



Ebola Emergency Operations Centre Weekly Bulletin

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Key Decisions:

- The House to House Family sensitization on Ebola was approved by His Excellency the President of Sierra Leone Dr Ernest Bai Koroma and will be implemented from the 19th to the 21st September 2014
- The EOC leadership meetings schedule was revised to Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday whilst the pillar meetings will be held on a daily basis. The decision was made to dedicate more time to pillar deliberations and implementation of recommendations
- The EOC coordination team and pillars should develop Standard Operational Procedure to guide and define operations at national and district level
- Payment of allowances for contact tracers by government and partners should be harmonised to avoid operational challenges
- A strategy should be developed to monitor the operations of contact tracers so as to measure the output as well as ensure that suspected cases are traced

Major Achievements in the Fight Against Ebola:

- The WHO donated 1 vehicle for Ebola response to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation
- A total of 9 4 x4 vehicles from other MDAs were dispatched to Freetown (2), Port Loko (2), Kenema (2), Kailahun (2) and Bo (1) district to facilitate surveillance activities
- The country received a consignment of Infection Prevention and Control materials during the week including body bags from various partners
- The long awaited IPC specialist arrived into the country during the week. Trainings are expected to commence soon

Challenges we Faced this Week:

- Kenema and Kailahun treatment centres admitted patients to maximum bed capacity during the week
- Lakka mobile Laboratory experienced power outages during the week and 1 of the standby generators broke down
- Districts continue to experience ambulance shortages for transfer of patients
- Inadequate case management specialist

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Highlights of the Week:

- House to House sensitization campaign approved for implementation the 19th-21st September
- IPC Specialist arrived in country
- Kenema and Kailahun treatment centres reached maximum capacity

Headline Statistics: (at 8th September)

Cumulative number of confirmed cases 1,287

Cumulative total deaths 428

Cumulative total survivors 271

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