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Revised Emergency Appeal Liberia: EVD outbreak

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Revised Emergency Appeal
n° MDRLR001

4.5 million people to be assisted

DREF allocated **CHF 101,388**
ERU deployment **CHF 96,000**
Revised Appeal budget **CHF 8.5M**

Appeal timeframe: 15 months

Glide n° **EP-2014-000039-LBR**

End date: June 2015

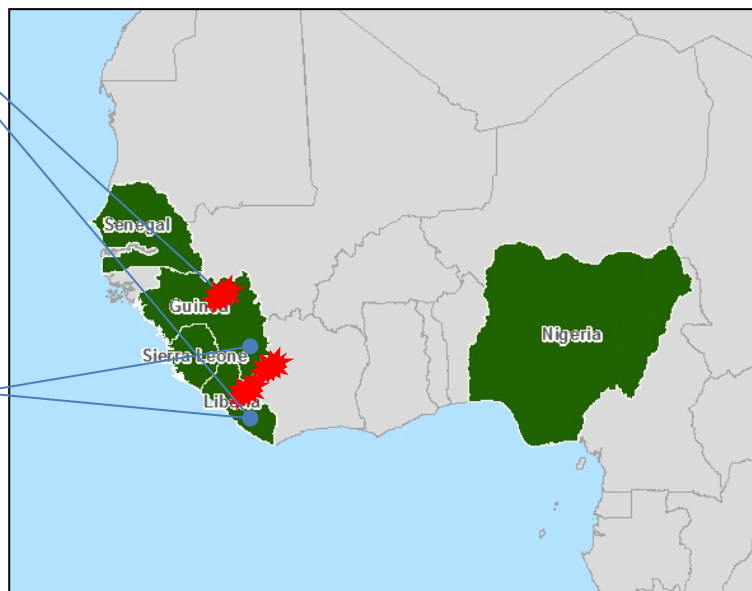
Launched: April 2014; revised
September 2014

This revised Emergency Appeal for a total of CHF **8.5m** (increased from CHF 1,931,240) enables the IFRC to support the **Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS)** to respond to the escalation EVD outbreak by delivering assistance and support to some **4.5m people**, with a focus on information and communication, education, awareness raising, and social mobilization, surveillance, case identification and contact management, case management (including management of dead bodies), psychosocial support, and regional collaboration. With the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) component valued at some CHF 96,000, the total amount sought amounts to CHF 8.5m. The revised plan reflects an extended timeframe, an increase in activities and the number of volunteers (including dead body management), and an enlarged geographic scope (from 5 to 15 counties). The 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 and the response

- March 2014: Ebola outbreak occurred in Guinea
- March 2014 first cases detected in Liberia, remaining constant at 12 until May 2014
- April 2014: IFRC Field Assessment and Coordination team (FACT) deployed (rapid assessment); CHF 101,388 DREF allocated; Emergency Appeal launched for CHF 517,766
- May 2014: IFRC Emergency Response Unit (ERU) deployed.
- June 2014: second wave of outbreak begins, spreading in Lofa and Montserrado counties
- July 2014: 173 cumulative cases. IFRC Emergency Appeal revised to CHF 1.9M
- March-Sept: A total of 815 volunteers mobilised and trained in efforts to scale up activities in all intervention areas. Six teams of more than 90 people mobilised for dead body management and disinfection, which the Red Cross leads in Montserrado County where the capital Monrovia is located.
- 8 Sept: Cumulative caseload of suspected, probable and confirmed cases in Liberia reaches 1,923 with a total of 1,125 deaths. IFRC issues revised appeal for CHF 8.5m



The operational strategy

The **overall objective** is to contribute to the reduction of mortality and morbidity related to the Ebola virus disease in Liberia through awareness messaging, social mobilization and provide psychosocial support to those affected.

Needs assessment: Knowledge of the Ebola virus disease and mode of transmission is limited within the population and there are rumours and misconceptions regarding the mode of transmission, as well as denial that it exists. Due to the highly-infectious nature of the disease many people are fearful and stigma remains high. There is a need to scale-up social mobilization and awareness-raising within the affected counties, with strategies to reach urban and rural areas

The Liberian Red Cross Society response operation aims to help raise awareness about the disease, its mode of transmission and proper behaviour to avoid risks and to strengthen the capacity of volunteers to respond to the needs. The campaign also includes activities related to anti-stigma.

Within the affected areas, isolation units are being set up and infection control needs to be strengthened within all locations. The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has set up epidemiological surveillance for the outbreak and plans to strengthen this further with support from Centre for Disease Control-World Health Organisation. One of the major gaps in the current response is contact tracing within all locations. The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has also reported a lack of personal protective equipment at primary health care levels and referral pathways as well as ambulances for the transportation of suspected cases to isolation centres. The initial National Society response will concentrate on this element of education, tracking and referral and will develop as the situation evolves. Psychosocial support for those affected by Ebola and their families, health workers and communities was also identified as a priority by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

Management of dead bodies has become an increasing challenge to the national authorities who have requested the Red Cross to scale up its intervention in this component in Montserrado and if possible extending to neighbouring Counties, and an arrangement formally agreed in July 2014. There is a clear gap, with challenges and through the response operation LNRCS is assisting the authorities in administering and facilitating DBM and related disinfections.

Due to the highly contagious nature of the disease, a priority for Movement partners is support to the Liberian Red Cross Society to protect volunteers while carrying out planned activities. The LNRCS is starting dead body management and disinfection activities with the intention of duplication this in other counties.

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 Liberian Red Cross Society to manage EVD response has been strengthened
Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a National Society task force at headquarters level to coordinate with internal and external partners Develop and maintain a detailed emergency plan of action Longer term capacity is provided through the deployment of an operations manager, health, logistics and psychosocial support delegates
Output 2: Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to the target population
Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop communication strategy for targeted awareness Train a total of 2,000 volunteers in EVD signs, symptoms, prevention measures and referral. Refresh volunteers on community-based awareness-raising and social mobilization techniques Produce and disseminate context-specific IEC materials Procure visibility equipment and materials Produce radio spots in line with the government communication plan and broadcast in areas of risk

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize drama performance and role plays at markets and other public gatherings as a mean to attract mass attention to pass the key messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct health promotion campaigns using household visits, community sensitization, group sessions and media campaign in targeted counties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategies to reach the local leaderships, religious leaders, traditional healers, town chiefs, clan Chiefs playing key roles in forming the opinion of the populations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate key messages through SMS broadcast
Output 3: Epidemic prevention and control measures carried out
Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish community emergency response teams (CERT) in affected communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of additional health officers for 15 chapters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide transportation (vehicle and motorbikes) for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train volunteers for contact daily surveillance for 21 days in order to detect the possible onset of symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish coordination and clear referral mechanism with County Health Teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train volunteers in the 15 counties on basic personal protective measures for contact tracing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train and deploy 20 DBM teams(safe transport, swap, burial and disinfection of homes and bodies)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train a total of 2,000 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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate cross border collaboration for contract tracing and follow up.
Output 4: Psychosocial support provided to the target population
Activities planned:
Output 4.1: Psychosocial support provided to affected individuals, families and communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit and integrate 15 certified counsellors into the CERT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide psychosocial counselling to affected persons, family members, and volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train volunteers who are following up contact in psychosocial first aid.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conduct community visits for mitigation and reduction of stigma and fear to those directly affected
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare communities for re-integration / acceptance of suspects / probable / confirmed cases.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompany and support individuals discharged from isolation back to their communities to assist in re-entry and re assure community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish volunteer care mechanisms and systems
Output 4.2: Cash and in-kind support is provided to individuals or families who have lost belongings due to disinfection and epidemic control measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide contacts with food parcels and non-food items – survival kits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide conditional cash or in-kind replacement for belongings lost due to disinfection and epidemic control measures

Outcome 2: Regional Ebola preparedness measures and coordination mechanisms are in place
Output 1: Liberia and bordering National Societies are prepared and respond in a coordinated manner
Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize field level regional workshop on learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize regional headquarter level workshop on learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop IFRC guideline management of an EVD epidemic that crosses borders
Outcome 3: The management of the operation is informed by a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system
Output 1: A process of monitoring and evaluation maintained and reported on throughout the program
Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish regular monitoring system to map cases and National Society field capacity across all outcomes

Coordination and Partnerships

The National Task Force, of which Liberian Red Cross Society is a member, convenes to share information and coordinate the response. County coordination meetings continue to support coordination, surveillance and health promotion efforts. Liberian Red Cross Society county level branches participate in coordination meetings organized in their respective counties with county health teams and partners. The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare formally requested Liberian Red Cross Society to lead on awareness and social mobilization campaigns at the county level due to its large team of volunteers on the ground as well as to lead the management of dead bodies and disinfection activities in Montserado and possible neighbouring counties. The ICRC is involved in the coordination and is planning further support to the response.

The overall IFRC response is coordinated from the IFRC Ebola coordination centre in Conakry where the IFRC head of emergency operation leads a team of programme support functions in order to maintain a coordinated response in multiple countries following the same response strategy but adapted to specific contexts and National Society capacity, role and mandate.

Budget

Click [here](#) to see the attached IFRC Secretariat budget for details.

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Reference documents



Click [here](#) for:

- 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 (NGOs) 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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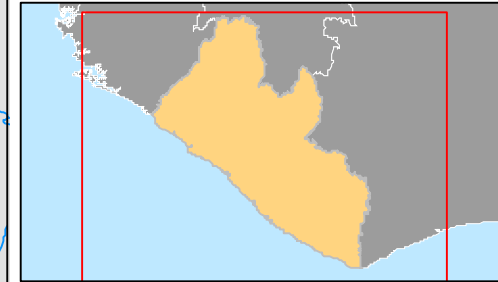
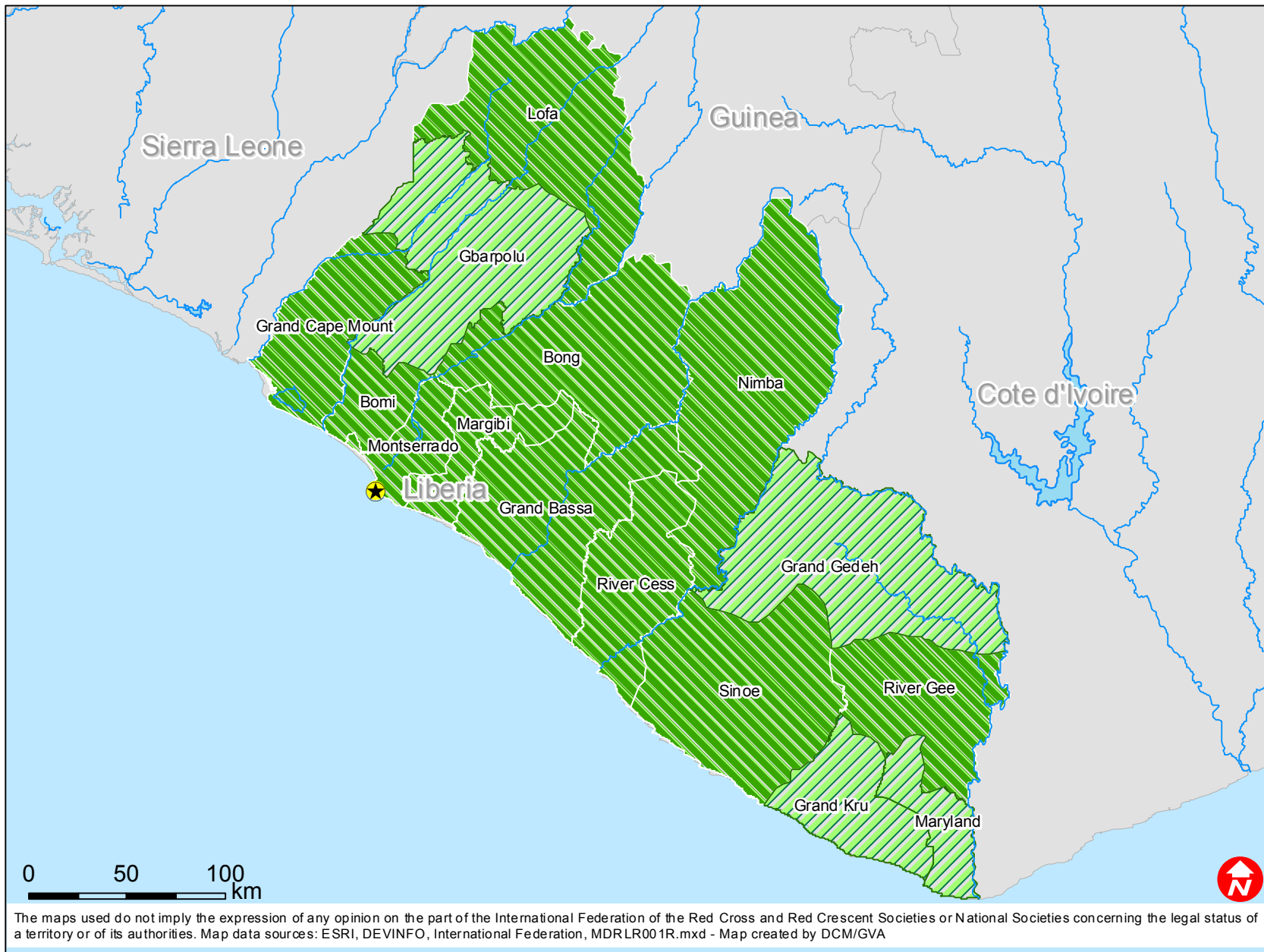
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Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF	Expenditure CHF
Shelter - Relief	0			0	0
Shelter - Transitional	0			0	0
Construction - Housing	0			0	0
Construction - Facilities	0			0	0
Construction - Materials	0			0	0
Clothing & Textiles	2,960			2,960	0
Food	0			0	0
Seeds & Plants	0			0	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	43,900			43,900	0
Medical & First Aid	657,000			657,000	0
Teaching Materials	28,800			28,800	0
Utensils & Tools	7,250			7,250	0
Other Supplies & Services	275,000			275,000	0
Emergency Response Units	0		96,000	96,000	0
Cash Disbursements	0			0	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	1,014,910	0	96,000	1,110,910	0
Land & Buildings	0			0	0
Vehicles Purchase	340,500			340,500	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	96,500			96,500	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	12,000			12,000	0
Medical Equipment	0			0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0			0	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	449,000	0	0	449,000	0
Storage, Warehousing	50,000			50,000	0
Distribution & Monitoring	30,000			30,000	0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,206,900			1,206,900	0
Logistics Services	0			0	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	1,286,900	0	0	1,286,900	0
International Staff	1,332,000			1,332,000	0
National Staff	0			0	0
National Society Staff	1,062,053			1,062,053	0
Volunteers	2,238,640			2,238,640	0
Total PERSONNEL	4,632,693	0	0	4,632,693	0
Consultants	78,000			78,000	0
Professional Fees	0			0	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	78,000	0	0	78,000	0
Workshops & Training	83,300			83,300	0
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	83,300	0	0	83,300	0
Travel	45,000			45,000	0
Information & Public Relations	74,000			74,000	0
Office Costs	74,500			74,500	0
Communications	95,985			95,985	0
Financial Charges	7,000			7,000	0
Other General Expenses	0			0	0
Shared Support Services	33,975			33,975	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	330,460	0	0	330,460	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	511,892	0		511,892	0
Total INDIRECT COSTS	511,892	0	0	511,892	0
TOTAL BUDGET	8,387,155	0	96,000	8,483,155	0
Available Resources					
Multilateral Contributions				0	
Bilateral Contributions				0	
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0	
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	8,387,155	0	96,000	8,483,155	0



Liberia: EVD Outbreak



-  Alert counties
-  Response counties