

WEST AFRICA – EBOLA OUTBREAK

FACT SHEET #43, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

AUGUST 14, 2015

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

27,948

Number of Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed EVD Cases in Acutely Affected Countries†
WHO – August 14, 2015

11,284

Number of Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed EVD-Related Deaths in Acutely Affected Countries†
WHO – August 14, 2015

8,697

Number of Confirmed EVD Cases in Sierra Leone*†
WHO – August 14, 2015

3,157

Number of Confirmed EVD Cases in Liberia*†
WHO – August 14, 2015

3,330

Number of Confirmed EVD Cases in Guinea*†
WHO – August 14, 2015

* Does not include probable and suspected EVD cases.

† Figures are subject to change due to reclassification, retrospective investigation, and availability of laboratory results.

HIGHLIGHTS

- No reported EVD cases for five consecutive days in Guinea reflect the longest period without a new EVD case since the start of the current outbreak
- Interim analysis finds EVD vaccine highly effective
- USAID/FFP assistance increases access to food for vulnerable households in EVD-affected districts of Sierra Leone

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

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$772,854,170
USAID/FFP ²	\$117,026,245
USAID/GH ³	\$20,076,000
USAID/Liberia	\$16,100,000
USAID/Guinea	\$3,482,000
DoD ⁴	\$429,947,000
CDC ⁵	\$540,721,618 ^{6,7}
\$1,900,207,033	
USG ASSISTANCE TO THE WEST AFRICA EVD OUTBREAK RESPONSE ⁸	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- The UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) officially closed on July 31; the UN World Health Organization (WHO) is now responsible for oversight of the UN system's Ebola virus disease (EVD) emergency response. The UNMEER Ebola crisis managers will remain in the EVD-affected countries under the oversight of WHO and with the support of the UN resident coordinators and UN country teams. According to UNMEER, the mission was established on September 19, 2014, as a temporary measure to meet immediate needs related to the EVD outbreak, deploying financial, logistical, and human resources to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.
- The clinical trial for the Vesicular Stomatitis Virus-Ebola Virus vaccine in Guinea is expanding to be offered to all EVD contacts. WHO experts continue to underscore that, while indicating positive and promising efficacy rates, the recently published interim results of the trial are not fully conclusive.

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 In FY 2014, CDC obligated \$17,439,000 to the West Africa EVD response, utilizing internal CDC operational resources. Of the \$523,282,618 that CDC has thus far obligated in FY 2015 as of July 27, 2015, approximately \$114,813,687 supports activities outside the United States and \$356,059,839 supports activities inside the U.S. The FY 2015 total includes actual obligations from all CDC sources, including estimated salaries and benefits from the Continuing Resolution (CR) period, which concluded in mid-December. The CR obligations, as well as internal CDC operational resources, used during the CR period are not available to be categorized as domestic or international.

⁷ The CDC funding total does not include funding from other sources such as USAID/OFDA and DoD.

⁸ Total funding figure includes committed U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian and development funding to date, as well as CDC's combined contribution to the international and domestic EVD response. This number represents a subset of the total USG effort to respond to the ongoing EVD outbreak.

REGIONAL

- During the week of August 3–9, the number of new confirmed EVD cases in EVD-affected West African countries remained at three, according to WHO. Guinea recorded two confirmed EVD cases in two prefectures, and Sierra Leone reported one confirmed EVD case in one district. Liberia maintained zero confirmed EVD cases during the same period, and WHO reported that all contacts related to the last EVD cluster completed their 21-day follow-up period. No health care worker infections occurred for the second consecutive week in any of the EVD-affected countries.

Liberia

- USAID/OFDA continues to support the coordination and rollout of the Government of Liberia (GoL) Safe and Quality Services (SQS) training to health care personnel in Liberia's 15 counties. The SQS training, a revised GoL infection prevention and control (IPC) curriculum, aims to prevent the spread of EVD and other communicable diseases through implementing standard, risk-based IPC precautions, IPC principles during emergency clinical management, facility-based disease surveillance, and psychosocial support training.
- During the week of August 3, the GoL Ministry of Health (MoH), CDC, and WHO launched the national SQS training package for 70 master trainers—including staff from nine USAID/OFDA partner organizations—in Liberia's capital city of Monrovia. Beginning August 17, the master trainers will deploy countrywide to train county-level trainers who, in turn, plan to train Liberia's estimated 9,000 health care workers by the end of 2015.
- EVD response actors continue to provide mentoring for and supervision of IPC protocols within Liberia's health care facilities. USAID/OFDA partner John Snow, Inc. (JSI) recently conducted IPC supervision at 17 sites in Gbarpolu, Grand Kru, Montserrado, River Cess, River Gee, and Sinoe counties. In addition, JSI established IPC committees to monitor protocols at four health care facilities in Grand Kru.

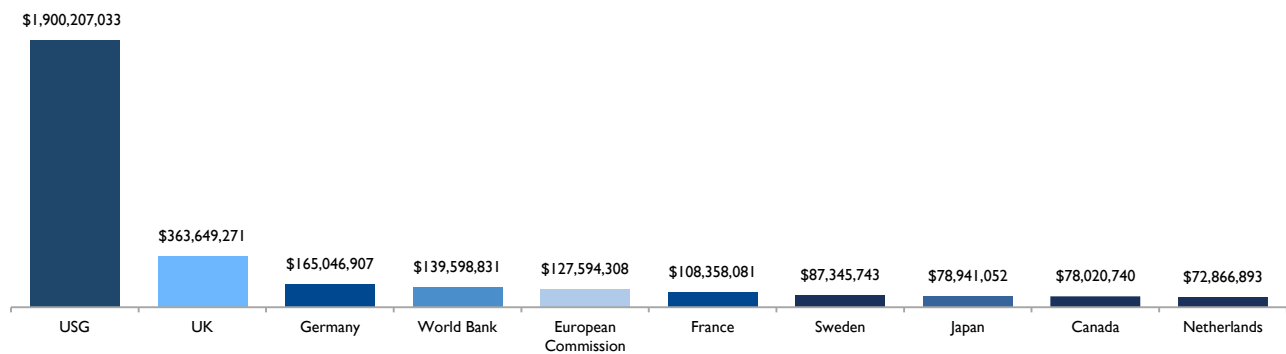
Sierra Leone

- The Government of Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation reported one new confirmed EVD case between August 3 and 9. The EVD case, identified in Western Urban District, is an eight-month-old child not on a contact list; however, case investigators have identified a connection between the child's mother and a prior EVD case in Western Urban. As of August 14, case investigators had identified 43 contacts—including 29 high-risk individuals—in connection to the case, according to the National Ebola Response Center (NERC). Case investigators are attempting to locate additional contacts, some of whom are high-risk.
- In Tonkolili District, more than 600 people remain under quarantine connected to the district's two late July and early August EVD cases—the first in more than 150 days. The Tonkolili District Ebola Response Center (DERC) reported plans to discharge all quarantined individuals by August 22, provided no additional EVD cases develop.
- The USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) deputy leader in Sierra Leone joined principal representatives from the NERC, donor countries, and UN agencies on a trip to Tonkolili on August 8 to assess EVD response operations in the district. The group attended a meeting of the Tonkolili DERC, which provided an overview of the current situation and updates on case management and social mobilization efforts, psychosocial services, safe and dignified burials, and EVD-related security activities in the district. DERC leadership also presented a response plan to address the re-emergence of EVD in the district and requested additional resources from the NERC to implement the plan over a 90-day period.
- In late July, USAID/FFP provided nearly \$3.6 million to World Vision in Sierra Leone to support the provision of cash transfers for food purchases to more than 32,000 people directly or indirectly affected by EVD in Port Loko District. World Vision is also providing agricultural input vouchers and training to nearly 3,400 farmers for the next cropping season to promote recovery of the agricultural sector. The project aims to increase the most vulnerable households' access to food, stimulate local markets, and support the recovery of agricultural production systems in Port Loko.
- USAID/FFP also recently provided nearly \$2.8 million to CARE in Sierra Leone to increase EVD-affected households' access to food and support local market recovery in EVD-impacted chiefdoms of Bombali and Tonkolili districts. CARE plans to provide cash transfers to 27,000 households to meet their basic food needs during the lean season.

Guinea

- The Government of Guinea (GoG) reported two new EVD cases for the week of August 3–9. On August 3, local authorities identified one confirmed EVD case in Conakry Prefecture’s Ratoma sub-prefecture, and a post-mortem swab on August 4 confirmed the second EVD case in Moussayah sub-prefecture in Forécariah Prefecture. Prefectural authorities did not confirm any new EVD-positive cases for five consecutive days between August 5 and 9—the longest period without a new EVD case in Guinea since the start of the current outbreak, according to the National Ebola Coordination Cell.
- The GoG reported a total of seven new confirmed EVD cases from Conakry, Coyah, and Forécariah prefectures during the 21-day period ending August 9. In addition, Kindia Prefecture remained on alert, indicating the presence of contacts in the prefecture who had not yet graduated from a 21-day monitoring period. As of August 9, 13 EVD patients—seven confirmed and six suspected cases—were seeking treatment in four EVD treatment units (ETUs) countrywide, including eight patients at Conakry’s Nongo ETU, two each at the Boké and Forécariah ETUs, and one at the Coyah ETU.
- GoG health officials recently expressed concern regarding the increased number of contacts identified as missing, or *perdu de vue* (PDV), following 72 hours of consecutive absence, particularly from EVD hotspot areas. The National Ebola Coordination Cell reported that 21 high-risk PDVs from the past 21 days remained to be found as of August 9, representing a more than 133 percent increase from nine such high-risk PDVs as of August 4. In total, 63 PDVs remained missing as of August 9, including 20 high-risk PDVs in Conakry—an increase from 45 PDVs reported as of August 6. Challenges to locating PDVs include false contact information and evasion of case investigators and surveillance teams. While GoG authorities and contact tracers continue to search for missing and unknown contacts, the National Ebola Coordination Cell is forming a working group to improve PDV-finding strategies—such as collaboration with local leaders and utilizing culturally appropriate EVD-related messaging, among other initiatives—and reduce community reticence and the risk of continued EVD transmission.

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



* Funding figures as of August 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.
- On August 4, 2014, 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, 2014, 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
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Sierra Leone	\$385,990
UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF)	Health, Protection	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$1,100,000
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	Humanitarian Studies, Analysis, or Applications	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$30,011
Tufts University	Humanitarian Studies, Analysis, or Applications	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$558,504
	Program Support		\$7,230,795
LIBERIA			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Health, Protection, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Liberia	\$1,013,803
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Health	Liberia	\$9,083,178
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	\$32,076,365
GOAL	Health	Liberia	\$7,281,500
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	\$34,619,248
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Health, Protection, WASH	Liberia	\$39,021,886
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$22,619,332
Jhpiego	Health	Liberia	\$2,814,287
JSI	Health	Liberia	\$7,233,653
Medical Teams International (MTI)	Health	Liberia	\$4,702,901
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Liberia	\$3,926,216
Mercy Corps	Health, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Liberia	\$24,000,000
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
USAID/OFDA-Supported Non-Medical ETU Management Contracts	Health	Liberia	\$86,249,157
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
UN World Food Program (WFP)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Liberia	\$57,277,108
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, WASH	Sierra Leone	\$12,936,976
IOM	Health	Sierra Leone	\$6,599,410
IRC	Health	Sierra Leone	\$17,792,347
Medair	Health	Sierra Leone	\$5,349,216

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	\$20,000,000
WHO	Health	Sierra Leone	\$12,000,000
World Vision	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Sierra Leone	\$2,472,525
GUINEA			
Acción Contra el Hambre (ACH)	Health	Guinea	\$1,681,043
CECI	Health, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea	\$1,404,928
CRS	Health	Guinea	\$4,041,621
ChildFund	Health, Protection	Guinea	\$1,500,000
French Red Cross (FRC)	Health	Guinea	\$4,505,445
HC3	Health	Guinea	\$1,000,000
Helen Keller International (HKI)	Health	Guinea	\$1,719,455
IFRC	Health	Guinea	\$5,999,552
IMC	Health	Guinea	\$14,854,760
Internews	Risk Management Policy and Practice	Guinea	\$1,999,846
IOM	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea	\$12,767,220
Jhpiego	Health	Guinea	\$2,400,000
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	Protection, WASH	Guinea	\$10,555,447
WFP	Health, WASH	Guinea	\$8,500,000
WHO	Health	Guinea	\$19,626,849
GUINEA-BISSAU			
IOM	Health	Guinea-Bissau	\$407,117
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			\$772,854,170

USAID/FFP			
ACDI/VOCA	Cash Transfers, Agricultural Input Vouchers	Liberia	\$9,000,000
ACDI/VOCA	Cash Transfers, Agricultural Input Vouchers	Sierra Leone	\$9,000,000
CARE	Cash Transfers	Sierra Leone	\$2,769,546
CRS	Food Vouchers	Guinea	\$1,325,443
Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET)	Food Security, Market, and Livelihood Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	\$2,495,348
Mercy Corps	Cash Transfers, Agricultural Input Vouchers	Liberia	\$8,970,000
PCI	Cash Transfers, Agricultural Input Vouchers, Cash-for-Work	Liberia	\$8,030,564
UNICEF	In-Kind Food Assistance	Guinea	\$3,583,698
UNICEF	In-Kind Food Assistance	Liberia	\$1,119,078
UNICEF	In-Kind Food Assistance	Sierra Leone	\$1,720,733
Save the Children (SC)	Cash Transfers	Sierra Leone	\$4,384,010
WFP	In-Kind Food Assistance to EVD-Affected Ivorian Refugees: Title II and Local and Regional Procurement	Liberia	\$8,921,600
WFP	Assistance for EVD-Affected Ivorian Returnees from Liberia: Cash Transfers, Local and Regional Procurement	Cote d'Ivoire	\$3,000,000
WFP	WFP School Feeding Operation	Guinea	\$7,182,907
WFP	WFP School Feeding Operation	Liberia	\$7,370,323
WFP	WFP Regional Emergency Operation	Guinea	\$8,772,002
WFP	WFP Regional Emergency Operation	Liberia	\$12,633,568
WFP	WFP Regional Emergency Operation	Sierra Leone	\$13,161,658
World Vision	Cash Transfers, Agricultural Input Vouchers	Sierra Leone	\$3,585,767
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$117,026,245
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	\$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	\$429,947,000
TOTAL DoD ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$429,947,000
CDC			
CDC	Health	West Africa and USA	\$540,721,618
TOTAL CDC ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$540,721,618
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS IN FY 2014 & 2015			\$1,900,207,033

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:
 - USAID 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.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/responding-times-crisis/where-we-work>