

WEST AFRICA – EBOLA OUTBREAK

FACT SHEET #24, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

MARCH 11, 2015

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

24,247

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

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

9,961

Number of EVD-Related Deaths*

WHO – March 11, 2015

11,619

Number of EVD Cases in Sierra Leone*

WHO – March 11, 2015

9,343

Number of EVD Cases in Liberia*

WHO – March 11, 2015

3,285

Number of EVD Cases in Guinea*

WHO – March 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

- CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden visited Guinea from March 4 to 10 to assess ongoing efforts to curb the spread of EVD. Dr. Frieden met with senior USG and Government of Guinea (GoG) officials and traveled to Forécariah and Coyah prefectures, both of which have reported confirmed EVD cases in recent days.
- WHO reports 116 new confirmed cases of EVD in Guinea and Sierra Leone in the week ending on March 8.
- The Government of Liberia (GoL) has not documented a new confirmed EVD case since February 19.

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

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$500,268,291
USAID/FFP ²	\$57,479,546
USAID/GH ³	\$20,076,000
USAID/Liberia	\$16,100,000
USAID/Guinea	\$3,482,000
DoD ⁴	\$354,115,000
CDC ⁵	\$136,685,785 ⁶
\$1,088,206,622	
USG ASSISTANCE TO THE WEST AFRICA EVD OUTBREAK RESPONSE ⁷	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On March 5, health care workers discharged the final confirmed EVD patient from an EVD treatment unit (ETU) in Liberia, and no confirmed EVD patients are currently receiving treatment. WHO emphasized the need to maintain a high level of EVD surveillance in Liberia to ensure rapid detection of new EVD transmission chains.
- On March 8, the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) reported 12 new confirmed EVD cases—including seven cases in Western Area’s Western Urban District, three cases in Kambia District, and one case each in Bombali and Port Loko districts. The USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) continues to collaborate closely with key response actors, including the GoSL and UK Department for International Development (DFID), to develop and discuss strategies to galvanize progress toward reaching zero EVD cases.
- With \$35 million in USAID/OFDA funding, WHO plans to assist Liberia in the next phase of the EVD response by distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to EVD and non-EVD health facilities; providing infection protection and control (IPC) training for health care workers and burial teams; strengthening district-level response and surveillance systems; and facilitating national fleet management and rapid specimen transport. The contribution brings total USG support for WHO’s efforts in the region to approximately \$52,000,000.

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 March 10, 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.

LIBERIA

- As of March 10, the GoL Incident Management System had not documented a new confirmed case of EVD since February 19. All known contacts of confirmed EVD cases graduated from observation on March 11, according to the GoL.
- Staff from the CDC are supporting the GoL to prevent cross-border EVD transmission, with a focus on early alert systems; rapid investigation of suspected cases and community deaths; and preparedness at border checkpoints and health clinics. CDC staff are also training GoL officials from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, airport firefighters, and other personnel in basic IPC activities and use of PPE.
- Between March 4 and 7, members of the DART traveled to northeastern Liberia's Nimba County near the Guinea–Liberia border. GoL officials confirmed that unofficial cross-border travel continues to occur, and the Nimba county health officer (CHO) reported that Guineans from border communities often seek medical treatment in Nimba's Ganta town. The CHO is coordinating with non-EVD medical facilities, the GoL, and GoG officials to develop procedures for responding to suspected EVD cases originating from Guinea. Partners of USAID/OFDA—including Childfund, Mercy Corps, and Project Concern International (PCI)—met with the DART to discuss ongoing EVD response efforts in Nimba.
- On March 7, USAID/OFDA partner Global Communities, in coordination with the GoL, transferred the remains of EVD victims cremated at the GoL-managed crematorium to a burial vault at the Global Communities-managed Disco Hill national burial site. The GoL and Global Communities conducted a two-part service at the crematorium and the burial site to memorialize the EVD victims and help bring closure to their families.

SIERRA LEONE

- Since early February, the EVD caseload in Kambia District has plateaued, according to the GoSL. The Kambia District Ebola Response Center reported 16 new confirmed EVD cases in the district between February 20 and March 5 and reiterated concerns regarding ongoing community resistance to EVD response activities and the possible underreporting of cases in Kambia.
- In collaboration with the local non-governmental organization (NGO) Lifeline, USAID/OFDA partner Medair continues to provide critical assistance to quarantined households in Western Area via 20 three-person quarantine teams. Each Medair-supported team visits a quarantined area each day to screen residents and disseminate key EVD treatment and prevention messages. To date, the teams have reached more than 2,670 quarantined households—approximately 8,640 individuals—with monitoring services and EVD response commodities, such as hygiene kits. The teams reached each quarantined individual at least once per day for the full 21-day monitoring period.
- USAID/OFDA is supporting the International Organization for Migration (IOM) mobile training teams to provide specific needs-based EVD and IPC training throughout Sierra Leone. Since piloting the first mobile training in Bo District during the week of January 26, IOM mobile teams have implemented an additional eight multi-day courses. In total, IOM had reached nearly 230 participants—including ambulance, decontamination, and swab team members in four districts—with general IPC measures, PPE, and decontamination training as of March 9.

GUINEA

- On March 9, WHO and the GoG reported 15 new confirmed EVD cases, including eight in Forécariah Prefecture, four in the capital city of Conakry, two in Boffa Prefecture, and one in Coyah Prefecture. In potential correlation to increased reporting of EVD cases, WHO and the GoG are noting reduced community reticence, with response teams signaling reticence in only three sub-prefectures on March 9—a decrease since March 1 when 10 sub-prefectures were identified as reticent. Of the 13 community deaths reported on March 9, three of the community deaths tested positive for EVD and 12 individuals received safe and dignified burial.
- During Dr. Frieden's visit to Guinea, he met with Head of the National Ebola Coordination Cell Dr. Sakoba Keita, the U.S. Ambassador to Guinea Mark Laskaris, the GoG Minister of Health Colonel Remy Lamah, and USAID/OFDA and

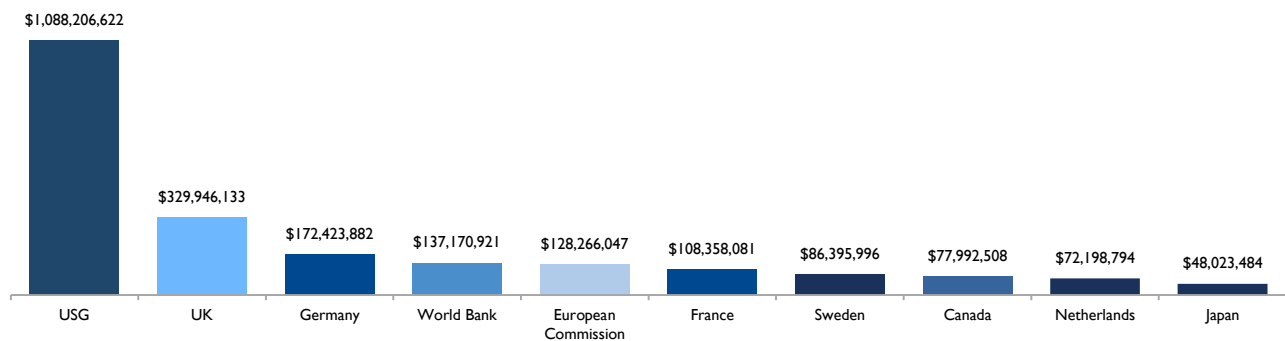
CDC staff. At the end of his visit to Guinea, Dr. Frieden stressed the need to better support EVD case and contact management, scale up sample collection and testing, and reduce community reticence to improve the EVD response.

- On March 6, Dr. Frieden, accompanied by several members of the DART, traveled to Coyah Prefecture’s Kendoumaya village, a community previously resistant to EVD response efforts. To counter reticence in Kendoumaya, USAID/OFDA partner Plan International has been implementing awareness-raising activities and distributing hygiene kits. To date, the organization has reached 240 households with EVD messages.
- On March 7, the Central Pharmacy of Guinea (PCG) began distributing 52,000 kilograms of USAID/OFDA-procured chlorine to Conakry health facilities, including hospitals, private clinics, and the Conakry ETU. With this chlorine, PCG anticipates having sufficient chlorine stocks through the end of April.
- The Guinean Red Cross (GRC) is implementing a new strategy to improve communication with EVD-affected communities. Beginning in Conakry during the week of March 9, GRC will deploy a hygienist, an EVD sample collector, and a communicator together with investigation teams responding to community death alerts. The new team will help prepare families for the arrival of the GRC safe and dignified burial teams by speaking with family members about burial procedures, answering questions, and demonstrating how to use PPE. At present, more than 70 GRC burial teams are operating in Guinea. Between January 10 and March 7, GRC provided safe and dignified burials for 230 individuals, or approximately 70 percent of the 330 community deaths reported to response actors.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- During the week of March 2, two staff from USAID/FFP visited multiple sites in rural Sierra Leone to assess food security conditions in coordination with GoSL officials, UN agencies, and other stakeholders. The assessment found key food security-related challenges resulting from the EVD outbreak, include market disruptions, decreased household access to food, and continued government restrictions on public gatherings, market operations, and public transport. Households report reduced purchasing power and poor access to seeds, which may result in decreased planting in the upcoming April–May sowing season.
- With USAID/FFP support, the UN World Food Program (WFP) and its implementing partners are providing food assistance to households under observation in Liberia. Food distributions limit the need for EVD contacts to travel to local markets, thereby minimizing possible EVD exposure for others in the community. Between February 28 and March 4, WFP reached 51 households in 15 communities in Montserrado County with food rations, including rice, beans, oil, and fortified cereal.

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



* Funding figures are as of March 11, 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 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 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
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
	Program Support		\$6,085,077
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
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
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
Plan International	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	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			\$500,268,291
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 MoHSW	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	\$350,258,000
TOTAL DoD ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$354,115,000
CDC			
CDC	Health	West Africa	\$136,685,785
TOTAL CDC ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$136,685,785
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS IN FY 2014 & 2015			\$1,088,206,622

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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