



Ebola Virus Disease: Situation Report

15 September 2014

Highlights

- Up until 11 September, the cumulative total of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases stood at 2,527, with 1,349 cumulative EVD deaths

Sub Regional Update

- The number of EVD cases continues to rise in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Liberia.

Countries	Date	EVD cases		Death cases	
		Confirmed, probable, and suspected	(of which) Confirmed	Confirmed, probable, and suspected	(of which) Confirmed
Guinea	9-Sep	885	703	568	413
	11-Sep	909	726	571	416
	12-Sep	913	729	577	422
Sierra Leone	9-Sep		1305		433
	10-Sep		1341		436
	11-Sep		1367		445
Nigeria	8-Sep	20	19	7	7
	10-Sep	21	19	8	7
	13-Sep	21	19	8	7
Liberia (2nd Epidemic)	9-Sep	2348	788	1252	548
	10-Sep	2407	790	1296	563
	11-Sep	2527	790	1349	584

Sierra Leone

- On 13 September, a Sierra Leonean doctor working on EVD reportedly died, constituting the fourth doctor to have died of EVD in the country.
- On 13 September, the media reported that health workers at the Bo Government Hospital were on strike.
- In the Western Area, it was reported that there were insufficient beds to isolate suspected cases. Patients were therefore being cared for in the community. Healthcare was also limited to non-EVD sick children, following the closure of the Children's Hospital.

Liberia

Situation Overview

- According to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MoHSW), up until 11 September, the cumulative total of suspected, probable and confirmed cases of EVD in Liberia was 2,527, including an updated total of 790 confirmed cases. The cumulative total of deaths stood at 1,349, including 584 confirmed EVD related deaths. These are the most updated figures released by the MoHSW.

Current Situation

Data for the second outbreak only. Based on MoHSW EVD SitRep 119, 11 September 2014

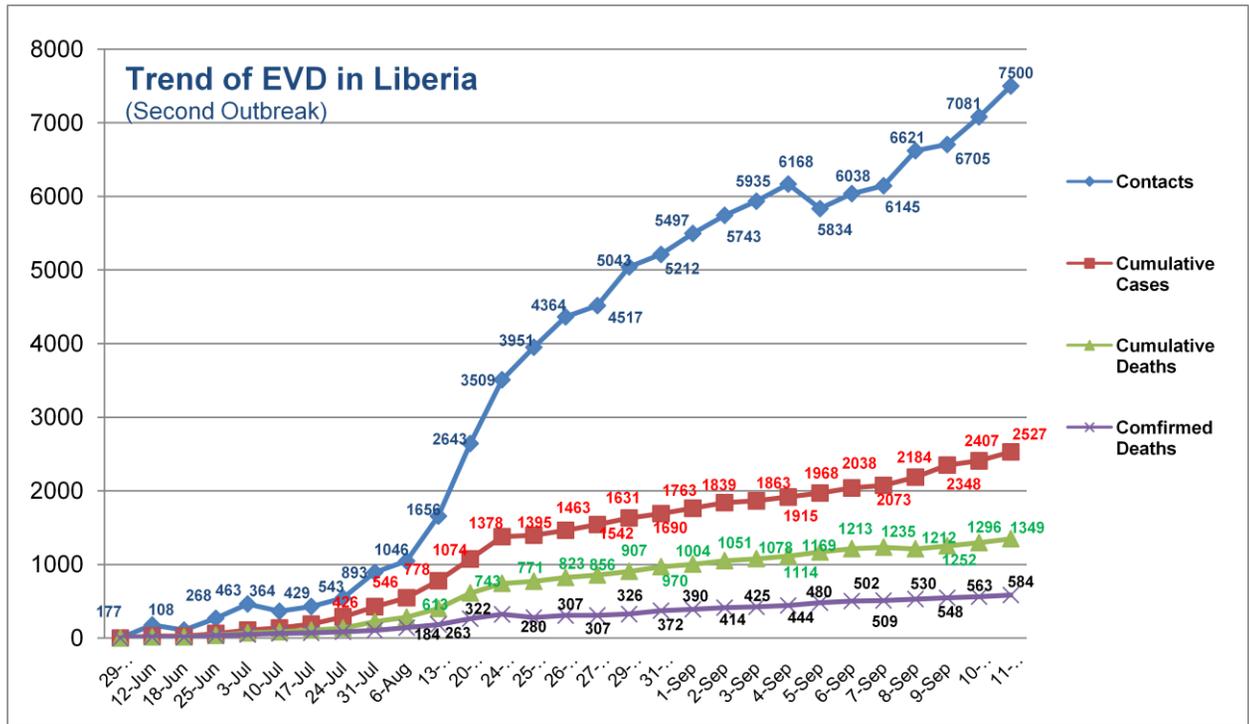
Region	EVD Cases		EVD Deaths		Contacts
	Cumulative	Confirmed	Cumulative	Confirmed	
Montserrado	917	352	564	290	4234
Lofa	699	260	371	169	391
Margibi	410	33	170	34	1287
Bong	194	44	56	12	534
Nimba	141	47	91	32	544
Bomi	81	33	51	27	332
Grand Bassa	46	13	19	13	61
Grand Cape Mount	16	6	14	6	80
River Gee	9	0	5	0	9
Maryland	6	0	4	0	6
Sinoe	3	1	1	1	16

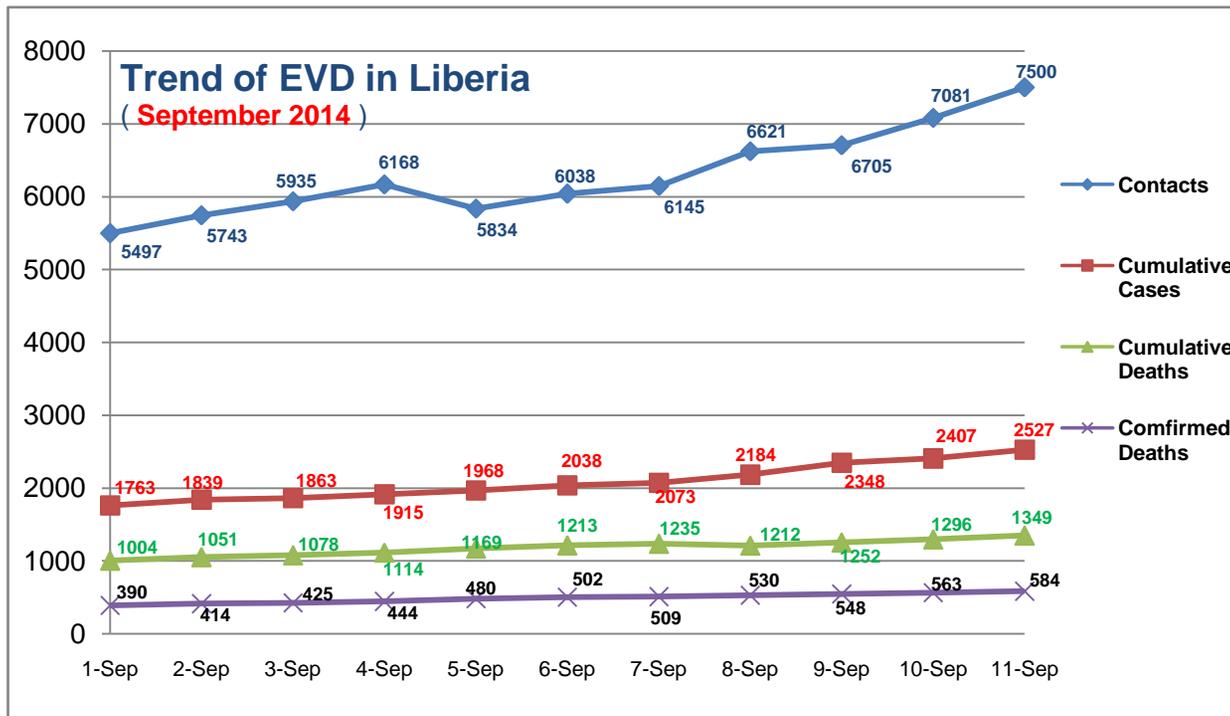
Grand Gedeh	3	0	2	0	0
River Cess	1	1	1	0	6
Gbarpolu	1	0	0	0	0
LIBERIA	2527	790	1349	584	7500

There is a strong likelihood that statistics underestimate the true magnitude and spread of the disease (especially for contact tracing), as concealment of suspected and probable EVD cases is very common, individually as well as on community level.

- On 10 September, the United States Government announced additional funding of USD 10 million (following its previously committed USD 100 million) to support the EVD effort. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) also announced it would make available USD 75 million in extra funds. The additional funding from USAID will be used for transportation and support for 100 additional healthcare workers. USAID funding has already provided for 130,000 sets of personal protective equipment, 50,000 hygiene kits and 1,000 new beds.
- On 12 September, the media reported that according to the Assistant Minister for Preventive Services, the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Government, was working to complete a 120-bed facility at the former Island Clinic located on the Bushrod Island in Monrovia

by 17 September.





UNHCR update

- UNHCR's partner for urban refugee programmes, Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH), organized and trained 30 community awareness raisers/contact tracers for urban refugees in Montserrado County, in collaboration with the MoHSW.
- The UNHCR Field Office in Saclepea, Nimba County, continued its awareness campaign on EVD in the Bahn refugee camp, in collaboration with the Liberia Refugees Repatriation and Resettlement Commission and implementing partners.

UNICEF update

- The epicentre of the EVD outbreak shifted from Foya, Lofa County, where the rate of reported cases appeared to be lessening, to Monrovia, Montserrado County.
- Training for County Health Teams in infection control commenced as part of efforts to reopen health facilities nationwide.
- A third international EVD laboratory was opened in Foya, Lofa County.

- Together with Liberian partner NGOs, Community Initiative Services (CIS) and Liberia Cares for Humanity (LICH), UNICEF continued the distribution of 9,000 hygiene kits to West Point in Monrovia. The kits will benefit 45,000 people. Distribution was conducted alongside WFP food distribution.
- UNICEF, together with the MoHSW, WHO and other key partners, conducted a refresher Training of Trainers for 42 Master Trainers who will support UNICEF-funded training, including training of over 2,000 general Community Health Volunteers in all 15 counties for their door-to-door messaging.
- Fifteen children who were affected by EVD were receiving psychosocial support through UNICEF-supported projects, and 23 orphaned and abandoned child “contacts” and children of survivors had been reintegrated into their families or placed in appropriate alternative care services.
- UNICEF’s funding needs for the next six months increased exponentially and was estimated to be around USD 75 million. This would be formalized through a revised UN appeal in the coming days. Against the revised appeal, the funding gap would rise to USD 72.7 million. International support was urgently needed to rapidly scale up activities to reverse the trajectory of the outbreak.

International response

- [World Food Programme](#): On 15 September, the World Food Programme, as part of the accelerated response to EVD, announced the acceleration of its emergency food and nutrition assistance to support 353,000 people in Guinea for a period of six months.

**County EVD Incident Tracking
08-14September 2014**

County	HOFO/OiC	Tel Ext	Incidents/Reports
BOMI Tubmanburg	Frances Alesi	7537/0770319009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the week under review, 11 new – 09 probable, 02 suspected – cases of EVD were reported. Five (05) new deaths among probable cases were recorded during the week. • As of 12 September 2014, a total of 82 EVD cases (suspected, probable, and confirmed) have been recorded in Bomi County – 33 confirmed positive, 43 probable, and six (06) suspected; a total 50 deaths of which 27 among confirmed positive giving a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 66%. 14 EVD patients are currently admitted at the Quarantine Unit at LGH-Tubmanburg and 16 deaths so far from the Quarantine Unit since opening on 18 August 2014. There are 230 total contacts listed, 158 currently under follow-up, 54 completed 21-days follow-up, and two (02) contacts lost. • During the week under review, one (01) EVD survivor who had been under the management of Bomi County Health Team EVD Case Management was officially reunified with her family on 12 September 2014. The reunification ceremony conducted by the County Task Force on Ebola and attended by members of the Bomi Legislative Caucus. The EVD Survivor, 24, a mother of two, and resident of Harmon Hill in Tubmanburg Bomi County, is the second survivor from Bomi County with the first survivor having been referred in July 2014 to ELWA Treatment Unit in Monrovia for further management and later discharged. The young woman has identified psychosocial counselling and recreational activities, such as entertainment, as important to keeping the faith of patients. She credited her success story to the Bomi County Health Team, but said the first intervention made by an AFL Officer in charge of the AFL detachment in Tubmanburg who offered her drinking water and food for the first three days after abandonment by her community greatly restored her strength.

			<p><i>Response Interventions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the week under review, Bomi County Health Team in collaboration with Technical Team from WHO conducted various trainings and sensitisation on EVD from 08 – 12 September 2014 supported through UNMIL Quick Impact projects for Ebola Response in Bomi County. The activities included one-day training for EVD Case Management Team attended by 20 participants (12 males and 08 females) which focused on contact and case definition and documentation of cases and contacts; Training of Trainers for County and District level Facilitators attended by 16 (07 males and 09 females) health care workers; County-level stakeholders sensitisation workshop attended by 25 participants (18 males, 07 females); and District-level training of General Community Health Volunteers (gCHVs) and health care workers attended by 200 participants (100 gCHVs and 100 HCWs). The trainings focused on signs and symptoms of EVD, prevention of EVD, infection control, preparation of chlorine and chloride solution, and clinical management of EVD for HCWs. The door-to-door sensitisation by gCHVs funded by UNMIL QIP commences 15 September 2014. • During the week, BCHT received 200 sets of Ebola PPE, 10 buckets of Chlorine (10kg each), surgical, exam and heavy duty gloves, back sprayers provided by the MOHSW. The provision has temporarily alleviated the acute shortage of these supplies which has been facing the Bomi Health System. Bomi CHO informed that distribution of the requisite supplies to various health facilities across Bomi County will commence 15 September 2014. • During the week under review, Women Campaign International, a nongovernmental organisation donated LD 40,000.00 to supplement food and hygiene materials for the EVD affected households in Joseph Town, Tubmanburg, Bomi County. <p><i>EVD-Related Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 specimens from suspected and probable EVD cases were sent for laboratory analysis to the National Reference
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			<p>Laboratory and results still pending for over one week. The delay in relay of results to the County impedes response decisions including further management of cases and isolation family members and households at community level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the week under review, the Ebola Holding Facility at LGH-Tubmanburg was overwhelmed with EVD cases recording 15 cases at the 12-bed capacity Unit. There is need to urgently expand the facility, with increasing calls for a treatment centre to be established at LGH-Tubmanburg in view of continuous upsurge in the number of reported cases and no referrals being made to treatment centres in Monrovia due to limited space in those facilities. • During the week under review, FPIO reported that residents of Joseph Town and Harmon Hill Communities in Tubmanburg have alleged that they are stigmatised and abandoned, leading to denial of basic health and social services, including safe drinking water, food and restriction to participate in county development initiatives in the wake of the Ebola Epidemic. The situation prompted an emergency meeting on 11 September 2014 with the Bomi County Superintendent who expressed regrets about the situation saying the matter will be investigated and action taken. The Bomi County Superintendent admonished citizens to be truthful about their health status, emphasizing honesty and prevention as simple means by which the Ebola disease can be contained. Earlier, there were reports that residents were tight lipped about the sick, prompting a rigorous screening by the BCHT. Many EVD cases recorded in Bomi County have been coming from these two communities. However, a spokesperson of the community said that the action of one person must not affect the innocent majority.
<p>BONG Gbarnga</p>	<p>Moses Abimbola Orogade</p>	<p>7466/0770319866</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 50-bed Ebola Treatment Centre constructed by the Save the Children in Bong County has been turned over to the Government of Liberia. The 170 thousand-US dollar fully furnished center located in Suakoko District, has separate units for confirmed as well as suspected cases, in addition to laundry, water, electricity and toilet facilities. There is also a facility for health workers; and other for visitors. Making the

			<p>presentation, Acting Country Director of Save the Children, Mercy Gichuhi expressed the determination of the Save the Children to support the government of Liberia to deal with Ebola Virus situation, announcing that her organization had so far contributed 350 thousand US dollars towards the containment of the disease in Liberia. Ms. Gichuhi appealed to all partners working on the disease to ensure that children are put at the heart of all interventions. Bong County Senior Senator Jewel Howard-Taylor commended the Save the Children for the center, and called for special attention for children who lost their parents through the Ebola disease. Dr. Adam Levin, a member of the International Medical Corps that will manage the center, disclosed that the center would be fully operational on 15 September, and that they would be working in close collaboration with the County Health Team and other partners. For her part, Bong County Superintendent Selena Polson Mappy paid glowing tribute to individuals and international partners as well as civil society organizations that had in diverse ways contributed to the efforts to contain the disease in the county. She, however, warned that the county administration would drastically deal with any group that exploits the unfortunate Ebola situation to make money, urging all groups interested in assisting the county to liaise with either her office or the County Health Team. Also speaking at the ceremony was the head of the Bong County Health Team, Dr. Sampson Arzoaquoi, who called for the intensification of public awareness-creation on the disease in every community in the county, adding that there was the need for a system to be put in place to secure communities which had so far not been touched by the disease. UNMIL's contribution to the establishment of the center was the provision of two containers for storing building materials and grading of the road to the center. In addition, UNMIL will be making available two 7.5 KVA generators to the center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On 14 September, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf conducted one day assessment visit to Bong County. The President called for strategic partnership between government and community in the fight against the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Liberia. She met with cross-section of health workers in the county at the Phebe Hospital, where she
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disclosed that her primary reason for the visit was to identify and sympathize with the health workers for the loss of their colleagues who died as a result of the EVD. The President lauded and appreciated the efforts of health workers throughout the country for their dedication and tireless efforts in the fight against the EVD. President Sirleaf assured the health practitioners that government fully understand their plight, and has resolved to address those challenges. Meanwhile, the head of the Health Workers Association Bong Chapter, Ms. Martha Morris presented the concerns of the health workers to the President, which includes but not limited to; incentives and insurance for health workers, adequate personnel protective equipment (PPE), satisfactory benefits for the children and family members of their deceased colleagues. Furthermore, Ms. Morris expressed the willingness of health workers in the Bong County to return to work, but, indicated that their return would not be possible in the absence of their Risk Benefit as well as the opening of the newly constructed Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU). President Sirleaf also visited the ETU, C. B. Dunbar Maternity Hospital, and the Gbarnga Stadium, where tents for withholding units are being constructed.

- **UNMIL OIP on Ebola**

During the reporting week, the UNMIL Head of Field Office (HoFO) in Bong County, received 80 % (\$20,000:00) of approved funding for Ebola Quick Impact project in Bong County. On getting the fund, the HoFO held coordination meeting with substantive officers to fashion out strategies to execute the project without further delay. In order to speed up the implementation of the project, the Human Rights Officer and Judicial Officer were tasked to handle the procurement aspect of the project; while Public Information Officer was tasked to coordinate awareness raising component and Civil Affairs Officer/UNMIL Medical Officer were given the responsibility for coordinating Surveillance/Contact Tracing and Burial of Ebola victims component and the custody of the fund rested with the RAO. The need for allocating responsibilities becomes germane so as to implement the project within the stipulated time and to ensure transparency and accountability. Meanwhile, the key stakeholders such as Ebola Task Force and County Health Team were duly informed and carried along in the implementation of the project.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the reporting week, the UNICEF provided supplies to commence work at the holding center located in Sports Stadium in Gbarnga. Also, the County Health Team carried out assessment of Cuttington University and Phebe Hospital laboratory for USA Military Ebola testing facility. In a related development, the NGO called Global Communities has expressed intention to take over contact tracing aspect of EVD in Bong County.
<p>GBARPOLU Bopolu</p>	<p>Wiz Wistern Chihota</p>	<p>8857/0886565135</p>	<p><i>Surveillance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Maternah Sirleaf (female) came for treatment at Jallah Lone Health Centre for a headache six days after her arrival to Dukulyah from Monrovia. She is said to have lost a sister who lived in Bonjor community in Monrovia to EVD. She went to Bonjor after the burial of her sister and spent 7 days with the family in the same house. After she left the house, all the six people who handled the body of the dead sister are said to have fallen sick and one of them has already died, the other five have been admitted to ELWA Centre for treatment. She is currently quarantined in Dukuly community in Bopolu District. • Aliu Masaleh is reported to have travelled from Redhill Field - Monrovia through Bopolu to Jungle James Mining Camp by a motorcyclist (Not yet identified). He lost his wife (Mawa Masalleh and 2 children to EVD), even the imam who presided over the burial succumbed to EVD. He went to reside at Kenekene's home (popularly known as Moneyman) in jungle James Camp. The surveillance team traced him through the camp leadership and brought him today (13 September) to Jallah Lone Hospital where he is being quarantined now. • In Totoquelleh town (Bopolu district) two persons: Sekou Gbessay; a health worker in Totoquelleh health facility and his brother Verley Gbessay are reported to have lost two relatives to EVD (confirmed) in Monrovia. They returned four days ago and have been quarantined in the community since Wednesday, 10 September, 2014.

- On Thursday afternoon, 11 September 2014 reports from Kongba was that a person had died in Tima village in Kongba district to EVD and that the communities were dispersing /leaving the village. The CHO immediately dispatched 6 officers in 3 motorcycles since this place cannot be accessed by vehicles. These included the burial team and surveillance. There is no communication network in the district apart from one spot. So verifying such information on spot was a challenge. However, feedback received on Friday from the teams dispatched was that this was just a hoax.
 - One James Williams travelled from Bomi to Gokala on 08 September after his step mother succumbed to EVD and the father died yesterday (11 September, 2014). They were lived in Vai and Dangbalah towns. He then travelled to Gokala to live with his grandfather Bondo Yapaulo for fear of being quarantined. He was intercepted by community and is currently quarantined at Gokala.
 - Two other persons (male and female siblings) and currently being quarantined at the Jallah Lone Health Centre after they travelled to Bomi to pick a 9 year old relative who lost the guardian to EVD. They were intercepted as they travelled by motorcycle to Kingba in Bopolu District. The child was later on sent back to Bomi with the cyclist and it was confirmed that she is back to the quarantine in Bomi. They are being offered food and psychosocial support.
 - ***QIP's Updates.***
Four project proposals were submitted: Formation of EVD District Task Forces; EVD Awareness Control and prevention; Formation of contact tracing and case tracking teams; and Construction of an EVD Holding Unit. Funding has been approved and received for the construction of the holding unit and the awareness program. The other two are still undergoing approval assessment process. Preparations for implementation of the already funded projects are in high gear and ready to take off.
- Observation:*** Mobilization of the local materials for holding room construction has already begun and EVD Awareness Control and

			<p><i>prevention training teams have been prepared.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>GRAND BASSA Buchanan</p>	<p>Oliver Baka'di</p>	<p>7815/0770319704</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the weekly Ebola taskforce meeting held on 11 September 2014, the Chairman of Grand Bassa Ebola Taskforce Dr. Kerkula informed the meeting that, there has been some improvement in contact tracing and between 9-11September, there was 4 deaths with 2 confirmed and 2 blood specimens taken for testing. It was encouraging due to early treatment, 3 survivors who tested acute positive were discharged from the hospital. LIBINCO and Bassa University Students Union made donations to Taskforce to combat Ebola in the county. The representative of World Health Organization, Dr. Frank J. Lule appraised the commitment of the health workers and the citizens understanding and ownership of the fight against Ebola adding that burial of the bodies will not be a danger if the teams are well trained and aware of prevention measures. Comment: <i>Office the Superintendent was urged to draft an MOU with the districts superintendents/Commissioners on the use of the five thousand US Dollars (5,000.00) given to them for awareness and sensitization and to work collaboratively with districts health team and the trained local CSOs/CBOs assigned by CONCERN for effective Ebola control. Taskforce Team must remain focus and avoid manipulation by politicians.</i> • In an effort to prevent health workers form contracting EVD, the Administration of the Liberia Government Hospital in Buchanan reduced its working force from 133 to just only 60 and the rest were asked stay home with pay and incentives. The affected health workers accused the hospital Administration of witch-hunted and that they were targeted for expressing concerns about their professional motivational package. The Medical Director, Dr. Myers Pajebo informed UNMIL that staff reduction or creation of skeleton staff was

			<p>not based on witch hunting or staff for expressing concerns but primarily to reduce the risk of contracting Ebola virus amongst health care service providers in line with national policy. Besides, there has been a dramatic reduction in patient case load at the hospital hence Administration deemed it necessary to reduce the number of staff for effective service delivery during the Ebola crisis. They will resume duties when the Ebola crisis subsided. Comment: <i>Health workers need to be assured that they are still bonfire employees with full benefits though they are not physically working as a precautionary measure.</i></p> <p>QIPs During the week under review UNMIL Field Office (CDG, UNPOPL, and HRP) in collaboration with Grand Bassa Ebola Taskforce has submitted a UNDP proposal to compliment QIPs Project to combat Ebola in the county.</p>
<p>GRAND CAPE MOUNT Robertsport</p>	<p>Anne Ogbigbo</p>	<p>8903/0770319610</p>	<p>On 10 September the County Superintendent and the County Health Office chaired the Ebola Task Force coordination meeting in Sinje (Garwula District). As well as the usual membership, also present was Dr. Kalu, and UNMIL. The update on EVD in the County was as follows:</p> <p>Contacts Tracing Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two deaths reported this week: one confirmed case in Gohn and a probable case in Tieni, a Fula man from Monrovia. He was on his way to Sierra Leone, showed EVD symptoms and died there, but no specimen was taken from the corpse. • The call center received only 9 calls during the week under review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 from Garwula District: one from Gohn over a dead body and one from Danielstown. At present 11 people are in quarantine presently, while 14 are not because there is no car to take food to them. ○ 5 from Tewor District: 2 from Bo Waterside, 3

			<p>from Tieni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One from Porkpa District over a dead body at Bendajah, where 20 people are now in quarantine. ○ One from Gola Konneh District, from Gbeni. The patient is currently admitted in Sinje health center for miscarriage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two quarantined people from Uptown showed symptoms, but the County Health Team could not say when the patients would be transferred to Monrovia. A woman who bathed and dressed the corpse of a suspected case in Bendajah died on 5 September, very likely from EVD, though again no specimen was taken from her dead body. • Currently some 69 people are being followed as contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Porkpa: Dambala 33, Boma 2, plus 6 general community health volunteers (GCHVs). ○ Tewor: Jenewonde 18, but all broke the quarantine rules. ○ Commonwealth: Robertsport 10, plus by 2 GCHVs ○ Garwula: Gohn Zoduah 25, plus by 1 GCHV and 1 community drug distributor (CDD). It transpired during the meeting that people in Gohn Zoduah continue to deny the existence of EVD. <p>The food distribution team reported that on their way to Congo Mano River, a man attacked the team in Tieni, standing in front of the car to stop it passing. He said that they did not need medicine but food. The County Surveillance Officer reported that his team has been facing problems.</p> <p>Observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GCM legislators have never attended EVD Taskforce meetings but would rather call local radio stations to report on the amount of the money allocated by MoH to the County Taskforce. This has been creating a distraction and distrust between the Task Force and local people.</i> • <i>Acting HoFO observed that the teams working on EVD often seem to be more interested in how much they can get from the money received from the international community than in working to stop the spread of EVD in the County. MTI reported that it was hard for the County Health Team to accompany them on the sensitization program as they want to be paid a DSA before they move.</i> <p>Action:</p>
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GRAND GEDEH Zwedru	Aminu Shittu	7616/0770319893	
GRAND KRU Barclayville	Raju Sarkar	8401/0770319340	<p>On 13 September 2014- Grand Kru CHT reported a situation in Paluken, Grand Kru:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 deaths (2 relatives of the first deceased women , the health care worker and his son) - 8 person's ill of which 5 in critical condition (vomiting, diarrhea). - One of the individuals, a motorcyclist who transported the deceased health care worker, is also bleeding from nose and mouth. - CHT took 5 specimens of the most critical patients. <p>CHT informed that sending the specimens to Monrovia is a big challenge; they have to be in Monrovia within 3 days.</p>
LOFA Voinjama	Ramany Choun	7908/0776781061	
MARGIBI	Ivan Kotov	8764/0770319138	World Health Organization (WHO) reported that it had sponsored

<p>Kakata</p>	<p>Tawah Blamah-Flomo</p>	<p>8756/0886557626</p>	<p>15 health workers training to a 5 day case management workshop in Monrovia. The Head of the UN Field Office informed of the commencement of the implementation of the UNMIL/QIP on Ebola Prevention and Containment.</p> <p>C.H. Rennie Hospital which was closed in August 2014 as a result of the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus which has claimed the lives of 21 health workers was officially opened on Wednesday, 3 of September 2014. However the hospital is still not admitting patients as paintings are still carried on. Additional equipment for the Hospital has been received from Ministry of Health.</p> <p>The EVD update for 8-11September 2014, as communicated at the meeting by the CHT was as follows: New cases- 95; confirmed EVD cases-5; probable cases -64; suspected cases -26; new contacts-177; new deaths -27.</p> <p>Following assessment by the Ministry of Health, the quarantine of Dolo's Town has been lifted as of 9 September 2014. In this regard, HRO paid a routine visit to quarantine- free Dolo's Town on Thursday 11 of September to accurately document post quarantine situation obtaining there. In discussion with the town's chief he informed that 40 children who lost their parents have been rejected from the communities and were sheltering in a public school, without food. They are outcasts as a result of the virus. However Save the Children have rescued them and turned them over to an orphanage on the Roberts Field Highway. HRO visited the Ebola Data Unit at Rennie Hospital and recorded the following data: Cases up 11 September -352, Suspected cases-132, Confirmed cases-170. It was revealed that 24 health workers have lost their lives within Margibi County. Five recovered from the virus</p>
<p>MARYLAND Harper</p>	<p>Thomas Mtaisi</p>	<p>8609/0770319884</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Health Center in-charge, quarantined individuals in Pleebo isolation center, some of them are reportedly suffering from illnesses of vomiting and joint pain. The CHT allegedly has not paid adequate attention in terms of supporting the isolation center to make it a decent center. The isolation center lacks basic supplies of water, health and sanitation. Currently, it is under shortage of water and quarantined persons are surviving on the basic supplement diet provided by WFP only. The Pleebo City Mayor also corroborated this information

			<p>and stressed on the need to do more for the welfare of the quarantined persons to have positive impact on the lives of the quarantined persons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 10 September, BPU Officer who had arrived from Monrovia in the Truck that was carrying a consignment of rice for ‘Golden Verolieum Company’ was sent back to Monrovia due to reluctance of the County Task Force to accommodate suspected cases rather than motivating and counselling individuals to be kept in the quarantine centers for the benefit of suspected individuals and the population in general. This clearly reflects that people have deep stigmatization of Ebola and are not supportive to break the chain of transmission of EVD. <i>Comment: While the County Task Force should be active in the surveillance system, they should have been equally willing to support suspected individuals of Ebola to go through quarantine process through motivational approach for the benefit of general people including victim himself along with standard quarantine centers established. This will encourage suspected individuals of EVD signs and symptoms to voluntarily test for Ebola thereby helping the national process to contain the Ebola outbreak by breaking the chain of transmission of EVD.</i>
<p>MONTSERRADO Monrovia</p>	<p>Lena Sagnia (Ms) Nejwa Khalil (Ms)</p>	<p>3830/0770319682 6730/0770319537</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Thursday 11 September 2014 an unidentified sick man was dropped at the premises of the residence of the County Superintendent in Paynesville, outside Monrovia. She expressed disappointment over the incidence. The unknown person was dropped off during the night and was discovered only in the morning of the following day with symptoms of fever. He was removed from the compound later in the day. She reported the incident to the MIA and the Red Cross and requested that the premises be fumigated as a matter of urgency. However, up to the time of writing this report, the fumigation has not been effected.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FO has been informed that the Ebola virus has struck Todee District, the only district in Montserrado County that was uninfected up until last week. The County Superintendent reported the sad state of affairs and the action being taken to contain the epidemic. Gwee Town, in Todee District, was quarantined last week following the death of two persons, suspected of EVD (a woman and her child). The County Health Officer and team as well as the County Superintendent are visiting the Pleemu Health Center today to assess the level of rehabilitation of the facility and possible use as an EVD Holding Center. • QIP's Two additional proposals on EVD Sensitization and Awareness Creation were submitted to QIP: one project to be funded by UNMIL QIP project while the second project is to be funded by QIP/UNDP budget. Montserrado Field Office in total submitted 5 projects. Two IPs started the preparatory work during the week under review. FO is expecting to monitor some of the activities starting next week.
NIMBA Sanniquellie	Gibril Allan Turay	8034/0770319685	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 13 September 2014, the Nimba County Superintendent convened and chaired the County Ebola Taskforce regular meeting in Sanniquellie, The County Superintendent thanked the NGO Global Community for taking care of the entire EVD burial aspect in the county as it was the real big challenge. • The Superintendent requested the CHO to investigate how the three ambulance drivers contracted the disease for precaution measures in the future. It must be recalled that the two drivers from Saclepea and Sanniquellie Hospitals respectively died recently and another is still in Ebola Treatment Unit in Monrovia. • AML reported that the renovation of the Ganta holding centers

			<p>was completed and will be officially handed over on 15 September 2014, while the other one at G.W. Harley Hospital in Sanniquellie will be finished in approximately two weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNMIL briefed the participants on the ongoing implementation of the EDV QIP in support of the County Ebola Taskforce. • UNICEF informed that two new staff was deployed in Ganta and Sanniquellie as field coordinators to support the social mobilization team under the Community for Development Project. • It is worth mentioning that during the week under review, the Chairman of the Nimba County Legislative Caucus requested that the Nimba County Ebola Taskforce provide a comprehensive progressive report on how the 100,000.00US\$ from the SDF is being used to fight Ebola.
<p>RIVER CESS Cestos City</p>	<p>Wesley Natana</p>	<p>8701/0770319892</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rivercess county Ebola Response Taskforce held a meeting this week at the county administration conference hall under the Chairmanship of Hon. Sampson Ceiphas. During the meeting, co-chairman of the taskforce Dr. Wilmot Smith who is also the County Health Officer, informed members that, Ebola related contacts in Rivercess county has now reduced from 49 persons to seven persons. He however stated that lack of holding center for Ebola patients, ambulance for transportation of patients and motor cycles for contact tracing and listing remains a major challenge. • In a related development, a BIN officer has been admitted at the temporary holding center in Cestos city, after becoming sick and showing some signs and symptoms of Ebola. His blood sample has been taken on 14 September 2014 and sent to Monrovia for analysis and testing. • In another development, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has this week, disbursed a total sum of one hundred seven thousand one hundred and four United States dollars to Rivercess County Health and Social Welfare Team. Making a disclosure at the County Ebola Response Taskforce regular meeting on Friday, Rivercess County Health and Social Welfare Officer Dr. Wilmot Smith said, this amount is intended

			<p>to strengthen the capacity of County Health Team in its fight against Ebola. He added that this money is exclusively for the use of County Health and Social Welfare Team operations in line with an attached budget line. According to Dr. Smith, this amount will be used for vehicle maintenance, compensation of general community health volunteers, support to health facilities, and supervision, mobilization and surveillance activities among others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a separate development, World Health Organization (WHO) Foreign Experts assigned to Rivercess County held a one day consultative EBOLA Workshop for St. Francis Hospital Health Workers on 10th September 2014 in Cestos City. This one day EBOLA Case Management and Prevention Workshop in Cestos City trained and created awareness for more than 50 health workers on EVD cases prevention and management. According to the CHO, these experts will conduct similar training for all health workers throughout the county. Today 12th September 2014, the trainers move to Gbogeessay Town, Moweh Statutory District to conduct same training to health workers thereat.
<p>RIVER GEE Fish Town</p>	<p>Joshua Dapaah-Agyemang Lawrence Ubeujum</p>	<p>8806/0886565352 8802/0888597394</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In reference to the situation report published during the week by Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MoHSW), River Gee County joins the counties being regarded as EVD transmission Zones. • Access to health care services continues to be an alarming situation for River Gee citizens since the announcement of the first positive EVD case. Majority of medical facilities in the county are still closed and medical staffs are staying away. From information received, the County Chief Medical Officer (CMO) is trying to invigorate his staff and some still reluctant asking for good pay. It's worth to report that a large number of medical staffs in River Gee County claimed to have salary arrears and others are not yet placed on government payroll and therefore can't risk their lives. The CMO promised to update

			<p>UNMIL field support team on new measures after discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The maternal health department is operating with a minimal service but mechanisms have been put in place to support emergency delivery. The CHT has enough reproductive health kits from the H4+ project (H4+ is a joint UN project supporting maternal health for South Eastern region). No orphan resulting from the deaths associated with Ebola has been registered. One case which was under observation has been cleared after the 21 days.• It is worth to reecho that patients with similar symptoms like EVD continue to avoid seeking medical care because of lack of medical attention from health workers when they present themselves at various health centers in the county. Reliable sources informed Civil Affairs/CDG Officer that people are going to meet prayer leaders “prophets” and traditional herbalists. This constitutes a serious danger for sick people in particular and to souring communities. Local authorities have been alerted and have promised to take immediate action.• In a related development, the devastating economic effects of the Ebola crisis in Fishtown and other neighboring towns are now being felt. The cost of farm produce has double and shops are hardly getting supplies and feeder roads are getting worse as they are not maintained. The county revenue is going down as income tax collectors are not working. Meeting with one business man in Fishtown cellphone supplier, said that for the past two weeks, he has not been able to sell one telephone. This situation is taking a toll on the economic stability of families yet living in poor condition and the entire county in general.• On 12 September 2014, during County Ebola Tasks Force
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<p>SINOE Greenville</p>	<p>Corinna Vigier (Ms)</p>	<p>7711/0770319123</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The task force is yet to agree on the siting of a withholding center. Recently a site was selected in the vicinity of Panama Agriculture Center but significant work has to be done as per the Center for Disease Control advise, the recent visit of an Expert from the CDC has help the Task Force in getting all required steps in establishing the EVD Center; in addition series of trainings were conducted by the CDC Expert to build capacities of Local Health workers in order to have more responsive stand-by teams, training were offered to a total of 58 Health workers including Two medical doctors on case management and protection from infection while attending to suspects, given that when cases of the disease do appear, risk of transmission is increased within healthcare settings. Also World Health Organization (WHO) assigned a team of two experts in the County to provide day-to-day mentoring to the Sinoe County Task for a period of one month.