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Emergency Plan of Action operation update

Guinea: Ebola Virus Disease

 International Federation
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Emergency appeal n° MDRGN007	GLIDE n° EP-2014-000039-GIN
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EPoA update: Six Months; 1 December 2014	Timeframe covered by this update: 6 Months
Operation start date: 4 April 2014	Operation timeframe: 15 months, Expected end date: 30 June 2015
Overall operation budget: CHF 28.69 Million (previously CHF 8.93 Million)	If Emergency Appeal operation, DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 250,000
N° of people being assisted: At-risk communities nationwide with specific actions in already affected prefectures (11,176,026)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: ICRC, Danish Red Cross, French Red Cross	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Ministry of Health, Centre for Disease Control (CDC), Institut Pasteur Dakar, World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), Caritas Guinea Plan Guinea and Save the Children Guinea	

A. Summary

The first cases of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) appeared in Guinea in December 2013 but were not reported until March 2014. On 21 March 2014, the Government of Guinea declared the EVD epidemic. This delay increased the risks of many people being exposed and infected by EVD since there were no control measures in force. The Guinean Red Cross requested assistance from the IFRC, and an international appeal was launched on 4 April 2014. The appeal has been revised and expanded since that date, with the spread of the epidemic and the increased intensity of the case load. This report describes progress in the initial 6 months of the operation. It is based on the plan and budget totalling CHF 8.93M as set out in the EPoA revised on 9 September 2014.

Since the start of the outbreak, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Cross Society (IFRC) has been supporting the activities of the Guinea Red Cross (GRC) and despite measures being implemented by the Red Cross and other partners, EVD has an exponential growth rate. It is estimated that each single confirmed case of EVD is responsible for infecting 1.5 to 2.0 additional individuals over a 10 to 20 day period and, therefore, the outbreak is in a phase of very rapid growth and intense transmission.

During the period covered by this review, the GRC operation initiated and expanded activities in four main areas, known as pillars: social mobilization and beneficiary communication, psychosocial support, tracing and monitoring contacts, and safe and dignified burials (SDB) and disinfection of houses. Weekly updates have been published to www.ifrc.org to report on the progress of the operation and can be accessed here. The 6 month financial report is attached.

Current situation

This report reflects the situation and the response through 30 September, 2014. However, the current situation continues to evolve and while there is need to begin planning for an early recovery phase, the epidemic in Guinea continues to expand its geographic spread. The GRC and the IFRC have expanded the scope of the emergency appeal to include increased staffing and to scale up activities in each of the four pillars.

B. Coordination and Partnerships

While IFRC did not have a representation in Guinea prior to this response, a Ebola response team has been put in place, consisting of an operations manager, a field coordinator, two emergency health delegates, two water & sanitation delegates, two finance and administration delegates, a beneficiary communications delegate, a reporting delegate and three logistics delegates providing country-level coordination and support.

IFRC and Guinea Red Cross participate in all national and other coordination meetings which include all international and local humanitarian players involved in responding to the outbreak. IFRC and GRC attend the national crisis meetings, where nationwide information on the outbreak is shared and where important decisions are taken. IFRC is also a member of a restricted decision making group with MoH, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, MSF and CDC. The GRC meets with local committees in Conakry to plan and carry out prevention activities and strategies needed to mobilize the population in the fight against the outbreak. The National Society is also working in close contact with prefectural committees in all affected areas.

Danish Red Cross (DRC) has a representation in Guinea, sitting inside GRC premises. ICRC is present in country and the delegation is kept informed of the evolving situation as well as of IFRC's planned response to date, ensuring close coordination and support to the National Society. Both DRC and ICRC have provided support to the GRC. The ICRC supported the initial training of 100 volunteers and provides equipment, while the DRC contributed to the Emergency Appeal. DRC is also providing support to the GRC branches in Middle Guinea to strengthen their capacities in term of training of volunteers. A bi-monthly Movement coordination meeting is held to share updates and strategic analyses on the outbreak.

The French Red Cross opened an Ebola Treatment Center (ETC) in Macenta, following the period covered in this review.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

Coordination and partnerships and pillar roles and responsibilities

The National Coordination committee, reporting directly to the Head of State, counts the following members: MSF, CDC, UNMEER, WFP, CRG/IFRC, USAID/OFDA, African Union/ASEOWA, OOAS, ELU, MAE-Fr, and the Ministry of Health. This committee is composed of technical teams and support teams.

The Government of Guinea - a national coordination body CNLEB has been put in place after Ebola was declared an emergency in August 2014 by the President of the Republic. This coordination is divided into several commissions: the Commissions of Communications, Surveillance and Logistics among others.

- **The IFRC and GRC leads with MoH in SDB**; and also do transportation of patients and sanitation, working with MSF other partners in other pillar leads (Social Mobilisation, Tracing and Surveillance). GRC is the only actor in Guinea performing Safe and Dignified Burials.
- **World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Health (MoH) - leading in Case Management** – and work with support from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - responsible for overall health strategy and advice, and coordination among the partners.
- **MSF** –they have been leading in clinical case management in Ebola treatment centres in Guéckédou and in Conakry, and in epidemiologic surveillance. They have also been training their staff and the Red Cross staff and volunteers
- **UNICEF – is leading with MoH in social mobilisation, communication and community engagement.** This is aimed at ensuring behaviour change to avert transmission. Messaging will need to address issues around burial practices, early reporting to health centres, socio-cultural activities that may fuel transmission of the disease and rumours and misconceptions that continue to surface.
- **UNFPA – co- leads in surveillance** with Ministry of Health, CDC and WHO, providing support to health structures, assistance to the population affected by the epidemic, social mobilisation, coordination, logistics, and leads in contract tracing and epidemiologic surveillance.

The IFRC/GRC are active and will be increasingly partnering with other technical groups mostly in social mobilisation and contact tracing.

The IFRC is also providing support to the Red Cross in capacity building, human resources, training, logistics and data management.

D. Operational Implementation

Overall Goal: Contribute to the reduction of mortality and morbidity related to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Guinea through awareness messaging and social mobilization and provide psychosocial support.		
Indicator¹	Actual	% of Target
G1a # confirmed cases	2,019	N/A
G1b # suspected / probable cases (cumulative)	250	N/A
G2a # Confirmed deaths (cumulative)	1,189	N/A
G2b # Attributed deaths (cumulative)	219	N/A
G2 # Health Care Worker Deaths (cumulative)	N/A	
G5 Fatality rate	62%	
Progress towards the Goal		
Over the past six months, the infection rate had been increased, but slowed down toward the end of November. Community reticence to Ebola eradication efforts remain in the Southeast and Southwest of the country, hindering operations.		

Health and care

Outcome 1 The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced.			
Indicator	Actual²	% of Target	
1a # safe and dignified burials conducted by NS	800	N/A	
1b # houses disinfected	14,942	N/A	
Output 1.1: The capacity of the Red Cross of Guinea to manage EVD outbreak response has been strengthened			
Indicator	Operation Target	Actual	% of Target
1.1b # of volunteers mobilized for this response	N/A	1,299	N/A
1.1c # of volunteers trained in EVD signs and symptoms, prevention measures and referral mechanisms & use of PPEs	2,000	1,299	65%
1.1d # of supervisors trained as above	120	14	12%
Progress towards outcomes			
<p>During the time period covered by this review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A FACT (light) team deployed to Guinea in April, along with a Logistics ERU from the Swiss Red Cross and a Health ERU from the French Red Cross, to provide support to the NS in planning and implementation of the epidemic response. • A rapid assessment was conducted in June and identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information and Communication ○ Surveillance, case identification and contact management ○ Case management, including body management ○ Psychosocial support ○ Regional preparedness and support • The GRC task force (Commission) Terms of Reference have been developed and the National Society is implementing. • An Emergency Plan of Action was developed and has been revised several times to reflect the changing situation of the epidemic. • An IFRC Delegate was deployed as Operations Manager and an RDRT Watsan Delegate was deployed to support the implementation and management of the operation. • Logistics ERU support was deployed for a month in April and further support is planned. 			

¹ Indicators in this section do not have targets, as the final numbers are dependent on the trajectory of the epidemic.

Output 1.2: Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to targeted population			
Indicator	Operation Target	Actual	% of Target
1.2a # people reached by social mobilization efforts	11,176,026 ₃	710,410 ⁴	
1.2b # of IEC materials distributed	100,000	0	0%
1.2c # of house-to-house visits made			
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary communications and social mobilization activities are progressing, mostly in the form of extensive house-to-house campaigns in prefectures throughout the country. By the end of September, more than 700,000 people have been reached through social mobilization campaigns in Guinea. Radio spots are broadcast on the national and rural radio stations and have a countrywide reach. Visibility and educational materials have been prepared and are being revised on an ongoing basis to reflect the current epidemic situation. In Guéckédou, theatre productions are being used to raise awareness about prevention and treatment strategies. Sensitization radio programmes on Ebola have been airing on a regular basis on the national radio station. Television programmes have aired, and more are planned. 			

Output 1.3: Contribution to epidemiological investigation and control		
Indicator	Actual	% of Target
1.3a # volunteers trained in case finding case finding, contact tracing, transport of patients, disinfection and Safe and Dignified Burials	1,200	N/A
1.3b # of volunteers trained specifically in SDB	250	N/A
1.3c # contacts traced	5,704	N/A
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>During the period covered by this review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,200 volunteers have been trained in case finding, contact tracing, transport of patients, disinfection and Safe and Dignified Burials, and all SDB teams had trained supervisors. 250 of those volunteers have been trained and mobilized in Safe and Dignified Burials. Contact tracing and surveillance is done in partnership with other responding agencies, include Médecins Sans Frontières and the Guinean Ministry of Health. The Guinean Red Cross has traced over 5,000 contacts. Sprayers and chlorine have been purchased and distributed to all active SDB and disinfection teams. Additional equipment will be provided to new teams as they are trained and mobilized. 		

Output 1.4: Psychosocial and economical support is provided to affected individuals, families, and communities			
Indicator	Operation Target	Actual	% of Target
# people reached by Psychosocial Support	N/A	500	N/A
# families with an infected member reached by economic support	300	300	100%
# volunteers trained in PSS	250	20	8%
Progress towards outcomes			
<p>During the period covered by this review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychosocial support activities are ongoing, but, during the time period covered by this review, not operating at scale, pending the arrival of a PSS focal point in-country to facilitate trainings and to ensure the quality of the support provided. 			

² Target population reached by social mobilisation includes door-to-door campaigns but also radio and television campaigns.

³ Actual population reached by social mobilisation is calculated by the number of people reached in door-to-door campaigns.

- The Guinean Red Cross has provided Psychosocial Support (PSS) to over 300 people.
- Cash transfers to affected families have been distributed in select areas; PSS and economic support in the form of Cash Transfers have been integrated into a joint activity to better provide PSS in a way appropriate for the Guinean context.

National Society capacity building

Outcome 2: National Society Epidemic Preparedness

Output 2.1 The National Society is prepared countrywide to respond to this and future epidemics

Indicator	Operation Target	Actual	% of Target
# community volunteers trained		N/A	
# workshops held		N/A	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		Status
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Workshops (development of national and 8 districts EVD Contingency Plans and Simulation Exercises)			Planned
Training x 100 community volunteers from 33 districts of the 8 administrative regions			Planned
Pre-positioning of PPE (high and low risk) and disinfection kits (for household disinfection and dead body management) x 8 Admin regions	X		In procurement
Produce and distribute IEC materials to branches in 8 Administrative regions	X		In procurement
Procurement of bicycles and Motorbikes for branches			Planned
Purchase 12 motorcycles (1 per Region for 7 Regions and 5 for the capital)			Planned
Purchase 80 bicycles for 7 regions (10 each) and for the 5 branches of the Capital			Planned
Reinforcement of current IT systems and radio communication systems	X		Ongoing
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for these activities is underway; they are scheduled to take place after the period covered by this review. • Capacity building for the National Society is also occurring through other areas of support: training of trainers for activities, assistance with protocol development, logistics support and communications equipment, including mobile phones and laptops for GRC staff. 			

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How we work

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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 Timeframe	2014/3-2015/6	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	N	Project	*

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I. Funding

	Disaster Management	Health & social services	National Society development	Principles & Values	Co-ordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget	8,752,366					8,752,366	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
American Red Cross	M1404110	43,933				43,933	
American Red Cross	M1408050	1,356,950				1,356,950	
British Red Cross	M1404098	23,781				23,781	
Danish Red Cross	M1405092	77,557				77,557	
European Commission - DG ECHO	M1404141	307,361				307,361	
Finnish Red Cross	M1404074	73,261				73,261	
French Red Cross	M1406119	14,835				14,835	
Japanese Government	M1408047	0				0	139,693
Japanese Red Cross Society	M1405081	42,600				42,600	
Japanese Red Cross Society	M1409016	45,075				45,075	
Red Crescent Society of Islamic	M1405034	25,000				25,000	
Red Cross of Monaco	M1406111	18,213				18,213	
Swedish Red Cross	M1404111	141,310				141,310	
Taiwan Red Cross Organisation	M1404075	26,415				26,415	
The Canadian Red Cross Society	M1404082	83,213				83,213	
The Canadian Red Cross Society	M1407008	13,188				13,188	
The Netherlands Red Cross	M1405059	48,840				48,840	
The Republic of Korea National Red	M1408076	30,000				30,000	
Tulloo Guinea Limited	M1407037	181,376				181,376	
C1. Cash contributions	2,552,910					2,552,910	139,693
Inkind Personnel							
French Red Cross		29,963				29,963	
The Canadian Red Cross Society		32,852				32,852	
C3. Inkind Personnel	62,815					62,815	
Other Income							
Fundraising Fees		-9,069				-9,069	
C4. Other Income	-9,069					-9,069	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	2,606,656					2,606,656	139,693
D. Total Funding = B + C	2,606,656					2,606,656	139,693

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health & social services	National Society development	Principles & Values	Co-ordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		2,606,656				2,606,656	139,693
E. Expenditure		-1,426,164				-1,426,164	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		1,180,492				1,180,492	139,693

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Expenditure						TOTAL	Variance A - B
	Budget	Disaster Management	Health & social services	National Society development	Principles & Values	Co-ordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)							8,752,366	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles		220					220	-220
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	137,280	12,878					12,878	124,402
Medical & First Aid	866,680	52,885					52,885	813,795
Teaching Materials	364,980	22					22	364,958
Utensils & Tools	159,000	8					8	158,992
Other Supplies & Services		808					808	-808
Cash Disbursement	260,000	9,616					9,616	250,384
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	1,787,940	76,437					76,437	1,711,503
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	328,000	46,842					46,842	281,158
Computers & Telecom	137,000	9,605					9,605	127,395
Office & Household Equipment	71,133							71,133
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	536,133	56,447					56,447	479,687
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage		3,126					3,126	-3,126
Distribution & Monitoring	61,000	26,284					26,284	34,716
Transport & Vehicles Costs	1,095,010	102,388					102,388	992,622
Logistics Services		11,537					11,537	-11,537
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	1,156,010	143,335					143,335	1,012,675
Personnel								
International Staff	1,295,500	247,725					247,725	1,047,775
National Staff	46,763	18,377					18,377	28,386
National Society Staff	316,153	21,412					21,412	294,742
Volunteers	1,881,836	260,053					260,053	1,621,783
Total Personnel	3,540,253	547,567					547,567	2,992,686
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	79,000	45,113					45,113	33,887
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	79,000	45,113					45,113	33,887
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	366,000	16,452					16,452	349,548
Total Workshops & Training	366,000	16,452					16,452	349,548
General Expenditure								
Travel	50,000	74,287					74,287	-24,287
Information & Public Relations	512,296	15,307					15,307	496,989
Office Costs	84,000	22,886					22,886	61,114
Communications	57,000	11,792					11,792	45,208
Financial Charges	30,000	-11,279					-11,279	41,279
Other General Expenses	19,552	327					327	19,226
Shared Office and Services Costs		459					459	-459
Total General Expenditure	752,848	113,777					113,777	639,071
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		334,876					334,876	-334,876
Total Operational Provisions		334,876					334,876	-334,876
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	534,182	82,642					82,642	451,540

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Account Groups	Expenditure						TOTAL	Variance A - B
	Budget A	Disaster Management	Health & social services	National Society development	Principles & Values	Co-ordination		
BUDGET (C)		8,752,366					8,752,366	
Total Indirect Costs	534,182	82,642					82,642	451,540
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee		8,742					8,742	-8,742
Pledge Reporting Fees		777					777	-777
Total Pledge Specific Costs		9,519					9,519	-9,519
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	8,752,366	1,426,164					1,426,164	7,326,202
VARIANCE (C - D)		7,326,202					7,326,202	

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Sector / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
Disaster_Management							
Disaster response	8,752,366		2,606,656	2,606,656	1,426,164	1,180,492	139,693
Subtotal Disaster_Management	8,752,366		2,606,656	2,606,656	1,426,164	1,180,492	139,693
GRAND TOTAL	8,752,366		2,606,656	2,606,656	1,426,164	1,180,492	139,693