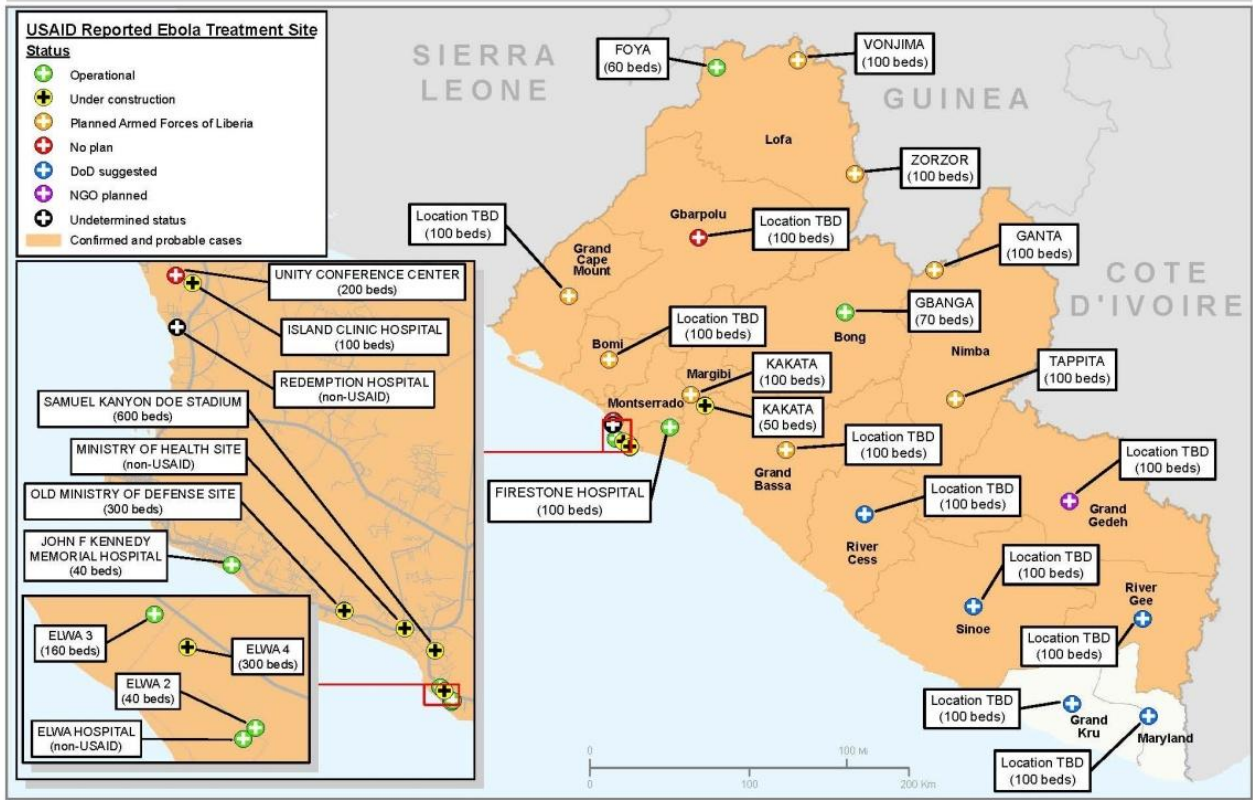


UNITED ASSISTANCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Liberia Ebola Treatment Units



(U) Executive Summary: *The spread of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) continues to strain West African health care systems, requiring significant aid from the international community. Continued fear among the populace will almost certainly increase the threat of untreated infectious diseases.*

(U) Liberia:

(U) Liberians' Reluctance to Seek Treatment: According to press, as Liberia battles the Ebola virus, the public is becoming reluctant to seek treatment from other diseases due to the fear they may contract Ebola if they seek hospital treatment. Some Liberians also fear being wrongly diagnosed when they may in fact be suffering from more easily treatable illnesses, such as malaria or diarrhea.¹ *The lack of attention to other infectious, but treatable diseases could cause further distrust in the Liberian health system and its response to the EVD crisis.*

(U) African Union Support to Ebola in West Africa (ASEOWA) 30 volunteers to be deployed: On 16 September, 30 volunteers received pre-deployment training in preparation for a 17 September deployment to Liberia. The ASEOWA team is comprised of epidemiologists, clinicians, public health specialists, and communications personnel. The mission is being led by Ugandan Major General Dr. Julius Oketta. A second team is expected to deploy to Sierra Leone.²

(U) JOA (Sierra Leone, Guinea, Senegal):

(U) Sierra Leone Ebola Hospital Workers Strike Over Pay: On 13 September, 80 workers went on strike at Kenema Government Hospital in eastern Sierra Leone. The strike follows a series of other strikes at the hospital over poor working conditions, infection rates amongst the staff, and pay. The workers claim they haven't been paid in two weeks. An estimated 38 staff have died as a result of Ebola infection at the site since the outbreak began. Kenema Government hospital was advised by the World Health Organization (WHO) to discontinue admissions due to overcrowding, but the hospital continues to take on new Ebola cases. Workers have sought anonymity for fear of social reprisal for working at the clinic. On 12 September, striking workers began calling sick Ebola patients to come out from the high-risk zone into the low-risk zone.³ *The hospital strike is a worrying development in Sierra Leone's otherwise relatively good response to the Ebola outbreak.*

(U) Cuban medical team heading for Sierra Leone: On 12 September, Cuba announced it will send a medical team of 165 people to Sierra Leone to help in the frontline in the Ebola response efforts. The Cuban team will consist of 100 nurses, 50 doctors, 3 epidemiologists, 3 intensive care specialists, 3 infection control specialist nurses, and 5 social mobilization officers,

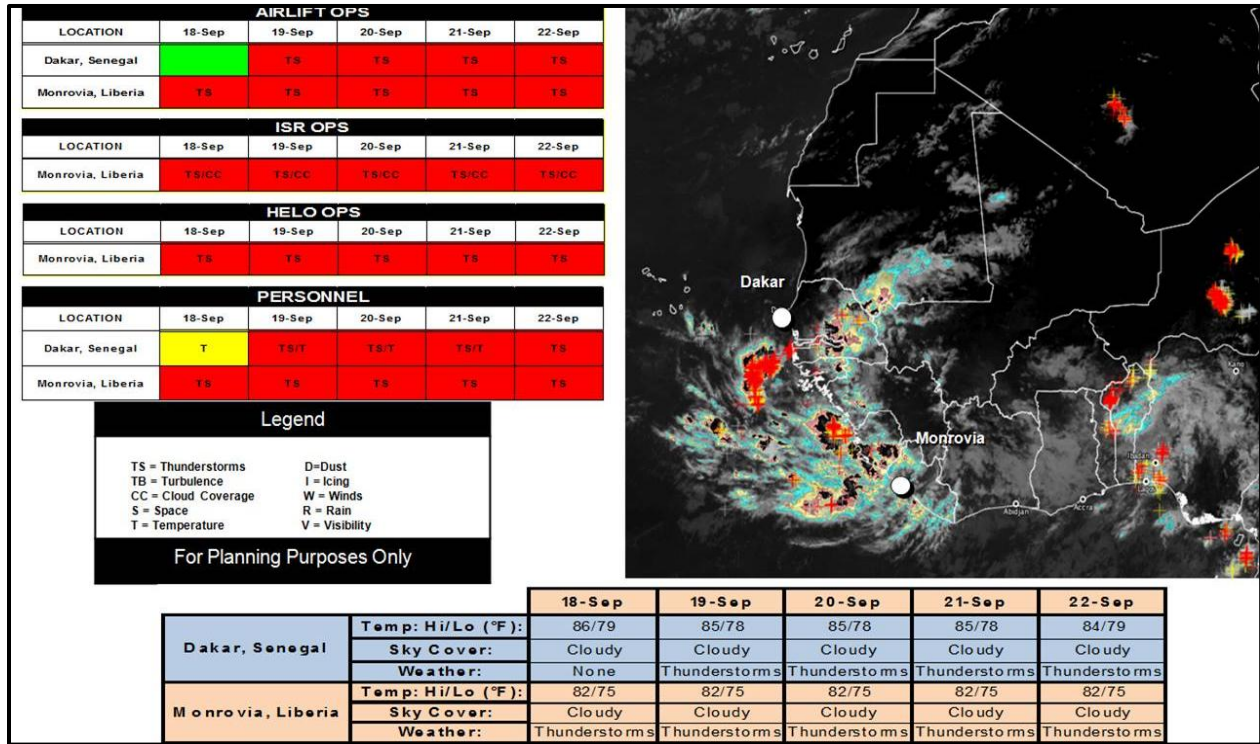
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all overseen by epidemiologist Dr Jorge Juan Delgado Bustillo.⁴ *This Cuban medical deployment follows on the UK's announcement of the deployment of a 62-bed facility with staff that will be constructed by late October and a £25 million support package.*

(U) **Weather:**



(U) Monrovia is expected to receive thunderstorms throughout the forecast period. This will provide unfavorable conditions for personnel involved with transportation and construction, along with airlift and helo ops in the area. Projected ISR assets will also have unfavorable conditions due to thunderstorm activity and widespread, low cloud coverage.

(U) Dakar will see favorable impacts to airlift ops through the 18th as thunderstorms are not expected; temperatures however, will reach above 85°F through the 21st providing marginal conditions to personnel. For the rest of the forecast period airlift impacts will remain unfavorable due to thunderstorms.

⁴ (U) WHO, 12 SEP 14, (U) Cuban Medical Team Heading to Sierra Leone, cited portion classified: U, overall document classified: U