

UN EBOLA RESPONSE MPTF
PROJECT MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - VERSION 1
Period: June 2015

Project Number and Title: #9 UNDP Programme for Payments for Ebola Response Workers (PPERW) - Sierra Leone	PROJECT START DATE¹: 01-11-2014	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$1,261,625.00	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Project ID: 00092905			
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Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 – Ensure Essential Services	PROJECTED END DATE: 30-09-2015	EXPENDITURES as of [date] \$...	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): NERC, Ministry of Health and Sanitation; Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection
Mission Critical Action MCA07 – Cash incentives for workers			
Location: Sierra Leone		Sub-National Coverage Areas: Freetown, Ebola affected districts	

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

OUTPUT INDICATORS

Indicator	Geographic Area	Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the (one month) reporting period	Cumulative results since project commencement (quantitative)	Delivery Rate (cumulative % of projected total) as of date
<i>Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal</i>					
% of Ebola response workers registered on the information management system	All Ebola affected districts	100%	600	34,000	99%
% paying organizations reporting to the information management system	All Ebola affected districts	100%	1	3	80%
# of Ebola response workers reported by	All Ebola affected	0	0	1	1

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.

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media as striking	districts				
Diagnostic complete, recommendations made to government on financial sector to bolster resilience; Monitoring system fully functional to report incidents	All Ebola affected districts	Diagnostic complete, recommendations adopted, monitoring system functional	To start in September	N/A	N/A
# payments made through operational testing and proof of concept/stress testing (once through 3 months)	All Ebola affected districts	1200	To start in September		
# people paid through UNDP contingency plan	All Ebola affected districts	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
% local districts with adequate cash out points for forecasted volumes	All Ebola affected districts	100%	100%	100%	100%
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					
% of registered Ebola workers linked to a payment mechanism	All Ebola affected districts	100%	100%	100%	100%
% of registered Ebola workers fully paid on-time	All Ebola affected districts	100%	99%	98%	98%

NARRATIVE

Situation Update (please describe critical changes, if any, in the situation that affect the project (1-2 paragraphs))

The Risk Allowance Payment Team is delivering its task ensuring that beneficiaries of the EVD risk allowance get the right the right amount and on time. The Team is delivering its tasks as planned in the project document effectively. Supporting the government in undertaking the regular payment cycles to all registered ERWs. Since UNDP was mandated by the UN to coordinate payment to ERWs from November 2014 to June 2015, ten payments cycles have so far been successfully paid through Electronic Money (MNOs and Banks). July payment is currently underway, list submission and vetting is on-going for cycle 11/ July.

UNDP cash incentive programme for Ebola response workers (ERW) is currently putting efforts to ensure that all ERWs are paid via bank accounts. Though highly challenging but so far 70% of ERWs have been paid through banks. Large percentage of ERWs leave in remote district and do not have bank accounts. In some cases due to the inaccessibility to banks the ERWS prefer to receive payments through the Mobile money instead of banks. Further emphasize may cause delay in payments and

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subsequently disrupt response functions. The payments team has attempted and regularly communicated through radio, email, text and phone call, encouraging all workers to own a bank account

Key Achievements *(please use this section to highlight your key achievements for the month, using bullet points if preferred)*

- June payment has been successfully paid to 1,964 Ebola Response Workers in all 12 district including the Western areas rural and urban.
- Backlog payment for the January, February and March were successfully paid to a little over 1,000 ERWs cross the country.
- Payment team has undertaken short fact finding missions to three district where claims of not been registered, paid or under paid. The situation has been reviewed. Those ERWs who proved to have worked are listed and recommended for the payments. The list preparation irregularities on the part of the various response team leaders were noticed. A strict mechanism of filtering the list was arranged in the districts in understanding with District Coordinator.

Delays or Deviations *(if any, briefly describe the delays or changes in focus, approach or targets, and provide a short justification for the change (1-2 paragraphs))*

A shift from the Mobile money payment to banks is seriously affecting the general performance of the Risk allowance payment team. The country banking process is slow and cumbersome to such an extent that payment are further delay and if worker have problem with bank accounts. The procedure for resolution is too bureaucratic unlike mobile money.

Also the relocation of the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) from the former special court building in the central of Freetown to the Military Headquarters at Cockerill in the far West is gravely affecting the performance of the team. The office cannot accommodate the 15 staff of the pay team, couple with poor internet facility and erratic electricity.

There is not significant deviation from the original mandate and objective of the project. However, the current project duration is until end of September. Whereas the government in understanding with WB in consideration of the current epi situation suggests to continue the risk allowance programme until end of the 2015. Therefore, the project duration should be extended till end of this year with some additional resources.

Gender and Environmental Markers *(Please provide disaggregated data, if applicable)*

No. of Beneficiaries		Environmental Markers	
Women	12,435	<i>e.g. Medical and Bio Hazard Waste</i>	
Girls	N/A	<i>e.g. Chemical Pollution</i>	
Men	10,958		
Boys	N/A		
Total	23,542		

Additional Information *(Optional)*