

Emergency Appeal Operation Update

Ebola Virus Disease Emergency Appeals (Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Africa Coordination)

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Summary

Five emergency appeals were launched to combat Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreaks in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Senegal. The appeals employ a 5 pillar approach spelled out in an Ebola strategic framework, comprising: (1) Beneficiary Communication and Social Mobilization; (2) Contact Tracing and Surveillance; (3) Psychosocial Support; (4) Case Management; and (5) Safe and Dignified Burials (SDB) and Disinfection. An additional coordination appeal was launched to accommodate multi-country support needs. Smaller preparedness and response operations were financed under its Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) in Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Togo, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia, Kenya and Guinea Bissau and Ethiopia, making 16 countries in Africa that have launched emergency operations relating to this outbreak.²



Red Cross volunteers in Guinea preparing to bury a man who died from Ebola.
Photo: Moustapha Diallo/IFRC

In **Liberia**, reported figures of 7,690 cumulative cases and 3,161 deaths support a continued observed decrease in new cases and decreased mortality. IFRC/LNRCS teams are sent out as part of the Rapid Response teams at county level. All activities are scaling up, especially social mobilization, capacity building and contact tracing. Other response pillars of PSS and beneficiary communications are being incorporated into the community-based protection component of case management.

In **Sierra Leone**, as of 25 December, field staff are reporting 9,155 cases and 2,639 deaths, corresponding to a fatality rate of 29%. This suggests a steady number of new cases (600-700 per week), but a slightly decreased fatality rate.

In **Guinea** In the past month, the infection rate has been decreasing, following several months of increases. According to the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization, as of 19 December 2014, Guinea had a total of 2,557 cases (suspected, probable, and confirmed), and 1,582 deaths, for a fatality rate of

¹ A single combined operations update is produced for the 5 Ebola operations on a fortnightly basis

² An operation in Democratic Republic of Congo was launched to combat the separate Ebola outbreak that is not part of the West African outbreak.

62%. Community reticence to Ebola eradication efforts remain in the Southeast and Southwest of the country, hindering operations. The Red Cross Society of Guinea has completed 1,9453 burials.

On 18 December, 2014, the UN Logistics Warehouse in Conakry caught fire. Logistics is working to identify replacement stock and arrange emergency delivery to ensure that the supply chain for the Ebola response remains intact.

On 17 December, 2014, a large number of cases and deaths were discovered in Kissidougou Prefecture. The IFRC dispatched a mobile team with Health, Watsan, Beneficiary Communications and Logistics delegates to Kissidougou, and worked with the Red Cross Society of Guinea to mobilize additional volunteers, vehicles and ambulances to support a coordinated response with other partners. Patients have been transferred to nearby Ebola Treatment Centers and the Red Cross Society of Guinea ensured that the deceased received safe and dignified burials.

In **Mali**, no further suspected cases have been reported in the country, with the last confirmed case testing negative and discharged from hospital on 11 December. All contacts have completed the 21 day follow-up period.

Operation Updates

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

	Operational Countries and Appeals					
	GUINEA	LIBERIA	SIERRA LEONE	NIGERIA	SENEGAL	TOTAL
	(MDRGN007)	(MDRLR001)	(MDRSL005)	(MDRNG017)	(MDRSN010)	
Cumulative Cases	2,557	7,830	9,155	21	1	19,564
Cumulative Health Care Worker Deaths	78	177	106	5	0	366
Cumulative Deaths	1,582	3,376	2,639	8	0	6,611
Fatality rate	62%	43%	29%	38%	0%	34%
Safe and Dignified Burials(SDB) conducted by NS	1,945	2,881	3,575	0	0	8,401
Trained RC volunteers active in Ebola	2,358	1,161	2,269	184	80	6,052
Contacts traced by NS	8,914	7,189	26,842	891	75	43,911
Houses disinfected by NS	17,738	2,138	3,681	14	0	23,571
People reached through social mobilization[1]	1,061,959	1,285,465	1,105,895	1,043,565		4,496,884
People reached through Psychosocial support	2,424	1,611	26,340	740		31,115
People treated by NS (Kenema)	NA	NA	464	NA	NA	464

NA= Not applicable- Treatment currently only in Sierra Leone

Source: WHO Sitreps, Ministries of Health (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Senegal) and IFRC

Liberia

Social Mobilization and Beneficiary Communication

- Social Mobilization is on-going on in all 15 counties. The number of trained RC volunteers active in Ebola has been recalculated downward, but still representing a significant resource.

³ This number may be higher than reported Ebola-attributed deaths, as some reported deaths are eventually removed from the total count if lab tests are negative for Ebola.

Training:

- Regional Liaison officer conducted refresher training in Sinoe County for the health officer and training for volunteers on community-based protection.

Radio programme:

- The Red Cross negotiated a one-hour show, once every week (Thursday) on Truth.fm, which broadcasts nationally. The show started on 20 November and to date, there have been four shows focusing on Ebola survivors, the need to scale up and maintain Ebola response, community-based protection for Ebola prevention and prevention messages for the festive period.
- The programme scheduled on 18 December had to be cancelled because the presenter was unable to get to the station due to election activities which caused traffic congestion.

Community radio:

- LNRCS visited the community radio stations in seven counties and facilitated the signing of an MOU between LNRCS chapters' respective counties and a radio station in the county for 30-minutes worth of airtime for Red Cross radio shows.
- MOUs were signed with the following stations:
 1. Radio Piso in Grand Cape Mount
 2. Radio KPO in Gbarpolu
 3. Radio Joy Africa in Margibi
 4. Radio Gee in River Gee
 5. Voice of Grand Kru in Grand Kru
 6. Voice of Sinoe in Sinoe
 7. The River Cess Broadcasting Services in River Cess

Sound trucks/ mobile campaign

- From 15 to 25 December, the Red Cross volunteers carried out social mobilisation activities in Montserrado using sound trucks which stopped at key areas such as the markets, community gathering points, etc. Two local performing artists were hired to attract the interest of the people.
- These activities were carried out in New Georgia Estate, Gardersville Super Market, Jamaica Road Junction, Cemenco, Doe Community, Free Port and Brewerville Junction.

Challenges:

- Community members are still requesting for items (soap, chloride, food etc.)
- Some community members are still in denial.
- Hard to reach communities
- No network for Communication to submit reports, share information

Contact tracing and surveillance

- On-going in 9 counties (Gbarpolu, Bomi, Montserrado, Rivercess, Margibi, Lofa, Grand Cape Mount and Grand Bassa)
- We have total of 185 Contact tracers (covering 9 counties)
- Currently there hot spot locations are Montserrado (Rock Hill) where we provided 30 Hygiene Kits. In River Cess (Kayah) and Bomi County (Klay, Swen Mecca)

- Training was conducted on Case Investigation where Contact tracers /Social Mobilisation from Montserrado on the 8th Dec. Total of 135 were trained. The Contact tracers are based and targeting 3 communities.

Main Challenges:

- Communication in sending information from the Contact tracers to the County Health Teams /Field Offices.
- Lack of food for the quarantined persons hence lack of cooperation with the contact tracers.

Psychosocial Support

- A PSS training of trainers' workshop was held from 8 – 10 December 2015 in Monrovia. A total of 38 LNRCS staff (Field Officers, Supervisors and PSS Counsellors) from Bomi, Gbarpolu, Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Montserrado, River Cess and Sinoe counties. HQ to follow up the counties and supervise the training of the volunteers.
- The PSS team joined a sub group of the MOHSW meetings to standardise the PFA and PSS training modules.
- Coordination is ongoing with the MOHSW to adjust Red Cross training modules to include two new challenging topics i.e. Domestic violence in context of Ebola outbreaks (male survivors and their female partners) and sex education for survivors and their families.
- PSS delegate met with the president of the Survivor Network and linkages are being formed with the network. He also met with the CDIP Muslim survivors to gain understanding about the particularities of the EVD in Muslim communities.
- Field trips planned for 22 - 24 December to Grand Cape Mount, and another in the coming weeks to supervise the Montserado PSS volunteer training.
- The biggest challenge at the moment is to improve coordination between LNRCS, IFRC and DRC PSS.

Safe and Dignified Burials and Disinfection of Houses

- There are a total of 12 Burial Teams and three disinfection teams
- The teams are collected a total of 96 bodies in urban Montserrado during the reporting period.
- The teams started burials during the period conducting 33 community burials while the rest of the bodies were cremated.
- Government to conclude arrangements for new burial site at Disco Hill
- Case investigators to begin working with burial teams, seven investigators have been trained by International Rescue Committee and will be absorbed by LNRCS.

Trainings

- Planned training during the 1st week of January 2015 for SDB teams on procedures in SBD and body collection.

Challenges:

- Community not cooperating with burial teams in terms of body removals from the villages/homes for safe burials.

Case Management

- To support the roll out the CBP programme 3 hubs have been set up and currently 1 is fully functioning.

- All the 15 counties have protection kits in warehouses, a total of 3043 kits have been prepositioned out of the total 5000 expected.
- The team responded to two hot spots in Grand Cape Mount and Sinoe

Training

- Refresher training and support supervision done for community health volunteers in Grand Cap Mount
- Regional liaison from Nimba provided training to the health officer in Sinoe and also the Field officer and 8 CHV following the outbreak in the area.

Challenges

- Main challenge has been integration of the CBP into the RITE strategy as the County Health Teams were not fully notified.

Sierra Leone

Social Mobilization and Beneficiary Communication

- The number of people reached through face to face Social Mobilization activities was reported as 1,105,895, up 19% from the previously reported figure.

Psychosocial Support

- The number of people reported reached through psychosocial support activities climbed to 26,340; an increase of over 41% from the previous reported value. Numbers include recipients of “survivor kits.”

Safe and Dignified Burials and Disinfections:

- A total of 3,575 safe and dignified burials carried out by the National Society have been reported.

Case Management in Kenema IFRC ETC

- The total number of admissions to the Kenema Ebola Treatment Centre was 464.

Guinea

Social mobilization and beneficiary communication.

- A total of 1,061,959 people have been reached so far by social mobilization efforts.

SDB and disinfections

- Total Safe and Dignified Burials in this response: 1,945

Contact Tracing and Surveillance:

- 686 contacts were traced by the Red Cross Society of Guinea during this period. Contact tracing remains difficult because of the movement of contacts around the country despite the President’s Decree of 13 August, forbidding contacts of Ebola patients from traveling.

Security

- IFRC and Red Cross Society of Guinea are working closely with partners to ensure the safety of all volunteers and teams on the ground. The teams are having ongoing meetings to review the security situation, and to identify strategies to improve quality assurance, training/ re-training, and reinforce strict adherence to established protocols.

Nigeria

On 20 October, WHO declared Nigeria Ebola-free. Lack of new funding has limited activities during the reporting period to the 48 volunteers working at the airport screening passengers. Additional funding for volunteer allowances could be provided to enable the National Society to continue to play its role in preventing the outbreak from reoccurring in populous Nigeria.

Senegal

On 17 October, WHO officially declared Senegal free of Ebola. Senegal remains a high-risk country and strengthening of response capacity and preparedness is vital for early and effective response to potential new cases. IFRC's [Emergency Appeal](#) supports the Senegalese Red Cross to respond to the ongoing Ebola outbreak risk through information and communication, education, awareness raising, social mobilization and regional collaboration. Training activities reached 50 volunteers, 60 teachers, and 23 Red Cross staff. Sensitization activities reached 500 persons at Dakar University and 893 pupils in 7 schools in Dakar.

Funding

	GUINEA	LIBERIA	SIERRA LEONE	NIGERIA	SENEGAL	AFRICA coordination and preparedness	Total
	(MDRGN007)	(MDRLR001)	(MDRSL005)	(MDRNG017)	(MDRSN010)	(MDR60002)	
TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	28,509,039	24,464,985	40,396,719	1,619,444	1,380,962	2,893,667	99,264,816
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	12,053,387	16,915,496	39,007,549	631,384	167,164	3,044,016	71,818,996
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	42%	69%	97%	39%	12%	100%	72%

Multilateral donors to IFRC Ebola appeals

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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	3,043,856	105%	-150,189	3,053,349		758,381	2,294,968	467,843	26%
MDRGN007	Guinea - Ebola Virus Disease	26-Mar-14	30-Jun-15	28,509,039	12,050,619	42%	16,458,420	12,081,006	0	3,131,128	8,949,878	2,247,835	11%
MDRLR001	Liberia - EVD Outbreak	09-Apr-14	30-Jun-15	24,464,985	16,921,591	69%	7,543,394	16,750,365	0	4,174,899	12,575,465	1,081,598	17%
MDRNG017	Nigeria - Ebola Virus Disease	08-Aug-14	31-May-15	1,619,444	631,421	39%	988,023	631,421	0	459,876	171,546	46,128	28%
MDRSL005	Sierra Leone - Ebola Virus Disease	06-Apr-14	15-Jun-15	40,396,719	38,996,893	97%	1,399,826	38,613,277	1,000,000	9,030,636	30,582,641	10,250,506	22%
MDRSN010	Senegal - Ebola Virus Disease	08-Sep-14	28-Feb-15	1,380,962	167,164	12%	1,213,798	167,164	253,515	174,334	246,344	700	13%
TOTAL EMERGENCY APPEALS				99,264,816	71,811,544	72%	27,453,272	71,296,582	1,253,515	17,729,255	54,820,842	14,094,609	18%

DREF OPERATIONS

Appeal Code	Appeal Name	Appeal Timeframe		Budget	Funding	Coverage	Gap	Income	DREF	Expenditure	Balance	Commitments	Exp/Bud
MDR42002	Americas - Ebola Preparedness	21-Oct-14	21-Jan-15	100,000	0	N/A	0	0	100,000	5,708	94,292		6%
MDRBJ014	Benin - Ebola Virus Disease	27-Aug-14	27-Nov-14	50,204	0	N/A	0	0	50,204	29,500	20,704	4,299	59%
MDRCD015	Democratic Republic of Congo - Ebola	29-Aug-14	29-Nov-14	256,399	0	N/A	0	0	256,399	246,498	9,901		96%
MDRCF018	Central African Rep - Ebola Virus Di	29-Aug-14	29-Dec-14	48,697	0	N/A	0	0	48,697	16,155	32,542		33%
MDRCI006	Côte d'Ivoire - Ebola Preparedness	18-Apr-14	18-Jul-14	60,950	0	N/A	0	0	59,919.04	59,919	0		98%
MDRCM019	Cameroon - Ebola Virus Disease	24-Aug-14	24-Nov-14	49,922	0	N/A	0	0	49,922	43,940	5,982	2,715	88%
MDRET014	Ethiopia - Ebola Virus Preparedness	29-Oct-14	29-Jan-15	46,641	0	N/A	0	0	46,641	20,871	25,770		45%
MDRGM009	Gambia - Ebola Virus Disease Prepare	15-Sep-14	30-Jan-15	46,856	0	N/A	0	0	46,856	36,805	10,051		79%
MDRGW002	Guinea Bissau - Ebola Virus Prepared	08-Oct-14	08-Jan-15	49,168	0	N/A	0	0	49,168	33,987	15,181		69%
MDRKE031	Kenya - Ebola Virus Disease Prepared	23-Sep-14	23-Dec-14	59,127	0	N/A	0	0	59,127	53,802	5,325		91%
MDRML010	Mali - Ebola Preparedness	18-Apr-14	31-Aug-14	57,715	0	N/A	0	0	57,715	50,132	7,583		87%
MDRSN009	Senegal - Ebola Virus Disease	11-Apr-14	24-Aug-14	54,848	0	N/A	0	0	53,627.34	53,627	0		98%
MDRTD013	Chad - Ebola Virus Disease Preparedn	12-Sep-14	12-Dec-14	54,766	0	N/A	0	0	54,766	25,687	29,079		47%
MDRTG005	Togo - Ebola Virus Disease	27-Aug-14	27-Nov-14	49,530	0	N/A	0	0	49,530	29,740	19,790	9,385	60%
TOTAL DREF OPERATIONS				984,823	0	N/A	0	0	982,571	706,372	276,200	16,399	72%