

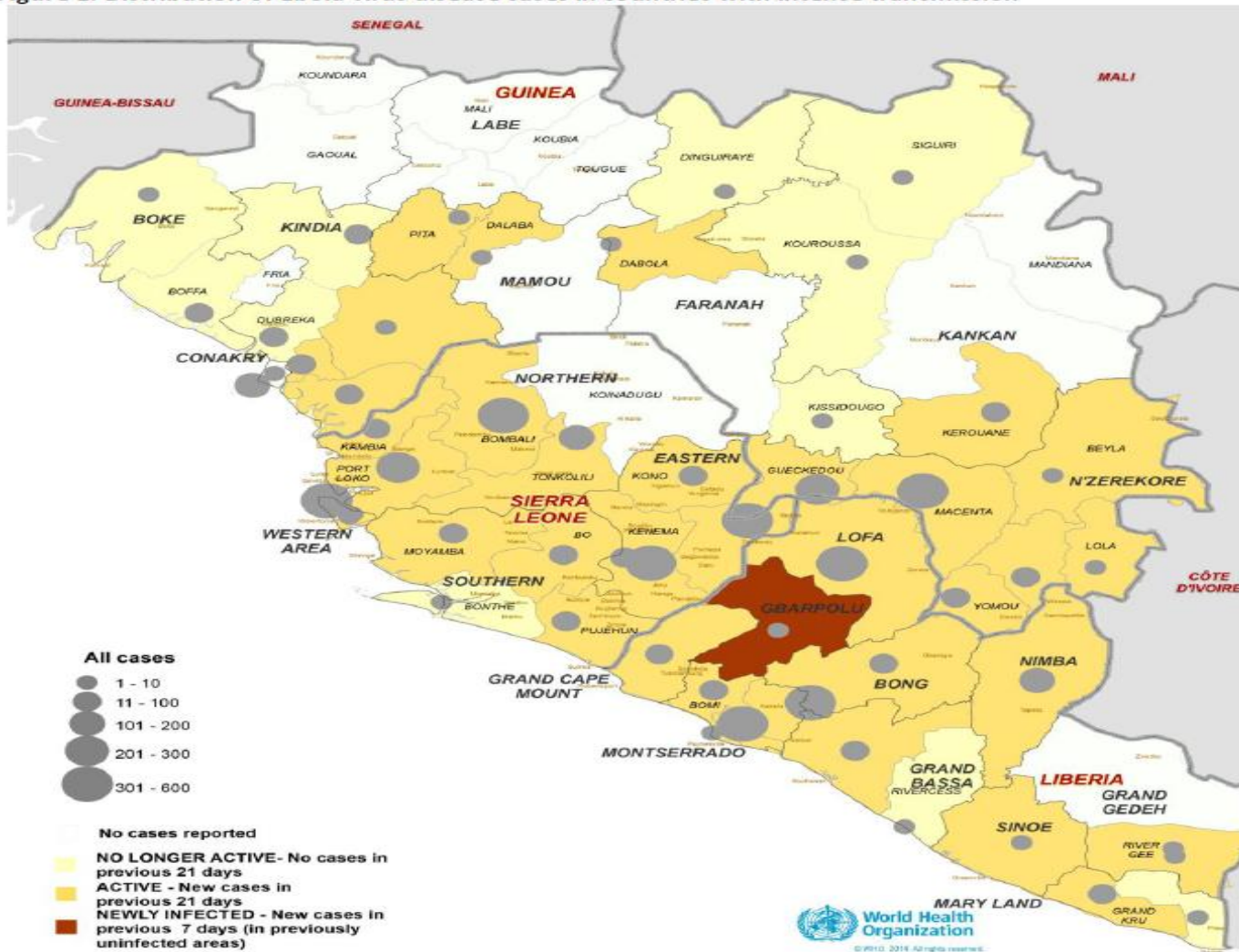


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Figure 1: Distribution of Ebola virus disease cases in countries with intense transmission



(U) Source: World Health Organization¹

(U) SITUATION OVERVIEW

(U) As of 15 October 2014, the World Health Organization indicated that 8,914 probable, confirmed, and suspected cases of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and 4,447 deaths have occurred. Cases are primarily

confined to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.² No significant security incidents have been reported in the last week and all three countries remain generally stable.

(U) GUINEA

(U) No security incidents occurred in Guinea in the past week.

(U) LIBERIA

(U) No new Ebola-related security incidents have been reported in Liberia in the past week. Some Liberian health workers are striking over pay; both the health workers union and the government are seeking to resolve the situation quickly and peacefully. The Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) ended a partial quarantine at the Edward Binyah Kesselly (EBK) Barracks—implemented after several soldiers and civilians died of EVD—though training activities remain suspended.

- > (U) According to press reports, health care workers from hospitals and health care facilities around Liberia staged a walkout on 13 October. The walkout, orchestrated by National Health Workers Union chairperson Joseph Tamba, involved health care workers demanding higher hazard pay and protective equipment before they return to work.³
- > (U) According to open-press reports, as of 12 October AFL's regular daily training activities have been suspended indefinitely. The training suspension is an attempt to limit the EVD spread within the AFL.

(U) SIERRA LEONE

(U) No major security incidents occurred in Sierra Leone over the past week.

(U) SOURCE ENDNOTES

¹ (U) World Health Organization, no serial number, 26000 SEP 14, (U) Ebola Update Map, cited portion classified: U, overall document classified: U

² (U) World Health Organization, no serial number, 26000 SEP 14, (U) Ebola Update Map, cited portion classified: U, overall document classified: U

³ (U) AFP, no serial, 130000Z OCT 14, (U) Liberia Medics on Strike as WHO Calls Ebola Worst Health Crisis, cited portion classified: U, overall document classified: U