



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ebola Situation Report

27 June, 2018

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Highlights

- While the overall response to the Ebola outbreak in Equateur Province continues, the follow up of the last contact in Bikoro health zone after 21 days was completed on 25 June, 2018. At present, follow up of contacts continues in Itipo health area of Iboko health zone.
- As of the 27 June 2018, a total 38 confirmed and 15 probable cases were reported in the three affected health zones of Wangata (Mbandaka), Bikoro and Itipo of the Equateur province. The additional probable case was an old case that was pending classification since the beginning of the response.
- As of 27 June 2018, a total of 3,330 persons have been vaccinated in the three affected health zones of Wangata (Mbandaka), Bikoro, and Iboko, of the Equateur province.

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	596,064
# of listed eligible people for ring vaccination informed of the benefits of the vaccine and counselled on accepting the vaccine within required protocols.	3,330‡	3,330
# of people with access to safe water in the affected health zones	206,500 ††	141,503
# of school children reached with Ebola prevention information	119,680	104,031
# of affected families of confirmed and probable case, including children, that receive protection and psycho social support kit	53**	53

‡ Adjusted with the number of contacts and contact of contact identified for ring vaccination
 †† Adjusted to reflect additional needs identified during implementation and to complement the increase in the number of target health facilities recorded in the last report
 ** Aligned with the number of confirmed and probable cases

57 total reported cases
(MoH, 27 June 2018)

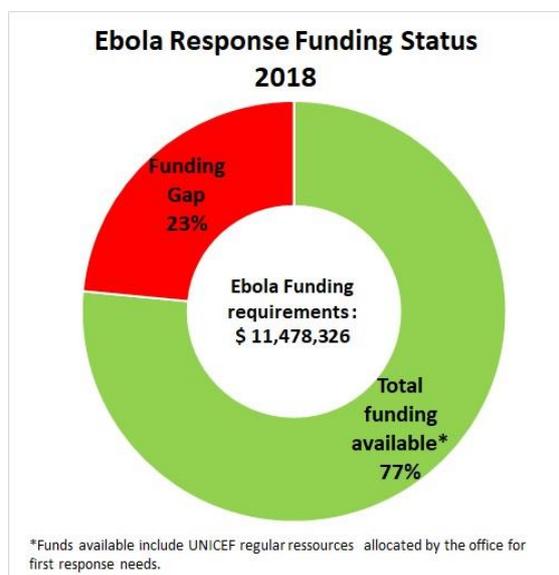
38 confirmed cases
(MoH, 27 June 2018)

29 deaths recorded
(MoH, 27 June 2018)

51 contacts under surveillance
(MoH, 27 June 2018)

UNICEF Ebola Response Appeal

US\$ 11.5M



Epidemiological Overview

Summary Table:

	Affected Health Zones in the Equateur Province of DRC									
	Bikoro		Iboko		Wangata ¹		Ingende		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	4	4	0	0	0	0	15	8
Suspected	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
TOTAL	24	18	29	8	4	3	0	0	57	29
<i>Previous Total (20, Jun 2018)</i>	25	18	32	7	4	3	0	0	61	28

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

The Crisis Management Team at national and provincial levels (CNC – *Comite Nationale de Coordination* and *CPC-Comite Provinciale 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 control 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) psychosocial support activities for children; (ii) support to parents and other community members to better support

¹ Wangata is a health zone in the city of Mbandaka

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, 45 additional members of specific community groups, especially from the pygmy community, were reached with Ebola prevention information, in the Iboko health zone, resulting in a total population of 1,941 reached. As this is a community based intervention, the total population reached exceeded the target number of 1,937 marginally. 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 enlisted to facilitate Ebola awareness creation at the community level. Follow up information on Ebola prevention was provided to 337 persons in Mbandaka and 41 in Bikoro health zone, from the community groups already reached earlier in the response, to reinforce their capacity. Going forward, efforts will be directed toward capacity reinforcement and enlisting of any new individuals.

In the last reporting period, an additional 48,573 at-risk population received Ebola prevention information 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, a total of 596,064 (63% coverage) of the 942,713-targeted population at-risk population have been reached as of now.

As part of the communication in support of vaccination, during the last week, 191 persons were informed of the benefits of the Ebola vaccination and were vaccinated in accordance with protocols, thus reaching a total of 3,330 persons. The eligible persons were reached with information and counselling by UNICEF communication experts, as UNICEF continues to lead the communication component of the vaccination exercise. According to the protocol, the ring vaccination targets front-line health workers, people who have been exposed to confirmed EVD cases and contacts of these contacts.

An additional 45 households that presented wrong perceptions about Ebola and/or resistance to Ebola vaccination benefitted from personalized house visits to address their concerns in the last seven days. Additional information from the KAP survey completed last week would be provided in the next update by when the analysis would be completed.

Key activities in the last seven days:

- 1,535 Ebola prevention pamphlets and 86 Ebola posters were distributed in Mbandaka city, Iboko, and Itipo health zones
- Three video forum on Ebola prevention were aired and reached 1,676 persons
- Eight soccer balls were distributed by UNICEF to young soccer players in Iboko health zones, to take advantage of the on-going world cup competition to mobilize young people to receive Ebola prevention information and address resistance against the Ebola response
- Analysis of the knowledge, attitude and practice survey undertaken last week is on-going

Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)

All the 75 targeted 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. Specifically, the remaining 8 health facilities targeted for the support were reached during the reporting period. Efforts are, however, in place to consolidate on the achievements through the installation of water bore holes in strategic health facilities in the affected health zones. An additional 35 hand washing facilities were installed in community sites (port, market places, offices, etc.), reaching 431 community sites² since the onset of the response.

² Adjusted to reflect additional community sites for hygiene promotion identified during implementation following the complete coverage of the original set target of 336 sites

During the reporting period, additional needs³ in access to safe water sources resulted in an upward review of the target from 135,135 to 206,500 people. Thus, by providing safe water access to additional 38,693 persons in the last week, UNICEF's support has enabled access to safe water sources to a total of 141,503 individuals (69% coverage) out of the new target of 206,500 people.

A total of 313 (76% coverage) out of the targeted 410 schools in the affected health zones were provided with handwashing kits, by reaching an additional 8 schools during the reporting period. While students are nearing the end of the school year, UNICEF and partners reached additional 1,726 students and 356 teachers with Ebola prevention messages during the week. The efforts have resulted in a total of 104,031 (87% coverage) out of the targeted 119,680 students reached. In addition, a total of 5,260 teachers⁴ have been reached since the beginning of the response. To sustain progress made in the schools, UNICEF has prioritized schools in the affected health zones for the installation of sustainable water sources⁵ and handwashing points.

Key activities in the last seven days:

- 308,890 liters of water were chlorinated at 20 chlorination points in Mbandaka and Wangata
- 35m³ of water trucking were provided to the Regional General Hospital of Mbandaka and the health facilities in Wangata; and 500 liters of water were provided to health facilities in Ikoko Impenge, in Bikoro health zone
- 300 Aquatabs were distributed to households in Mooto health area of Bikoro health zone
- Ten emergency latrines and showers were constructed in five health facilities in Bikoro health zone
- In the Iboko health zone, six handwashing points were installed together with temperature control points
- Seven houses were disinfected by Oxfam in Iboko health zone. UNICEF provided chlorine and logistic support for the exercise.
- Two new water pumps were installed and 14 water pumps were rehabilitated in the health area of Wenga and Bondongo, in Iboko health zone

Child Protection and Psychosocial Care

The child protection response has been expanded to provide support to families of both confirmed cases and probable cases reported in the affected health zones. During the reporting period, an additional 5 targeted families, including children, received food and other essential materials to support them while they are under the follow up period. The kit includes cloth material, cooking utensils, clothes, soap, mats, buckets, mosquito nets, and a ration of food items. Overall 53 (100%) out of the targeted 53 affected families with confirmed and probable cases were reached. UNICEF's approach to children orphaned by Ebola is to promote community based support for the children in their extended families.

Despite the reduction in the number of contacts reported due to the progress in the outbreak response, UNICEF and partners have provided a total of 211 contacts, including children, with protection and psychosocial kit. An additional 92 contacts were reached during the reporting period.

Key activities in the last seven days:

- 60 orphans were identified in Bikoro and their social conditions are currently being analysed
- 612 households and 12 persons received psychological counselling in Iboko and Bikoro health zones

Supply & 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 \$1,012,252.05 to USD1,039,014.

³ Adjusted to reflect additional needs identified during implementation and to complement the increase in the number of target health facilities recorded in the last report

⁴ Teachers in two other health zones in Mbandaka, other than Wangata health zone, where suspect cases of Ebola were reported were targets for Ebola prevention information, following realization of the original target of 4,452 teachers

⁵ Twenty-two (22) schools have been targeted for the installation of boreholes

The CO issued a [press release on UNICEF’s response in community communication, WASH and psychosocial care](#). Another [press release focusing on the funding status of UNICEF’s response plan](#), was issued following the confirmation of the financial contribution of the Japan Government for the response. Press coverage of the UNICEF’s response to the Ebola crisis includes [Africa No 1](#), [Digital congo.net](#), [Congo Actu](#), [VOA News](#), [AA](#), [Reliefweb](#), [Jeune Afrique](#), [TV5](#), [Irin](#).

Since the beginning of the Ebola-outbreak the CO posted 25 articles on its [blog](#) and published 16 posts on [Facebook](#), 20 pictures on [Instagram](#) and [tweeted](#) 151 messages.

Human Resources

Since the beginning of the response, a total of 37 UNICEF staff members has been deployed to Equateur Province, Mbandaka, Bikoro, Itipo, and Iboko, to support the Ebola response plan. In addition, 11 staff members in Kinshasa continue to provide central level coordination support.

Funding

The total UNICEF requirement for the Ebola response of USD 11.5 million is currently funded up to USD 8.78 million. The Ebola response is in line with the 2018 DRC Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) appeal which has a total funding requirement of USD 268 million.

Key donors to the UNICEF response include CERF (USD 400,000), USAID (USD 2 Million), CIDA (Canadian Dollar 400,000 approximately USD 385,000) and JAPAN (\$700,000). In addition, UNICEF is supported by the Mercury Funds through US NatCom (USD 400,000), World Bank Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (USD 4.56 Million) and GAVI (USD 140,000). UNICEF also allocated USD 200,000 of its core resources as part of the initial response.

Additional funding of Euro 600,000 (approximately USD 710,269) has also been approved by ECHO to support the response.

Current funding gap of 48% remains in the risk communication component of the response. UNICEF is in discussion with WHO for the allocation of funds from available resources for the Ebola joint response plan to support communication activities.

Funding Requirements (as defined in the UNICEF component of the Joint Ebola Response plan and aligned to the UNICEF Humanitarian Appeal 2018)				
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds available	Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year*	\$	%
WASH	4,939,200	4,451,930	487,270	10%
Communication for Development (C4D)	3,663,686	1,904,700	1,758,986	48%
Psychosocial Support	1,475,440	1,430,000	45,440	3%
Operations support and Coordination costs + ICT	1,400,000	998,854	401,146	29%
Total	11,478,326	8,785,484	2,692,842	23%

* 'Funds received' does not include pledges

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Ebola Response Tracking Indicators

Equateur Province (27 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	1,941*	45
# 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	596,064	48,573
# of households presenting resistance for which personalized home visits were made to address <u>misperception about Ebola</u> or <u>resistance to vaccination</u>	146 [†]	146	45
# of listed eligible people for ring vaccination informed of the benefits of the vaccine and counselled on accepting the vaccine within required protocols.	3,330 [‡]	3,330	191
% of population surveyed who know at least 3 ways to prevent Ebola infection (from Rapid KAP studies)	80%	NA**	NA
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE			
# of <u>health facilities in affected health zones</u> provided with essential WASH services.	75	75	8
# of <u>schools in the affected health zones</u> provided with handwashing facilities	410	313	8
# of community sites (ports, market places, offices, etc.) in the affected health zones equipped with hand washing facilities	431 ^{††}	431	35
# of people with access to safe water in the affected health zones	206,500 ^{‡‡}	141,503	38,693
EDUCATION			
# of school children in affected health zones reached with Ebola prevention information	119,680	104,031	1,726
# of teachers in affected health zones briefed on Ebola prevention information	5,260 ^{**}	5,260	356
CHILD PROTECTION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT			
# of <u>affected families of confirmed and probable case</u> , including children, that receive protection and psycho social support kit	53 ^{***}	53	5
# of <u>contacts</u> , including children, that receive protection and psychosocial support kit	51	211 ^{†††}	92

* Reflecting marginal increase in community actors identified during implementation

† Adjusted based on the number of households presenting resistance

‡ Adjusted with the number of contacts, contact of contacts, and frontline workers identified for ring vaccination

** Report of the latest KAP survey report under finalization

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*** Aligned with the number of confirmed and probable cases (due to support for children who are orphaned due to Ebola

††† Result is cumulative since initiation of the activity. Note number of contact is on the decline as the response proceeds