

## UNITED ASSISTANCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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**(U) Liberia****(U) Financial Ministry Concludes Discussion on Mobilization of Governmental Support:**

After weeklong discussions in Washington D.C., Liberia's Finance and Development Planning Minister, Amara M. Konneh, asked the World Bank to help with additional resources to fight Ebola and assistance with an economic recovery plan. Konneh and the World Bank plan to raise \$50 million for direct support and hope to accelerate maintenance on the Gbarnga road in northeast Liberia.

**(U) Grand Bassa County Update:** On 10 October, the Ministry of Health reported Grand Bassa County had 88 total EVD cases. The Grand Bassa County cases included 50 confirmed, 28 probable, and 16 suspected. Grand Bassa County had 34 deaths in the week of 6-12 October due to EVD. County Superintendent Madam Etweda A. Cooper has requested additional support to Grand Bassa County. The Superintendent expressed a need for ambulances and burial teams throughout the county.

**(U) CDC Community Care Center (CCC) Review:** The CDC has visited multiple communities this week to identify the need for CCC locations. The CDC identified multiple locations where active EVD transmission was uncontained. The organization is attempting to identify where to build CCCs across Liberia. It is believed that families are not bringing infected family members to ETUs out of fear they will be cremated. Cremation does not allow the family members to carry out Liberian burial traditions.

**(U) Red Cross Launches Home Care Program:** On 10 October, the Red Cross introduced a home care program in Kollie's Town, Montserrado County. The program will provide medical and protective equipment for populace to care for EVD patients at home. UNICEF and the WHO provided 9,000 home treatment kits for the program. The USAID is funding the creation of 400,000 kits for future distribution. The Red Cross is starting the program in Kollie's Town and plans to launch the program in all 15 counties in the future.

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**(U) Ebola Hits Last Untouched District in Sierra Leone:** On 16 October, the Ebola outbreak reached the last untouched district of Sierra Leone, infecting two people. Koinadugu is the

largest of Sierra Leone's 14 districts, with an estimated population of 260,000. It is surrounded by mountains and checkpoints were manned by guards checking travelers' temperatures.

(U) **British Navy Heading to Sierra Leone:** On 17 October, a British navy ship, the RFA Argus, departed the UK for Sierra Leone with personnel, aid, and equipment to treat people infected with the Ebola virus. The civilian-staffed military medical support ship will carry about 80 medics and 80 marines. Three Merlin utility helicopters, air crew and engineers to provide transport and support to medical teams and aid workers will be included.

(U) **Weather**

(U) Liberia will have thunderstorms between 14Z and 18Z on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> going through most of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Cloud ceilings will remain below 3,000 ft for most of the forecast period marginally impacting Helo operations.

(U) Conakry and Freetown will have mostly fair weather during morning hours with isolated thunderstorms occurring during the afternoon.