

WEST AFRICA – EBOLA OUTBREAK

FACT SHEET #20, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

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NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

22,859

Number of Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Cases in Acutely Affected Countries*

UN World Health Organization (WHO) – February 11, 2015

9,162

Number of EVD-Related Deaths*

WHO – February 11, 2015

10,934

Number of EVD Cases in Sierra Leone*

WHO – February 11, 2015

8,881

Number of EVD Cases in Liberia*

WHO – February 11, 2015

3,044

Number of EVD Cases in Guinea*

WHO – February 11, 2015

*Includes cumulative EVD cases in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Numbers are subject to change due to reclassification, retrospective investigation, and availability of laboratory results.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On February 11, U.S. President Barack Obama praised the USG and the humanitarian community on their EVD response activities in West Africa. He also lauded DoD's contribution to the response and announced the withdrawal of the majority of DoD staff by the end of April.
- The total number of deaths attributed to EVD in West Africa surpassed 9,000 in recent days, according to WHO.
- Only three of Liberia's counties have reported confirmed cases in the past 42 days—12 counties have completed two 21-day cycles of the EVD monitoring period.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EVD OUTBREAK RESPONSE TO DATE IN FY 2014 & FY 2015

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$462,204,608
USAID/FFP ²	\$43,739,529
USAID/GH ³	\$20,076,000
USAID/Liberia	\$5,000,000
USAID/Guinea	\$3,482,000
DoD ⁴	\$326,531,000
CDC ⁵	\$102,151,236 ⁶

\$963,184,373

USG ASSISTANCE TO THE WEST AFRICA EVD OUTBREAK RESPONSE⁷

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On February 11, President Obama lauded USG EVD response efforts in West Africa, which included the construction of 15 Ebola treatment units (ETUs), the training of more than 1,500 Liberian health care workers, the enhancement of laboratory testing capabilities in affected countries, and the establishment of core public health management of the epidemic. President Obama praised DoD staff's contributions to the EVD response and noted the role of civilians in ongoing response activities in West Africa. He also announced the withdrawal of the majority of DoD staff. Of the nearly 3,000 DoD staff deployed to Liberia in September, approximately 100 will remain behind with the humanitarian community to support the USG's continuing effort to reach zero cases.
- On February 10, President of Guinea and Chairman of the Mano River Union (MRU) Alpha Condé visited Liberia and met with President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. The two heads of state announced a meeting of the MRU— an international association comprising Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone—planned for February 15 in the Guinean capital city of Conakry to continue presidential-level conversations on cross-border issues, according to the UN.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ USAID's Bureau for Global Health (USAID/GH)

⁴ U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

⁵ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

⁶ CDC funding as of February 4, 2015; total includes estimated salaries, benefits, and funding from all CDC sources. USAID/OFDA funding to CDC of \$3 million and DoD funding to CDC of \$600,000 is not included in this total.

⁷ Total funding figures reflect committed U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian and development funding to date. This number represents a subset of the total USG effort.

CURRENT SITUATION

- For the second consecutive week, total weekly case incidence increased across West Africa, with 144 newly confirmed cases recorded between February 1 and 8, according to WHO. While Liberia continues to report less than one case per day on average, Guinea and Sierra Leone documented 65 and 76 newly confirmed cases in the reporting period, respectively.
- Community resistance to EVD response efforts continues in Guinea and Sierra Leone. The UN reported security incidents or community refusal to cooperate with EVD response activities in 10 of Guinea's 34 prefectures during the final week of January. Three districts in Sierra Leone also reported at least one incident of resistance to EVD response efforts in late January.
- The Guinean Ministry of Education reports that approximately 99 percent of schools have reopened, with only 70 schools still closed, according to the UN. The majority of the closed schools are in Faranah and Forécariah prefectures, where the UN reports community resistance to using school hygiene kits. In Sierra Leone, the government is planning to open schools in late March—currently, nearly 1.8 million children are out of school. In early February, the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology and the Freetown Teacher's College completed courses for master trainers on EVD prevention, social mobilization, and psychosocial support ahead of planned school openings.

Liberia

- Between February 2 and 8, the Government of Liberia reported 135 new suspect and probable cases across the country, with only three newly confirmed cases—all from Montserrado County. As of February 9, only three counties had documented a confirmed case during the previous 42 days, marking the passage of two 21-day monitoring periods without a confirmed case—WHO's benchmark for declaring an area EVD-free—in 12 of Liberia's 15 counties.
- USAID/OFDA partners Mercy Corps and Population Services International (PSI) have trained more than 900 community mobilizers through the Ebola Community Action Platform (E-CAP) program. E-CAP supports the national social mobilization strategy, promoting behavioral change and providing health messaging. During the week of January 26, PSI staff trained an additional 72 community members to help improve EVD awareness and strengthen community engagement. At the request of the Ministry of Health, Mercy Corps and PSI have extended community mobilization trainings to border areas, which are vulnerable to possible infection, given that transient populations continue to cross unmonitored border points. Mercy Corps and PSI recently trained 53 mobilizers in Nimba County's Ganta town—located near the Guinean border—to bolster EVD awareness.
- The third cohort of USPHS Commissioned Corps officers arrived in Liberia February 4. Comprising 66 officers, Team Three will staff the Monrovia Medical Unit (MMU)—a specialized USG health facility for treating EVD response personnel who develop EVD symptoms. The outgoing Corps team provided handover and officially transferred command of the MMU to Team Three on February 7 before departing Liberia on February 8.
- During the week of February 2, staff from the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) visited ETUs—operated by USAID/OFDA partner International Medical Corps (IMC)—in Bong and Margibi counties. According to IMC, the Bong ETU triaged 446 patients—including 160 who were EVD positive—between September 15 and February 8. The ETU in Margibi had triaged 167 patients between November 22 and February 8, four of whom tested positive for EVD.

Sierra Leone

- During the week of January 26, the Port Loko District Ebola Response Center (DERC) reported 36 confirmed EVD cases for the district, a marked increase compared to the 10 cases reported from the previous week. The cases in Port Loko are largely responsible for the recent plateau in a previously declining EVD trend—the cases are originating from Lokomasama and Kaffu Bullom chiefdoms, according to an investigation by the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), CDC, and WHO. The main cause of recent transmission is a small number of unsafe burials, WHO reports.
- With USAID/OFDA support, International Organization for Migration (IOM) is conducting social mobilization activities in Port Loko to promote EVD awareness and safe practices. Despite ongoing challenges in the district, WHO reports that EVD response efforts in Port Loko have improved since January 1. The Port Loko DERC reported that 50 percent of new cases during the week of January 26 were on contact lists—representing an improvement in data quality from previous weeks when Port Loko lacked sufficient data to report a figure.
- On February 11, CDC—in collaboration with GoSL, the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), and UN representatives—held a three-hour EVD awareness training for 50 members of the Sierra Leone Association of

Journalists, including local journalists and editors. The primary objective of the training, which focused on reducing stigma and clarifying the risk of sexually transmitting EVD, is to improve the accuracy of EVD messaging in Sierra Leone’s national media.

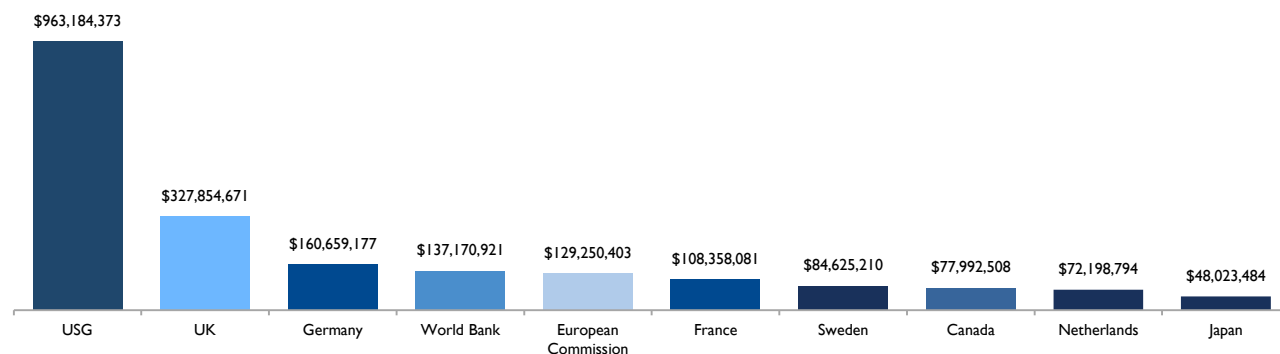
Guinea

- Health actors are expanding clinical trials of Favipiravir—an influenza pharmaceutical from Japan used to treat EVD patients in Europe—in Guinea, according to Guinea’s Coordination Cell. The *Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale* (INSERM), a French medical research institute, began conducting Favipiravir trials in December at an ETU in Guéckédou Prefecture. Although preliminary results of the study have not yet been released, initial findings suggest that the drug has accelerated recovery among adults and teenagers with low-to-moderate EVD blood levels, according to international media. The Government of Guinea (GoG) will allow health care workers to administer the experimental drug at ETUs in N’Zérékoré and Coyah prefectures.
- USAID/OFDA partner Internews continues to disseminate EVD-related messages to the public. The organization launched its first 20-minute radio program on EVD-related information in Guinea on January 19. During 10 separate broadcasts in January, Internews talk show hosts covered a wide range of topics, including ETUs, GoG EVD-prevention efforts, community reticence, safe burials, and patient care. To date, the program has had more than 180 on-air speakers, including approximately 60 women guests. To expand outreach, particularly among youth, Internews is planning to launch a Facebook page for its program in Guinea in the coming weeks.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- USAID/FFP partner the UN World Food Program (WFP) continues to provide food assistance and nutritional support to patients receiving care at ETU facilities, discharged survivors, quarantined households, and areas with clusters of cases in Sierra Leone. In January, WFP provided assistance for more than 274,000 beneficiaries in Sierra Leone.

2014 & 2015 TOTAL FUNDING FOR THE EBOLA RESPONSE* PER DONOR



* Funding figures are as of February 11, 2014. All international figures are according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Financial Tracking Service and based on international commitments during the 2014 calendar year, while USG figures are according to the USG and reflect USG commitments from FY 2014 and FY 2015, which began on October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2014, respectively.

CONTEXT

- EVD is a severe illness transmitted through direct contact with the blood, bodily fluids, and tissues of infected animals or people. There is currently no cure or preventive vaccine for EVD.
- On August 4, U.S. Ambassador Deborah R. Malac declared a disaster due to the effects of the EVD outbreak in Liberia. U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Kathleen FitzGibbon declared a disaster in Sierra Leone on August 13. On August 15, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Ervin Massinga declared a disaster in Guinea. U.S. Chargé d’Affaires, a.i, Andrew Young declared a disaster in Mali on November 17.
- The USG deployed a field-based DART on August 5 and established a corresponding Response Management Team (RMT) based in Washington, D.C. The DART—including disaster response and medical experts from USAID/OFDA and CDC—is working to identify key needs stemming from the EVD outbreak, amplify humanitarian response efforts, and coordinate all USG efforts to support the EVD response.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE EVD RESPONSE PROVIDED IN FY 2014 & 2015¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA²			
REGIONAL			
African Union (AU)	Health	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$10,000,000
CDC	Health	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$3,000,000
UNICEF	Health	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$600,000
UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$250,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$400,000
USAID/OFDA-Airlifted Relief Commodities	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$19,026,877
	Program Support		\$9,599,501
LIBERIA			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Health, Protection, WASH	Liberia	\$1,013,803
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Health	Liberia	\$7,633,633
BRAC	Protection	Liberia	\$1,177,902
CARE	Health	Liberia	\$1,652,992
ChildFund	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$3,502,025
Concern	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$6,806,343
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Health	Liberia	\$960,447
Global Communities	Health	Liberia	\$20,768,606
GOAL	Health	Liberia	\$4,702,667
Heart to Heart International (HHI)	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$7,001,161
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Health	Liberia	\$1,000,000

IMC	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$23,767,075
IOM	Health	Liberia	\$28,048,894
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$17,465,373
JHPIEGO	Health	Liberia	\$2,814,287
John Snow Inc. (JSI)	Health	Liberia	\$3,164,720
Medical Teams International (MTI)	Health	Liberia	\$4,021,836
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Liberia	\$3,926,216
Mercy Corps	Health, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Liberia	\$12,000,000
Partners in Health (PiH)	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$24,393,170
Plan USA	Health	Liberia	\$1,508,821
Project Concern International (PCI)	Health, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection	Liberia	\$11,354,485
Samaritan's Purse	Health, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Liberia	\$7,782,027
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Health, Protection, WASH	Liberia	\$8,276,263
UNICEF	Health, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, WASH	Liberia	\$54,260,411
Welthungerhilfe (WHH)	Health, WASH	Liberia	\$1,955,645
WFP	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Liberia	\$45,008,916
SIERRA LEONE			
CRS	Health	Sierra Leone	\$548,619
Christian Aid	Health, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection	Sierra Leone	\$998,391
GOAL	Health, WASH	Sierra Leone	\$2,005,780
IFRC	Health	Sierra Leone	\$13,000,000
IMC	Health, Protection	Sierra Leone	\$5,164,183
IOM	Health	Sierra Leone	\$3,469,410
IRC	Health	Sierra Leone	\$4,400,000
Medair	Health	Sierra Leone	\$2,858,272
Oxfam/Great Britain (Oxfam/GB)	Health	Sierra Leone	\$690,646
PiH	Health, Protection	Sierra Leone	\$7,881,461
UNICEF	Health, Protection, WASH	Sierra Leone	\$16,080,214
WFP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Sierra Leone	\$10,000,000
WHO	Health	Sierra Leone	\$4,000,000
World Vision	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Sierra Leone	\$2,472,525
GUINEA			
CRS	Health	Guinea	\$4,041,621
ChildFund	Health, Protection	Guinea	\$1,500,000

French Red Cross (FRC)	Health	Guinea	\$4,505,445
Helen Keller International (HKI)	Health	Guinea	\$1,719,455
Internews	Risk Management Policy and Practice	Guinea	\$799,846
IOM	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea	\$2,300,000
IFRC	Health	Guinea	\$1,999,552
Plan International	Health	Guinea	\$2,111,738
Relief International (RI)	Health, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea	\$4,000,000
SC/US	Health	Guinea	\$1,499,203
Terres Des Hommes	Health, Protection, WASH	Guinea	\$875,000
UNICEF	Health, WASH	Guinea	\$6,000,400
WFP	Health, WASH	Guinea	\$2,500,000
MALI			
CRS	Health	Mali	\$954,122
IMC	Health	Mali	\$2,000,000
IOM	Health	Mali	\$2,033,983
UNICEF	Health	Mali	\$400,000
World Vision	Health	Mali	\$550,646
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$462,204,608
USAID/FFP			
Mercy Corps	Emergency Food Assistance	Liberia	\$8,970,000
WFP	WFP Regional Emergency Operation	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$34,769,529
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$43,739,529
USAID/GH			
Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (JHCCP)	Health	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone; neighboring at-risk countries	\$7,288,500
WHO	Health	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone; neighboring at-risk countries	\$12,787,500
TOTAL USAID/GH ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$20,076,000
USAID/Liberia			
GoL MoH	Health	Liberia	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/Liberia ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$5,000,000
USAID/Guinea			
	Planned Health Assistance	Guinea	\$3,482,000
TOTAL USAID/Guinea ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$3,482,000
DoD			
DoD		Liberia	\$326,531,000
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CDC			
CDC	Health	West Africa	\$102,151,236
TOTAL CDC ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$102,151,236
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS IN FY 2014 & 2015			\$963,184,373

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

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