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Support to EBOLA outbreak in West Africa

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African Union and the Sierra Leonean Ministry of Health and Sanitation Discharge More Ebola Survivors

65 percent survival rate recorded at Magbenteh treatment unit

The African Union (AU) together with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation of Sierra Leone has intensified efforts in the fight against the Ebola Viral Disease in Sierra Leone.

- 35 Ebola survivors were discharged on 24th of December 2014
- 6 survivors were discharged on the 17th of January 2015
- A total of 157 Ebola patients have been admitted to the Magbenteh Ebola Treatment Unit
- 101 have been treated and survived the disease
- This gives a 65 percent survival rate to the Treatment Unit
- The ETU has recorded a zero percent infection among its staff
- The ETU is performing even better with children, discharging 72.7% of children under five years of age as survivors
- Three pregnant women survivors are being followed up in their respective communities and still have viable fetus
- The ASEOWA team is involved in vigorous community engagement and information dissemination to enable communities to protect themselves. The aim is to respond in a timely manner, weaken the transmission of the EVD and save lives.
- The psychosocial team of the ASEOWA has kicked off the mapping of Ebola Survivors in Bombali District. The aim is to maintain a reliable data of survivors within the District, disaggregated according to survivors with immediate specific concerns, the vulnerable, among others. The pilot programme expected to run for two weeks, will be replicated in other Districts of Sierra Leone.
- The ASEOWA Team has been managing the Magbenteh Treatment Unit in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation since the 16th of November 2014.

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ASEOWA's Dr. Ssentamu presenting a certificate of discharge to a survivor



ASEOWA's Psychosocial pillar team members on a survivor mapping exercise



Campaign against Ebola survivor stigmatization

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