

The Ebola Crisis in West Africa

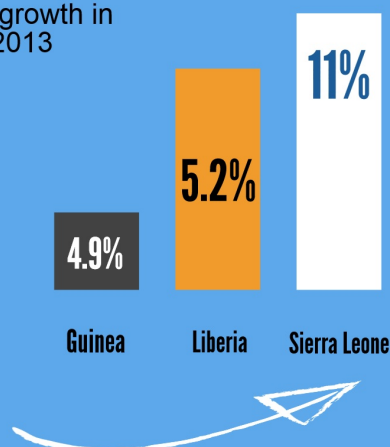


The socio-economic impact of the Ebola health crisis could last long after the disease has been brought under control.

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Economies slowing down

GDP growth in 2013



2% to 3.5%

Potential GDP loss in the three countries

\$US **328 million**

Funding shortfall for the governments of Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone.



Sierra Leone sacrificed **USD 20 mn** worth of infrastructure development.



Half of Liberia's concessions reporting reduced activity

90%

Decrease in fruit and vegetable exports from the Northeast of Guinea to neighboring countries

Livelihoods and development under threat



12% to 35% loss in household incomes in 6 months.



Only 1 in 5 people living with HIV in Sierra Leone are still receiving treatment.

Possible food insecurity in early 2015



School closures



UNDP's Response to the Ebola Crisis in West Africa

UNDP is working with the UN, led by UNMEER, to stop the epidemic and help countries recover from it. We are working at the regional and the country levels to make sure the situation doesn't escalate into a crippling socio-economic crisis.



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UNDP's Regional Response

Work with **ECOWAS**
to maintain open borders
among its Member States and
avoid a disruption of the sub-
region's integration process.

Preparedness plans in
non-affected countries

Worked with Ghana
and Senegal to open
humanitarian
corridors.



**Coordination of
UNCT response
with Regional
Directors**

Country Response

**Community mobilization and
outreach:**



Volunteers mobilized to raise awareness of how the disease is spread and what to do to stop it. In Sierra Leone, 500,000 have been reached through door to door campaigns. In Conakry, Guinea, police are trained to educate neighborhoods

**Stronger coordination and
service delivery:**



Logistical and financial support for national coordination units. In Liberia, provision of medical equipment, vehicles and telecommunications equipment for local counties

**Socioeconomic impact and
early recovery**



Bi-monthly reports on the socio-economic impact of Ebola. Preparation of a vast cash transfer programme with UNMEER in all three countries to help survivors, households and Ebola workers get back on their feet.