



# EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK in WEST AFRICA

## FAO's Regional Response

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To date, over 3 000 people have died from Ebola | This outbreak is unprecedented in scale and geographical spread | Two-thirds of the population in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone depend on agriculture for their livelihoods

### CHALLENGES FACING AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

- ◆ The outbreak is proving to have a wide security, economic and livelihood impact on all affected countries and on the West African region as a whole.
- ◆ Restrictions on movement out of, into and within affected countries have resulted in a shortage of availability of goods and services.
- ◆ Labour shortages at this very critical moment of the agriculture season, with rice, maize and cocoa crops to be harvested in the coming months in the affected areas could lead to a reduction of food availability and decreased purchasing power of the most vulnerable farmers.
- ◆ Market disruptions, limited or non-existent transport services, increased general living expenses and food prices due to high demands and low supply are causing food insecurity.

**\$ USD 30 million**

will enable FAO to help save lives and livelihoods



**90 000 families**

will receive critical support to regain incomes and kick-start agriculture



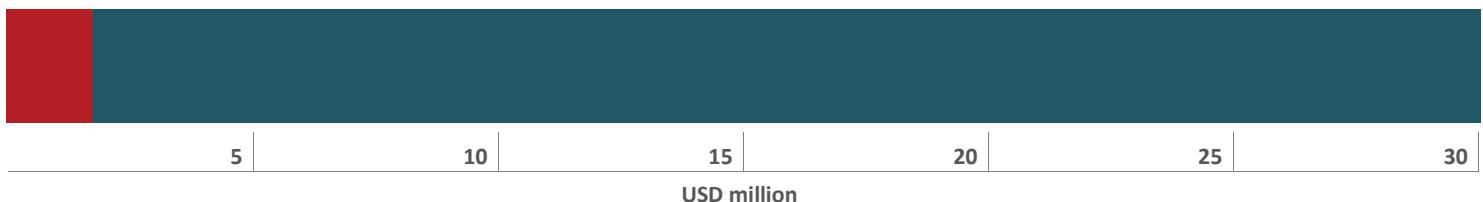
**Time-critical support**

to avoid long-term food crisis and promote resilient food security and nutrition

## FUNDING SNAPSHOT SEPTEMBER 2014

**Funding received: USD 1.75 million**

**Funding gap: USD 28.25 million**



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## FAO PRIORITIES

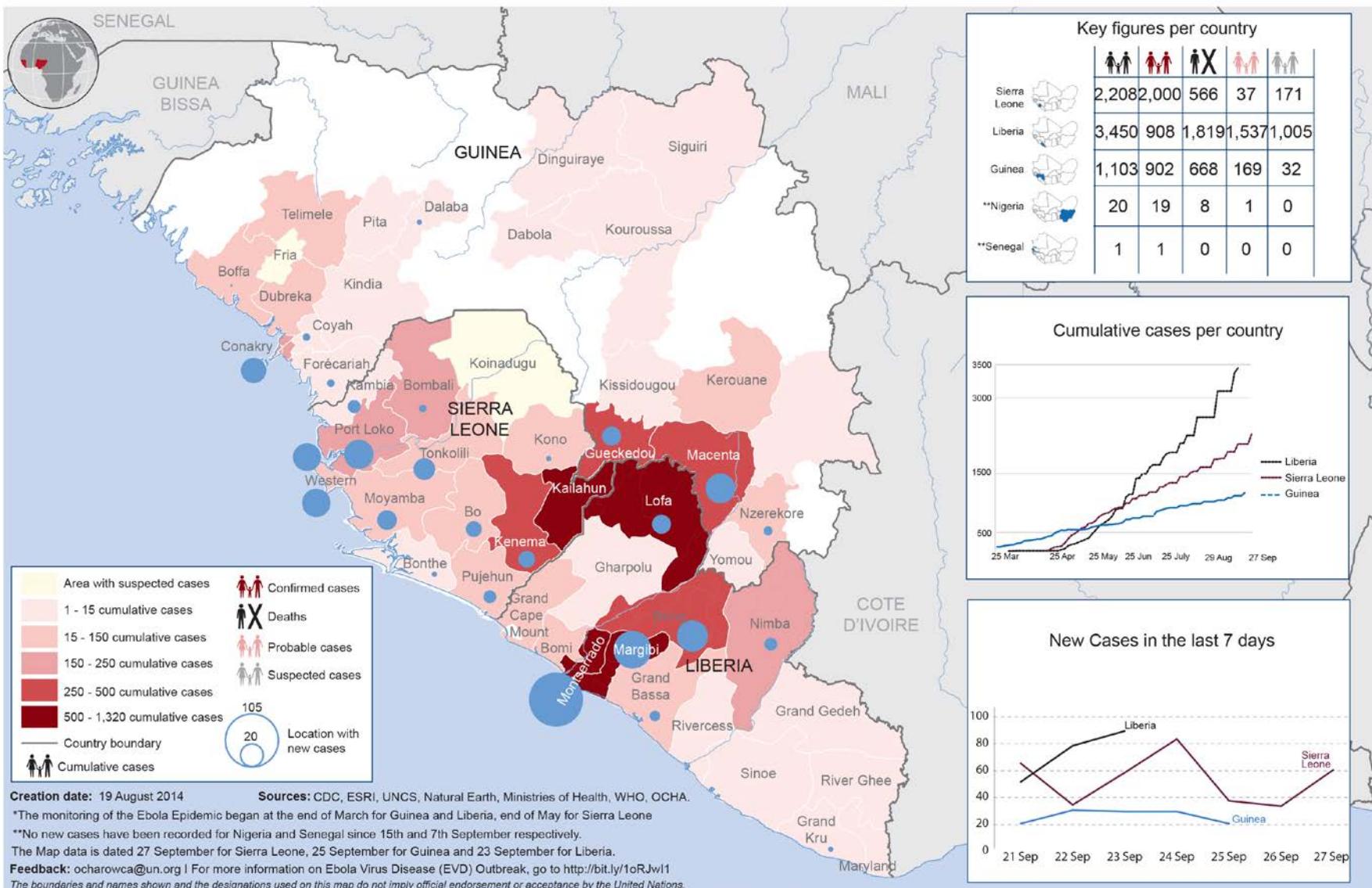
- ◆ **Save lives** as part of UN coordinated response through social mobilization, training and awareness raising activities.
- ◆ **Boost incomes and agricultural production to safeguard livelihoods** through rapid impact assessments and support to crop and livestock production, cash transfers, post-harvest activities and trade/marketing.
- ◆ **Build resilience of communities** to disease threats by improving early warning systems and emergency response.
- ◆ **Strengthen coordination** by reinforcing food security/nutrition clusters and surge response mechanisms.

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\*The monitoring of the Ebola Epidemic began at the end of March for Guinea and Liberia, end of May for Sierra Leone

\*\*No new cases have been recorded for Nigeria and Senegal since 15th and 7th September respectively.

The Map data is dated 27 September for Sierra Leone, 25 September for Guinea and 23 September for Liberia.

Feedback: ocharowca@un.org | For more information on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak, go to <http://bit.ly/1oRJwI>

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