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Ebola Situation Report

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Highlights

- On the 12th of June, an executive briefing on the Ebola response was organized with the participation of the UNICEF Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, WCAR Regional Director, Division Directors at NYHQ, WCARO and the DRC Country Office.
- A high-level visit of the Minister of Health, the WHO Director-General and WHO Representative took place in the Itipo health area of the Iboko health zone on the 11th of June. This was followed by a donor field mission led by the Humanitarian Coordinator on the 12th of June, and a mission by the UNICEF Representative on the 13th of June.
- As of the 13th of June, a total of 2,633 persons have been vaccinated in the three affected health zones of Wangata (Mbandaka), Bikoro, and Iboko, of the Equateur province.
- In the last week (June 6 – 12), the epidemiological situation in the affected health zones remains stable with no new confirmed case reported in three affected health zones, active surveillance for cases and of contacts, however, continues.

66 total reported cases
(MoH, 13 June 2018)

38 confirmed cases
(MoH, 13 June 2018)

28 deaths recorded
(MoH, 13 June 2018)

390 contacts under surveillance (MoH, 13 June 2018)

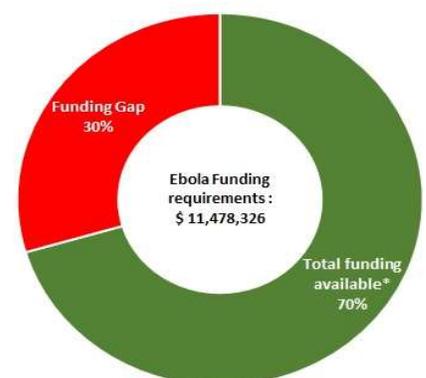
UNICEF Ebola Response Appeal
US\$ 11.5M

UNICEF's Response

	Target	Result
# of at-risk people reached through community engagement and interpersonal communication approaches. (door-to-door, church meetings, small-group training sessions, school classes, briefings with leaders and journalists, other)	942,713	460,031
# of listed eligible people for ring vaccination informed of the benefits of the vaccine and counselled on accepting the vaccine within required protocols.	2,633‡	2,633
# of people with access to safe water in the affected health zones	135,135	70,117
# of school children reached with Ebola prevention information	119,680	93,228
# of affected families of confirmed case, including children, that receive protection and psycho social support kit	38**	37

‡ Adjusted with the number of contacts and contact of contact identified for ring vaccination
** Aligned with the number of confirmed cases

Ebola Response Funding Status 2018



*Funds available include UNICEF regular resources allocated by the office for first response needs.

Epidemiological Overview

Summary Table:

	Affected Health Zones in the Equateur Province of DRC									
	Bikoro		Iboko		Wangata ¹		Ntondo		Total	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Confirmed	10	7	24	4	4	3	0	0	38	18
Probable	11	11	3	3	0	0	0	0	14	7
Suspected	5	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	14	3
TOTAL	26	18	32	7	8	3	0	0	66	28
<i>Previous Total (6 June 2018)</i>	23	18	32	6	5	3	0	0	60	27

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

The Crisis Management Team at national and provincial levels (CNC – *Comite Nationale de Coordination* and *CPC-Comite Provincial de Coordination*) continued to meet daily under the leadership of the Ministry of Health with all concerned partners and with the chairs of the different working groups providing thematic updates. UNICEF continues to participate actively in the coordination meetings at national, provincial and local level and co-leads the commissions on communication, WASH and psychosocial care; and active in the working groups on logistics and vaccination.

Response Strategy

The joint response plan of the government and partners has been finalised with an overall goal to contribute to the reduction of mortality and morbidity related to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in the Equateur province, to prevent the spread of the outbreak to other provinces in the country and neighbouring countries, and to address the immediate humanitarian consequences created by the outbreaks.

In support of the joint response plan, the UNICEF response strategy around the three key areas of communication, WASH and Psycho-social care are defined as follows:

- Risk communication, social mobilization and community engagement with the aim to (1) proactively engage with affected and at risk communities, (2) provide timely and accurate health advice to encourage positive health seeking behaviors and (3) address community concerns and rumors. The strategy is implemented through 5 pillars that include (i) community engagement; (ii) promotion of preventive behaviors; (iii) responding to resistance; (iv) advocacy and capacity building of actors and (v) communication in support of ring vaccination.
- The WASH strategy, as part of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), aims to stop the spread of the disease through the availability of 1) WASH in health care facilities, which includes providing water supply and WASH kits, 2) hygiene promotion and the provision of WASH kits in schools, including handwashing station and soap/temperature check points, and 3) WASH in communities, through mass outreach on hygiene promotion to vulnerable communities and the setup of handwashing stations/temperature check points in strategic transit locations, as well as the disinfection of households/neighborhoods of confirmed cases.
- The child protection and psycho-social support to EVD survivors and family members of EVD cases seeks to (1) provide basic services; (2) establish or re-establish social and community networks and support systems; (3) provide focused, but nonspecialized services to especially vulnerable children, women and men; and (4) provide specialized care to a significantly smaller, severely affected, proportion of the population. The key element of the strategy includes (i)

¹ Wangata is a health zone in the city of Mbandaka

psychosocial support activities for children; (ii) support to parents and other community members to better support children; (iii) facilitation of professions help to children and families with more severe psychological or social problems / needs; (iv) coordinate mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Overview of the key elements in the response with a special emphasis on UNICEF's response in the affected health zones.

Risk Communication, Social Mobilization and Community Engagement

During the reporting period, 502 members of specific community groups were reached with Ebola prevention information, resulting in a 73% coverage of the targeted 1,937 population. The specific community groups include members of the *Cellule d'Animation Communautaire* (CAC), religious leaders, opinion leaders, educators, moto-taxi, community relays (RECO), military, journalists, etc.

Since the beginning of the Ebola response, 460,031 at-risk population have been reached through community engagement and interpersonal communication, such as door-to-door visits, church meetings, small-group training sessions, school classes, briefings with leaders and journalists, thus reaching about half (49%) of the targeted 942,713 at-risk population. During the reporting period, UNICEF and its partners, reached additional 47,056 at risk-population with Ebola prevention messages. The coverage is planned to increase in the coming days due to improved logistics, access and partners' presence, especially in Itipo health zone.

The number of households presenting with the wrong perception about Ebola and/or resistance Ebola vaccination and care increased from 30 to 72 in the three affected health zones, and all the households benefitted from personalized house visits to address their concerns.

Following the vaccination of the listed contacts for the ring vaccination, the MoH has now increased the target for the vaccination to contact of contacts, as such the target number has become flexible and increased 1,579 (in the last report) to 2,633. Thus, additional 1,054 eligible individuals for ring vaccination were informed of the benefits of the vaccine and were vaccinated in accordance with protocols, resulting in a 100% coverage. The ring vaccination targets front-line health workers, people who have been exposed to confirmed EVD cases and contacts of these contacts.

Key activities in the last seven days:

- 26 community mobilisers in Iboko health zones (i.e. 4 in Bondongo, 12 in Bosolo and 10 in Wenga health areas) were provided with notebooks and tools to further improve the tracking of population reached with Ebola prevention and care through awareness raising activities, household visits and community debates.
- In Bikoro health zone, six journalists from three community radio stations were briefed on the Ebola prevention and care, the availability of free health care services for the local community and the importance of safe burial. In addition, 11 community radio hosts, have been identified in Bikoro health zone to further disseminate Ebola prevention messages.
- A community video session on Ebola prevention was projected in the Mooto health area of the Bikoro health zone, reaching 428 persons (187 men, 143 women and 98 children).

Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)

During the reporting period, 16 additional health facilities in the affected health zones were provided with essential WASH services; that includes handwashing kits, briefing of staff on hygiene promotion and disinfection, and the installation of chlorination points. Overall, 90% (53 facilities) of the targeted 59 health facilities have been covered.

As of 13 June 2018, a total of 284 schools out of the targeted 410 schools (69% coverage) in affected health zones were provided with handwashing kits and temperature check points. Specifically, 101 schools were provided with handwashing kits during the last week. In addition, UNICEF and partners have reached a total of 93,228 out of the targeted 119,680 students (78% coverage) and 4,231 out of the targeted 4,452 teachers (95% coverage) with Ebola prevention messages

since the beginning of the response. With the school year coming to an end, there are on-going discussion to put in place child friendly space to promote recreation activities for children, while reinforcing hygiene practices and Ebola prevention information.

Last week, UNICEF and partners enabled access to safe water to 16,617 persons, resulting in a 52% coverage of the targeted 135,135 people. Hand washing facilities were installed in 80 new community sites (port, market places, offices, etc.) during the reporting period, resulting in an overall coverage of 285 out of the 336 targeted community sites (85% coverage). In addition, a total of 206 households has been disinfected since the beginning of the response in the affected health zones, including 41 during the reporting period.

Key activities in the last seven days:

- 70 emergency latrines and two emergency showers were constructed in Moheli and Ikoko-Impenge health facilities and within the community in the Wangata health zone (of Mbandaka) in collaboration with Oxfam.
- In Mbandaka city, all 106 hotspot locations (ports, market places, offices, etc.) now have handwashing points installed together with infrared thermometers for temperature checks. This also includes 26 out of 36 restaurants in Mbandaka where handwashing points with soap have been installed.
- A 10m³ water storage bladder has been installed at the Regional General Hospital in Mbandaka. As a temporary measure, water trucking is being provided to fill the storage bladder in both the two general hospitals in Mbandaka and Wangata health zones.
- Ten health facilities benefited from waste management structures that included two incinerators in Bikoro, three incinerators in Mbandaka and five latrines with showers.
- In collaboration with Oxfam, 16 schools, 10 churches, and 35 restaurants were provided with handwashing kits and were briefed on the use of chlorine for handwashing in Bikoro health zone
- 97 schools in Mbandaka, Itipo, and Bikoro were provided with hygiene kits.
- 30 Red Cross volunteers were trained, with support from UNICEF, on conducting safe burials in the Itipo health area of the Iboko health zone and in Bikoro health zone.

Child Protection and Psychosocial Care

Overall, 37 out of the 38 families (97% coverage) with EVD confirmed cases, including children, received food and other essential materials to support them while they are under the follow up period. In addition, a total of 89 out of targeted 715 contacts (12% coverage), including children, have received protection and psychosocial kit; amongst whom 79 were reached during the reporting period. The kit includes cloth material, cooking utensils, clothes, soap, mats, buckets, mosquito nets, and a ration of food items. The low coverage of the support to contacts is attributed to the delay in the finalization of the approach in the commission. An acceleration of the coverage is, however, envisaged in the coming days with more partners deployed across the affected health zones.

Key activities in the last seven days:

- As of 13 June 2018, a total of 71 children orphaned due to Ebola (16 in Mbandaka and 55 in Bikoro health zones) were identified and provided with psychological support.
- 168 community volunteers (62 in Bikoro and 106 in Iboko health zones) benefited from psychosocial assistant training to help support vulnerable families within the community.

Supply and Logistics

Since the last reporting period, UNICEF's expenditure on goods and equipment deployed to the Equateur province to support the Ebola response has increased from USD \$783,000 to USD \$916,760.

Together with UNFPA, a speedboat was made available to facilitate the movement of goods and passengers across the affected health zones. The speedboat has the capacity of transporting 1,100 tons of goods and eight passengers.

External Communication

UNICEF organized a mission to collect video and photo material illustrating UNICEF's response. The material was made available to media and partners via [WeShare](#).

The Representative sent an email on UNICEF's response to technical and financial partners. Recent media coverage of UNICEF's response included [AllAfrica,Irin](#), [La Vanguardi](#), [Prese Latina](#), [ABC.es](#), [ABC Online](#), [UPI](#), [Slate Afrique](#), [CNBC](#), [Africa](#), [WCML\(PBS\)](#), [Europa Press](#), [New York Times](#), [ABS News](#),

On the digital front, UNICEF published 12 posts on [Facebook](#), 19 pictures on [Instagram](#) and [tweeted](#) 105 messages since the beginning of the crisis, including 17 articles on the [global website](#), [Pona Bana](#) and [Voices of Youth](#).

Human Resources

Since the beginning of the response, a total of 51 UNICEF staff members has been deployed to Equateur Province, Mbandaka, Bikoro, Itipo, and Iboko, to support the Ebola response. In addition, 11 staff members in Kinshasa continue to provide central level coordination support.

Funding

The total UNICEF requirement of USD 11.5 million is currently funded up to USD 8.08 million.

Key donors to the UNICEF response include CERF (USD 400,000); USAID (USD 2 Million) and CIDA (Canadian Dollar 400,000 approximately USD 388,000). In addition, UNICEF is supported by the Mercury Foundation through US NatCom (USD 400,000); World Bank Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (USD 4.54 Million) and GAVI (USD 140,000). UNICEF DRC also allocated USD 200,000 as part of the initial response.

There are ongoing discussions with ECHO and Japan.

	Funding Requirement	Total funding available	Funding Gap	Funded %
WASH	\$ 4,939,200	\$ 4,451,930	\$ 487,270	90%
Communication for Development (C4D)	\$ 3,663,686	\$ 1,454,615	\$ 2,209,701	40%
Psychosocial Care	\$ 1,475,440	\$ 1,229,232	\$ 246,208	83%
Operations support and Coordination costs + ICT	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 949,322	\$ 450,678	68%
Total Ebola Response	\$ 11,478,326	\$ 8,085,099	\$ 3,393,227	70%

Preparedness in the Republic of Congo and Central African Republic

In neighbouring Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic, UNICEF is working along with governments and partners to increase Ebola preparedness. UNICEF is particularly engaged in communication and sensitization of populations on the risk of Ebola and in strengthening WASH measures.

In the Central African Republic, two hand washing stations have been installed by UNICEF's Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) through partner Solidarités International in 2 of the 8 surveillance sites in Bangui. The other sites will be equipped this week. In addition, RRM / Solidarités International will conduct a specific Ebola training focusing on hygiene for civil

servants of the Ministry of Health and Population assigned to the surveillance sites. UNICEF has released 20,000 US\$ to the Directorate of Community Health (DCH) of the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) to immediately carry out activities to inform and engage communities. These funds will be used to: conduct a rapid KAP survey; airing of radio messages, dissemination of information materials; training of scouts for community sensitization through door-to-door interventions and an advocacy meeting with community leaders in Bangui.

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Ebola Response Tracking Indicators

Equateur Province (13 June 2018)

	Target	Total results	Change since last report ▲ ▼
RESPONSE COORDINATION			
# of affected localities with functioning coordination mechanism	4	4	0
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT			
# of members of specific-groups reached through community engagement and interpersonal communication activities. (CAC, religious leaders, opinion leaders, educators, moto-taxi drivers, RECO, military, journalists, meat sellers, drivers, youth groups, other)	1,937	1,417	502
# of at-risk people reached through community engagement and interpersonal communication (door-to-door, church meetings, small-group training sessions, school classes, briefings with leaders and journalists, other)	942,713	460,031	47,056
# of households presenting resistance for which personalized home visits were made to address <u>misperception about Ebola</u> or <u>resistance to vaccination</u>	72 [†]	72	42
# of listed eligible people for ring vaccination informed of the benefits of the vaccine and counselled on accepting the vaccine within required protocols.	2,633 [‡]	2,633	1,054
% of population surveyed who know at least 3 ways to prevent Ebola infection (from Rapid KAP studies)	80%	41%*	N/A
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE			
# of <u>health facilities in affected health zones</u> provided with essential WASH services.	59	53	16
# of <u>schools in the affected health zones</u> provided with handwashing facilities	410	284	101
# of community sites (ports, market places, offices, etc.) in the affected health zones equipped with hand washing facilities	336	285	80
# of people with access to safe water in the affected health zones	135,135	70,117	16,617
EDUCATION			
# of school children in affected health zones reached with Ebola prevention information	119,680	93,228	17,304
# of teachers in affected health zones briefed on Ebola prevention information	4,452	4,231	782
CHILD PROTECTION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT			
# of <u>affected families of confirmed cases</u> , including children, that receive protection and psychosocial support kits	38**	37	10
# of <u>contacts</u> , including children, that receive protection and psychosocial support kit	715 ^{††}	89	79
[†] Adjusted based on the number of households presenting resistance [‡] Adjusted with the number of contacts and contact of contact identified for ring vaccination * last KAP study was dated May 19 in Bikoro Health Zone; and next KAP is on-going in the field ** Aligned with the number of confirmed cases ^{††} Adjusted with the number of contacts listed			