

WEST AFRICA – EBOLA OUTBREAK

FACT SHEET #44, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

AUGUST 28, 2015

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

28,055

Number of Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed EVD Cases in Acutely Affected Countries[†]
WHO – August 28, 2015

11,288

Number of Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed EVD-Related Deaths in Acutely Affected Countries[†]
WHO – August 28, 2015

8,697

Number of Confirmed EVD Cases in Sierra Leone*[†]
WHO – August 28, 2015

3,157

Number of Confirmed EVD Cases in Liberia*[†]
WHO – August 28, 2015

3,336

Number of Confirmed EVD Cases in Guinea*[†]
WHO – August 28, 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

- Sierra Leone discharges final Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) patient; no new EVD cases reported in the country for the second consecutive week
- Overall weekly EVD case incidence across EVD-affected West African countries has remained at three confirmed cases for four consecutive weeks
- All EVD contacts in Liberia complete 21-day monitoring period; countrywide surveillance efforts continue

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

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$780,448,094
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	\$587,452,612 ^{6,7}
\$1,954,531,951	
USG ASSISTANCE TO THE WEST AFRICA EVD OUTBREAK RESPONSE ⁸	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) Ministry of Health and Sanitation discharged the country's final EVD patient from the Makeni EVD treatment unit (ETU) in Bombali District on August 24. GoSL President Ernest Bai Koroma presided over a ceremony marking the event and attended by USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) members, CDC representatives, and other EVD response actors. The GoSL also reported no new confirmed EVD cases during the week of August 17–23. Case investigators continue to monitor 38 contacts of known cases in Western Area, all of whom will complete their quarantine or monitoring period by August 29, provided no additional EVD cases occur. The UN World Health Organization (WHO) will declare the end of the current EVD outbreak in Sierra Leone following 42 days of no confirmed cases; the 42-day period began August 25.
- For the first time in four weeks, a health care worker contracted EVD during the week of August 17–23, according to WHO. The case was reported in Conakry, Guinea.

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 \$570,013,612 that CDC has thus far obligated in FY 2015 as of August 24, 2015, approximately \$134,297,712 supports activities outside the United States and \$383,457,269 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 17–23, WHO reported three new confirmed EVD cases in EVD-affected West African countries, marking the fourth consecutive week in which case incidence has remained at three. WHO also reports that the number of contacts under observation continues to fall, from more than 800 on August 16 to approximately 600 on August 23, with contacts in four prefectures of Guinea and two districts in Sierra Leone.

Liberia

- WHO reported no new EVD cases in Liberia during the week of August 17–23, with all contacts in Liberia having completed their 21-day follow-up period. Although Liberia discharged its final two EVD cases on July 23, the Government of Liberia (GoL) and other response actors continue to increase surveillance efforts, with WHO reporting that approximately 800 samples were tested for EVD from August 17 through 23—compared to an average of approximately 560 samples tested per week from mid-May to early August.
- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that a fourth EVD survivor clinic opened at the Redemption Hospital in Liberia's capital city of Monrovia. The clinic provides treatment, support, and training for EVD survivors, and facilitates data collection to improve knowledge of post-EVD outcomes.
- On August 13, DART members visited Monrovia's Samuel K. Doe (SKD) Stadium, where USAID partner the UN World Food Program (WFP) manages the supply and distribution of EVD-related commodities. DART members assessed a recent shipment of USAID/OFDA-supplied personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as the planned transition of EVD-related assets from WFP to the GoL General Services Administration. Six containers of USAID/OFDA-procured PPE—including boots, coveralls, and gloves—arrived at the site on August 10 via the DoD Logistics Agency. WFP staff expect to receive additional containers of USAID/OFDA-donated PPE in the coming days. Together with staff from the GoL Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO, WFP continues to pre-position PPE supplies at health care facilities throughout Liberia. The MoH and WHO request items for onward deployment to health care facilities, and the SKD team packages and prepares the goods for transport.
- USAID/OFDA is supporting the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to work with County Health Teams and the GoL MoH Disease Prevention and Control Division to provide key resources, training, and mentoring support to major ports of entry and border communities in Bong, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Gedeh, Lofa, Maryland, Nimba, and River Gee counties. The USAID/OFDA-supported IOM project will complement existing activities performed under the Border Coordination Working Group framework, which aims to prevent the cross-border transmission of EVD.

Sierra Leone

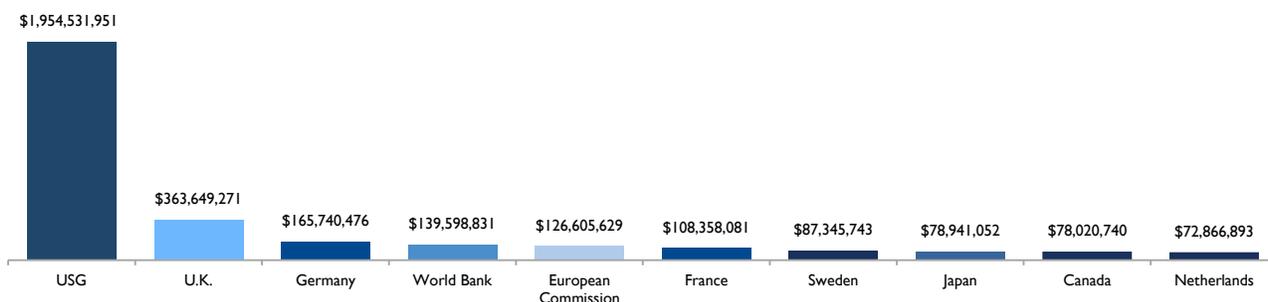
- WHO reports that the number of contacts under observation in Sierra Leone has declined from 72 across three districts—Tonkolili, Western Area Urban, and Western Area Rural—on August 19, to 29 contacts in Western Area Urban and Western Area Rural as of August 23. All remaining contacts will complete their quarantine or monitoring period on August 29, according to WHO.
- Laboratory indicators continue to reflect a heightened degree of vigilance in Sierra Leone, with 1,805 samples tested between August 17 and 23. The majority of tests—approximately 78 percent—conducted during the one-week period were post-mortem swabs taken to rule out EVD as the cause of death.
- On August 18, IOM and World Hope International (WHI), with support from USAID/OFDA, convened a conference of approximately 150 participants, including members of the USG DART, to examine the key role of cultural burial liaisons (CBLs) in reducing unsafe burials in Bombali. Between March and April 2015, IOM and implementing partner WHI recruited and trained 130 people in Bombali to serve as liaisons between GoSL-sanctioned burial teams and friends and family of the deceased. The project aimed to reduce the number of secret, unsafe burials by reducing community distrust and suspicion of burial team procedures. CBLs encouraged all community deaths to be reported to the District Ebola Response Center (DERC); reassured friends and family that the deceased would be treated in a dignified manner; and assisted burial teams to conduct culturally sensitive and safe burials. The Bombali DERC Social Mobilization Pillar reported that CBLs mitigated community reticence through awareness and outreach campaigns, while de-stigmatizing traditional burial practices by helping burial teams accommodate the ritual-related requests of friends and family

members. Between April and mid-August, CBLs participated in 460 burials, approximately 22 percent of all burials, in Bombali.

Guinea

- On August 21, approximately 352 contacts residing in Forécariah Prefecture’s Allasoya sub-prefecture completed the standard 21-day follow-up period for monitoring EVD symptoms. The Allasoya contacts were epidemiologically linked to a suspected case that had evaded contact tracers in Conakry, traveling through Forécariah and into neighboring areas of Sierra Leone. Health actors were monitoring approximately 600 remaining contacts in Guinea as of August 23, with an estimated 220 contacts registered in Forécariah, as well as 203 registered in Ratoma and 122 registered in Matam, sub-prefectures of Conakry Prefecture.
- USAID/OFDA recently provided more than \$1.8 million to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Guinea to train health facility staff in infection prevention and control (IPC) and triage protocols, while strengthening sustainable quality-control systems. CRS will also provide materials—including gloves, safety boxes, and hand washing kits—to improve hygiene and adherence to IPC practices, as well as materials and services for the safe management of medical and other waste. With USAID/OFDA support, CRS will also rehabilitate hand pumps and latrines, increase the water storage capacity of targeted health facilities, and reinforce urban and rural hygiene committees.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA supported Premiere Urgence with nearly \$1.3 million to strengthen health systems and IPC in Dubréka and Coyah Districts. Premiere Urgence aims to set up triage areas and isolation rooms at health facilities to identify and separate potential EVD cases quickly. Premiere Urgence will also distribute IPC materials, including boots, buckets, chlorine soap, and hand washing supplies to the targeted health facilities.

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



* Funding figures as of August 28, 2015. All international figures are according to 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 licensed or approved vaccine or treatment available for EVD other than supportive care. Experimental vaccines and therapies are under development, but have not yet been fully tested for safety or effectiveness.
- 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	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
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	\$4,042,536
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		\$7,309,293
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
CRS	Health	Liberia	\$960,447

Global Communities	Health	Liberia	\$32,076,365
GOAL	Health	Liberia	\$7,281,500
Heart to Heart International	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
IOM	Health, Protection, WASH	Liberia	\$39,021,886
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection	Liberia	\$22,619,332
Jhpiego	Health	Liberia	\$2,814,287
John Snow Inc. (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	\$10,650,684
USAID/OFDA-Supported Non-Medical ETU Management Contracts	Health	Liberia	\$86,249,157
U.S. Public Health Service	Health	Liberia	\$4,988,272
UNChildren's Fund (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	\$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			
Action Contra El Hambre	Health	Guinea	\$1,681,043
Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Health	Guinea	\$1,404,928
CRS	Health, WASH	Guinea	\$5,887,626
ChildFund	Health, Protection	Guinea	\$1,500,000
French Red Cross (FRC)	Health	Guinea	\$4,505,445
Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3)	Health	Guinea	\$1,000,000
Helen Keller International (HKI)	Health	Guinea	\$1,719,455
Internews	Risk Management Policy and Practice	Guinea	\$1,999,846
IOM	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Guinea	\$12,767,220
IFRC	Health	Guinea	\$5,999,552
IMC	Health	Guinea	\$14,854,760
Jhpiego	Health	Guinea	\$2,400,000
Plan International	Health, WASH	Guinea	\$2,111,738
Premier Urgence	Health, WASH	Guinea	\$1,295,000
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			\$780,448,094
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	\$587,452,612
TOTAL CDC ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS			\$587,452,612
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO EVD RESPONSE EFFORTS IN FY 2014 & 2015			\$1,954,531,951

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>