UNFPA Sierra Leone
Ebola Virus Disease Update

This report provides an update on the UNFPA response to the Ebola Virus Disease in Sierra Leone to date. All statistics, other than those related to the UNFPA response are official and from Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

Situation Overview
In May 2014, Sierra Leone detected its first case, ever, of Ebola and by end of July it had surpassed neighbouring Guinea for number of positive cases.

• The cumulative number of laboratory confirmed cases is 783.
• The number of confirmed deaths is 312 with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) based on confirmed cases of 39.8%.
• 81 patients are currently admitted at the Kenema and Kailahun Isolation Units with a cumulative number of 220 discharges (survivors).

Most Urgent Needs
• Scale up of contact tracing nationwide
• Additional Health Support Teams
• Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
• Ebola Preventive Materials (Chlorine, gloves etc.)
• Infection prevention and control
• Ensure quality Reproductive Interagency Collaboration and Partnerships
• Emergency Operation Centre
• Surveillance Pillar (Co-Lead)
• Presidential Task Force for Ebola
• Independent Monitoring Team (Co-Lead)

Funding Requirements
• UNFPA’s total funding requirement is estimated at $5 million to ensure comprehensive support to the Surveillance Pillar through joint leadership with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) in the contact tracing process. This will ensure that the appropriate number of contact tracers are trained in every district, nationwide to attain 100% coverage of Ebola case contacts and therefore to minimize the spread of the outbreak.
• UNFPA is part of the United Nations (UN) appeal made by the UN Resident Coordinator, for an additional $18.13 million to enhance support to World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), UNFPA and World Food Programme (WFP).

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Surveillance/Contact Tracing
• In order to contain the outbreak, the Government of Sierra Leone along with Implementing Partners (IPs) galvanised community-based interventions. UNFPA is in the process of training and deploying community contact tracers nationwide. To date, contact tracers have been deployed in Kailahun, Western Area, Port Loko, Moyamba, Pujehun, Kenema and Bo. All contact tracers have been provided with mobile phones complete with Closed User Groups (CUGs).

In total 1,930 mobile phones have been procured. The scale up of training of contact tracers in all districts is on schedule. With a target of 1590, UNFPA has to date trained 1177 contact tracers in 6 districts (Bo, Kailahun, Moyamba, Pujehun, Port Loko and Western Area). By the end of the month, an additional 6 districts will be covered. This triangulated intervention ensures early detection and referral of cases and safe burials of community death to prevent new infection.

Resources - Surveillance/Contact Tracing

Resources used are as follows:
• Core Resources - $140,000 reprogrammed to support the above mentioned trainings and the related monitoring.
• Humanitarian Fragile Context Branch (HFCB) Emergency Resources - $38,363 used to procure the Emergency Reproductive Health (ERH) kits.
• $29,000 to provide health workers with PPE will arrive soon.
• 18,600 used to produce 9,000 fact sheets, 6,000 flyers, 4,320 jingles on Ebola (6 a day on 24 stations nationwide for 30 days).
• $15,000 used to support the Office of the First Lady (OFL) event on Friday 22nd.
• $250,000 available mainly to train and equip contact tracers with phones and pay their allowances for the next 6 months.
• $61,000 available from the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) – UNDP Resident Coordinator’s office.

Data - Surveillance/Contact Tracing (20 August)
• 97% of contacts have been seen by tracers.
• 4686: Total number of contacts listed.
• 2313: Contacts who completed the 21-day monitoring.
• 2434: Contacts currently being monitored.
• 105: New contacts added in the last 24 hours (20 Aug).
• 2347: Contacts seen and healthy in the last 24 hours.
• 14: Contacts seen and ill in the last 24 hours.
• 71: Contacts not seen in the last 24 hours.
• 190: Contacts who completed the 21-day monitoring period in the last 24 hours.

Communication/Social Mobilisation

UNFPA has supported the communication pillar through the following: Participated in the review and finalisation of IEC materials (posters, factsheets and training guides) on Ebola; airing of the Ebola IEC jingle on 24 community radio stations nationwide for 30 days; printing 9,000 Ebola flyers and 6000 Ebola factsheets. UNFPA supported the development of a 2 minute infomercial on Ebola (see:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elQQRJalyc&feature=em-upload_owner)