

WEST AFRICA – EBOLA OUTBREAK

FACT SHEET #29, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

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NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

25,611

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

UN World Health Organization (WHO) – April 12, 2015

10,611

Number of EVD-Related Deaths*

WHO – April 12, 2015

12,201

Number of EVD Cases in Sierra Leone*

WHO – April 12, 2015

9,862

Number of EVD Cases in Liberia*

WHO – April 12, 2015

3,548

Number of EVD Cases in Guinea*

WHO – April 12, 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

- All contacts related to the last confirmed EVD case in Liberia graduate from observation
- The Government of Guinea (GoG) launches its first stay-at-home campaign in Forécariah Prefecture
- Seven of Sierra Leone's 14 districts have exceeded 42 days with no new confirmed EVD cases
- Treatment capacity now surpasses demand as a result of declining EVD cases in Guinea and Sierra Leone

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

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$515,176,019
USAID/FFP ²	\$57,479,546
USAID/GH ³	\$20,076,000
USAID/Liberia	\$16,100,000
USAID/Guinea	\$3,482,000
DoD ⁴	\$362,555,000
CDC ⁵	\$423,892,118 ⁶
\$1,398,760,683	
USG ASSISTANCE TO THE WEST AFRICA EVD OUTBREAK RESPONSE ⁷	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On April 13, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to formalize the collaborative effort between the AU Commission and CDC toward creating the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC). The African CDC—which aims to assist African countries in effectively monitoring public health, responding to public health emergencies, and building needed capacity—is scheduled to launch later in 2015 with the establishment of an African Surveillance and Response Unit, which will include an emergency operations center. Between September 2014 and February 2015, the AU Support for Ebola Outbreak in West Africa mission sent more than 800 medical volunteers and public health responders to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone to support the response to the EVD outbreak.
- According to WHO, the declining EVD case incidence and receding zone of transmission reflect that EVD treatment capacity now exceeds demand in Liberia and Sierra Leone. EVD response actors are working with national authorities in both countries on plans to safely decommission the surplus EVD facilities while retaining a core capacity of high-quality, strategically located EVD treatment centers and additional rapid-response actors in reserve.

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 April 13, 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 are 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 to respond to the EVD outbreak in West Africa.

REGIONAL

- During the week of March 30 to April 5, West African countries reported the lowest weekly total of confirmed EVD cases since the third week of May 2014, according to WHO. Guinea recorded 21 confirmed EVD cases compared to the previous week's 57 cases. In Sierra Leone, EVD case incidence decreased for the fifth consecutive week, with nine confirmed EVD cases. Liberia maintained zero confirmed EVD cases during the same period. In addition, no new health workers contracted EVD; the cumulative total of EVD cases among health workers since the start of the outbreak remains at 861.

Liberia

- The Government of Liberia (GoL) has not reported a confirmed EVD case in Liberia since March 20. The last confirmed case died at the Monrovia Medical Unit (MMU) on March 27 and was buried at the Disco Hill national burial site on March 28. As of April 10, CDC reported that all contacts of the confirmed case had graduated from observation. The 42-day period required for Liberia to be considered free of EVD began on March 29, according to WHO.
- On April 8, a team of U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps personnel working at the MMU began training 13 staff from the GoL-managed ELWA 2 EVD treatment unit (ETU) in Montserrado County. USPSH is training the ELWA 2 staff on infection prevention and control (IPC) procedures and best practices in clinical care, nursing, and pharmacy and laboratory management, as well as appropriate use and management of specialized MMU equipment. Upon request from the ELWA 2 staff, USPHS plans to conduct additional training sessions in the coming week.
- On April 13, USAID/OFDA partner Mercy Corps and its lead technical sub-partner Population Services International launched the second national conference focused on the Ebola Community Action Platform (E-CAP)—a USAID/OFDA-funded nationwide social mobilization campaign that utilizes a consortium of primarily local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to train and mobilize community members. Mercy Corps expects at least 75 local and international organizations to participate in the two-day conference, which includes sessions on lessons learned during the EVD response and the role of social mobilization in the restoration of health care services, among other topics. The first E-CAP conference occurred in early February and focused primarily on lessons learned and strategies for improving the program. To date, USAID/OFDA has provided Mercy Corps with \$12 million to implement E-CAP. The program targets approximately 2 million people throughout Liberia with EVD awareness and prevention messages.

Sierra Leone

- WHO reported that, between March 30 and April 5, nine EVD cases were confirmed in the Sierra Leone districts of Kambia, Port Loko, Western Area Rural, and Western Area Urban, which includes the capital city of Freetown. As of April 7, both Kono and Tonkolili districts had reached 42 days with no new EVD cases. Of Sierra Leone's 14 districts, seven have now exceeded 42 days with no new cases, according to the Sierra Leone National Ebola Response Center (NERC).
- The Sierra Leone President's Delivery Team on Transition and Recovery convened a workshop in Sierra Leone's capital city of Freetown on April 8 and 9. The event included Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) ministries, donors, UN agencies, and non-governmental organizations, and featured four simultaneous sessions focused on the president's core sectors for post-EVD transition: health, education, private sector recovery and growth, and social protection. Supported with funding from the UK Department for International Development, the workshop aimed to specify transition plans, including responsible actors, timelines, budgets, and targets.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) led an interagency assessment team comprising CDC and UN Development Program representatives to Bombali District on the Sierra Leone–Guinea border between April 8 and 10. In the town of Makeni, the assessment team met with members of the Bombali District Ebola Response Center (DERC) and other stakeholders to examine health systems and border operations in the district and identify key challenges. The assessment team also visited an official border crossing—currently closed due to EVD-related restrictions—in the village of Simbeckom. Noting the amount of informal border crossings occurring in the area and the weak levels of EVD

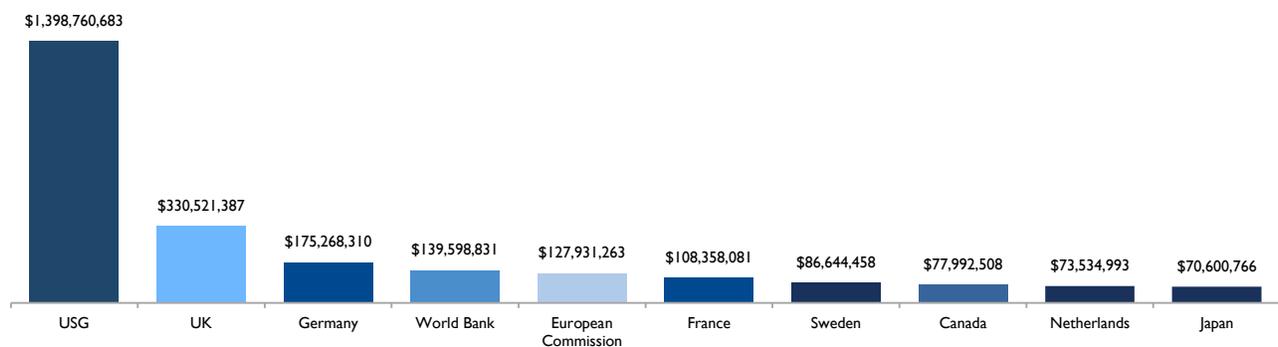
preparedness and sensitization in the local communities, IOM plans to provide IPC training to border, immigration, and health officials prior to an expansion of border management activities in Bombali.

- Members of the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) also visited Bombali on April 10–11 to meet with partner Christian Aid and discuss ongoing social mobilization activities. With USAID/OFDA support, Christian Aid is coordinating with local organizations on community engagement and raising awareness of EVD prevention best practices. In addition to Christian Aid, USAID/OFDA supports social mobilization in Bombali through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and, through funding to IOM, the NGO World Hope. Partners report that social mobilization coordination—previously lacking—at the district level has improved, and the DERC coordinator emphasized the importance of continued collaboration among all social mobilization actors. DART staff also visited Bombali’s village of Pate Bana, where Christian Aid’s activities have engaged community members, and reported that people in Pate Bana were knowledgeable of EVD and receptive to outreach activities.

Guinea

- While EVD surveillance is improving in Guinea, unknown chains of transmission could present lead to EVD cases in the coming weeks, WHO reports. During the week of March 30 to April 5, seven of 19 confirmed deaths from EVD were identified post-mortem as compared with 15 of 35 confirmed deaths from EVD during the previous week, according to WHO. Approximately 48 percent of EVD-confirmed cases among registered contacts—a slight decrease from 53 percent during the previous week.
- As part of the 45-day health emergency period, the GoG launched its first stay-at-home campaign in Maférinya village, Forécariah Prefecture, on April 12. Between April 12 and 15, the campaign aims to visit approximately 50,000 households across the prefecture to detect new EVD cases and inform community members about the new emergency health mandate. The GoG plans to use the Forécariah campaign as a pilot program to develop strategies for reaching communities in other EVD-affected prefectures in coming weeks.
- During the National Ebola Coordination Cell meeting on April 13, the GoG announced three new confirmed EVD cases and 17 suspected EVD cases uncovered during the first day of the stay-at-home campaign. The GoG reported widespread community cooperation with the house-to-house teams.

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



* Funding figures are as of April 14, 2015. 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 2014 and to date in 2015, 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 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 OUTBREAK 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
UN Children’s Fund (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	\$2,042,536
USAID/OFDA-Airlifted Relief Commodities	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$19,026,877
Overseas Development Institute (ODI)	Humanitarian Studies, Analysis, or Applications	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$30,011
	Program Support		\$6,108,034
LIBERIA			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Health, Protection, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (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
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
International Medical Corps (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
U.S. Public Health Service	Health	Liberia	\$4,988,272
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
WHO	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Health, Protection	Liberia	\$35,000,000
SIERRA LEONE			
CRS	Health	Sierra Leone	\$548,619
Christian Aid	Health, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection	Sierra Leone	\$945,690
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
IMC	Health	Guinea	\$14,854,760
Plan International (Plan)	Health, WASH	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	Protection, 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			\$515,176,019
USAID/FFP			
CRS	Food Vouchers	Guinea	\$1,325,443
Mercy Corps	Emergency Food Assistance	Liberia	\$8,970,000
PCI	Cash Transfers, Agricultural Input Vouchers	Liberia	\$8,030,564
Save the Children (SC)	Cash Transfers	Sierra Leone	\$4,384,010
WFP	WFP Regional Emergency Operation	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$34,769,529
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$57,479,546
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 Ministry of Health (MoH)	Health	Liberia	\$6,600,000

UNICEF	Education	Liberia	\$9,500,000
TOTAL USAID/Liberia ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$16,100,000
USAID/Guinea			
Jhpiego	Health	Guinea	\$3,482,000
TOTAL USAID/Guinea ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$3,482,000
DoD			
DoD		Liberia	\$362,555,000
TOTAL DoD ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$362,555,000
CDC			
CDC	Health	West Africa	\$423,892,118
TOTAL CDC ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$423,892,118
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS IN FY 2014 & 2015			\$1,398,760,683

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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