



African Union

Support to EBOLA outbreak in West Africa

ASEOWA

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The ASEOWA taskforce meets daily at the AU to ensure the success of the AU's intervention in the Ebola affected countries

“Ose to Ose” a success says Sierra Leone government

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of Sierra Leone announced on 21st September that after careful evaluation of the three days “Ose to Ose” (House to House Family Sensitization) on Ebola Campaign Ebola talk, from 19-21 September, it reached a conclusion that more than 75% of its intended target of reaching 1.5 million households across the country with the correct information on Ebola had been achieved.

There were 5 specific objectives: i.e. To reach 100% of households with correct information on Ebola; To increase community acceptance of Ebola affected persons especially children; To promote hand washing with soap at household level; To rebuild public confidence and trust in the health system; To install neighborhood watch structures at community level.

Liberia calls for speedy tackling of Ebola and thanks African Union for its efforts

Speaking at the UN Security Council, Liberia's Foreign Minister, Augustine Kpehe Ngafuan has urged the global community to act robustly and speedily in tackling the spread of the Ebola virus in West Africa.

Describing the impact of Ebola on Liberia as multidimensional, the Foreign Minister told the global gathering that the Ebola outbreak has distracted Liberia's attention from some key national priorities and has gravely undermined the country's ability to address the challenges, with the attendant risk of adversely affecting peace and security in Liberia and the region. He continued, "We thank the wider international community, including the African Union for all the effort and the resources (financial, human, and material) that have so far been dedicated to the fight against Ebola."

Norway pledges 2.75 million to ASEOWA

Norway has provided a further NOK 58.7 million to international efforts to combat the outbreak," Minister of Foreign Affairs Børge Brende said in a statement. (NOK 58.7 million is approximately equal to USD 9.2 million.)

As a part of this new funding to combat Ebola, Norway pledges NOK 17.5 million (approximately USD 2.75 million) in financial support to the African Union Support to Ebola Outbreak in West Africa (ASEOWA).

“The shortage of healthcare workers is critical. Norway’s support will enable the African Union to send a further 100 health workers to the affected areas,” said Mr Brende.

Country Case Statistical Update

Liberia (22 nd Sept) (Arrows indicate change since last newsletter update)	Sierra-Leone (24 th Sept) (Arrows indicate change since last newsletter update)	Guinea (22 nd Sept) (Arrows indicate change since last newsletter update)	Nigeria (22 nd Sept) (Arrows indicate change since last newsletter update)	DRC (21 st Sept) (Arrows indicate change since last newsletter update)	Senegal (22 nd Sept) (Arrows indicate change since last newsletter update)
New Confirmed Cases: 1(-) Total Confirmed Cases: 892 (↑ 8 cases) Cum Cases: 3362 (↑ 90 cases)	New Confirmed Cases: 41 (↓ 8 cases) Total Confirmed Cases: 1816 (↑ 71 cases) Cum Cases: 2021 (↑ 81 cases)	New Confirmed Cases: 14 (↓ 3 cases) Total Confirmed Cases: 832 (↑ 14 cases) Cum Cases: 1022 (↑ 14 cases)	New Confirmed Cases: 0 Total Confirmed Cases: 19 Cum Cases: 20 (-)	New Confirmed Cases: 0 (↓ 1 case) Total Confirmed Cases: 28 (-) Cum Cases: 68 (↓ 3 cases)	New Confirmed Cases: 0 (-) Total Confirmed Cases: 1 (-) Cum Cases: 1 (-)
New Deaths: 57 (↑ 8 cases) Confirmed Deaths: 761 (↑ 35 cases) Cumulative Deaths: 1768 (↑ 59 cases) CFR: 56.9% (↑ 0.8%)	New Confirmed Deaths: 8 (↑ 4 cases) Confirmed Deaths: 509 (↑ 7 cases) Cumulative Deaths: 557 (↑ 7 cases) CFR: 28% (↓ 1.5%) Source: Ministry of Health and Sanitation	New Deaths: 3 (↑ 3 cases) Confirmed Deaths: 468 (↑ 3 cases) Cumulative Deaths: 635 (↑ 8 cases) CFR: 62% (↓ 1%)	New Deaths: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 7 (-) Cumulative Deaths: 8 (-) CFR: 40% (-)	New Deaths: 0 (-) Confirmed Deaths: 15 (↑ 1 case) Cumulative Deaths: 41 (↑ 1 case) CFR: 61.2% (↑ 4.9%)	New Deaths: 0 (-) Confirmed Deaths: 0 (-) Cumulative Deaths: 0 (-) CFR: N/A

NEWSFLASH

- United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has announced the appointment of David Nabarro of the United Kingdom as his Special Envoy for Ebola and Anthony Banbury as his Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER).
- There should be no general ban on travel or trade with countries reeling from the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, independent health advisers to the World Health Organisation (WHO) have assessed.
- The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced that "There are currently no FDA-approved vaccines or prescription or over-the-counter drugs to prevent or treat Ebola." Three companies violating the FDA regulations have been issued warning notices. The firms were associated with promoting products which claim to cure or prevent Ebola infection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The AU Commissioner for Social Affairs Dr Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko will this week attend a meeting of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) on the need for the opening of the humanitarian corridor in ECOWAS member states.

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