensive nature of this operation. In terms of cost-efficiency this operation shows high impact given the unacceptably high cost of the potential spread of the epidemic.

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Reference documents



Click here for:

- Appeal Budget
- [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.

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Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF	Expenditure CHF
Shelter - Relief	200			200	0
Shelter - Transitional	0			0	0
Construction - Housing	0			0	0
Construction - Facilities	0			0	0
Construction - Materials	0			0	0
Clothing & Textiles	0			0	0
Food	0			0	0
Seeds & Plants	0			0	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	5,797			5,797	0
Medical & First Aid	11,410			11,410	0
Teaching Materials	39,867			39,867	0
Utensils & Tools	0			0	0
Other Supplies & Services	37,750			37,750	0
Emergency Response Units	0		264,400	0	0
Cash Disbursements	45,000			45,000	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	140,024	0	264,400	140,024	0
Land & Buildings	0			0	0
Vehicles Purchase	0			0	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	18,564			18,564	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	778			778	0
Medical Equipment	0			0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0			0	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	19,342	0	0	19,342	0
Storage, Warehousing	0			0	0
Distribution & Monitoring	12,000			12,000	0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	163,702			163,702	0
Logistics Services	0			0	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	175,702	0	0	175,702	0
International Staff	192,000			192,000	0
National Staff	0			0	0
National Society Staff	30,585			30,585	0
Volunteers	72,951			72,951	0
Total PERSONNEL	295,536	0	0	295,536	0
Consultants	0			0	0
Professional Fees	0			0	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0	0	0	0
Workshops & Training	69,274			69,274	0
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	69,274	0	0	69,274	0
Travel	22,000			22,000	0
Information & Public Relations	44,573			44,573	0
Office Costs	4,000			4,000	0
Communications	45,840			45,840	0
Financial Charges	10,000			10,000	0
Other General Expenses	0			0	0
Shared Support Services					
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	126,413	0	0	126,413	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	53,709	0	0	53,709	0
Total INDIRECT COSTS	53,709	0	0	53,709	0
TOTAL BUDGET	880,000	0	264,400	880,000	0
Available Resources					
Multilateral Contributions				0	
Bilateral Contributions				0	
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0	
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	880,000	0	264,400	880,000	0

