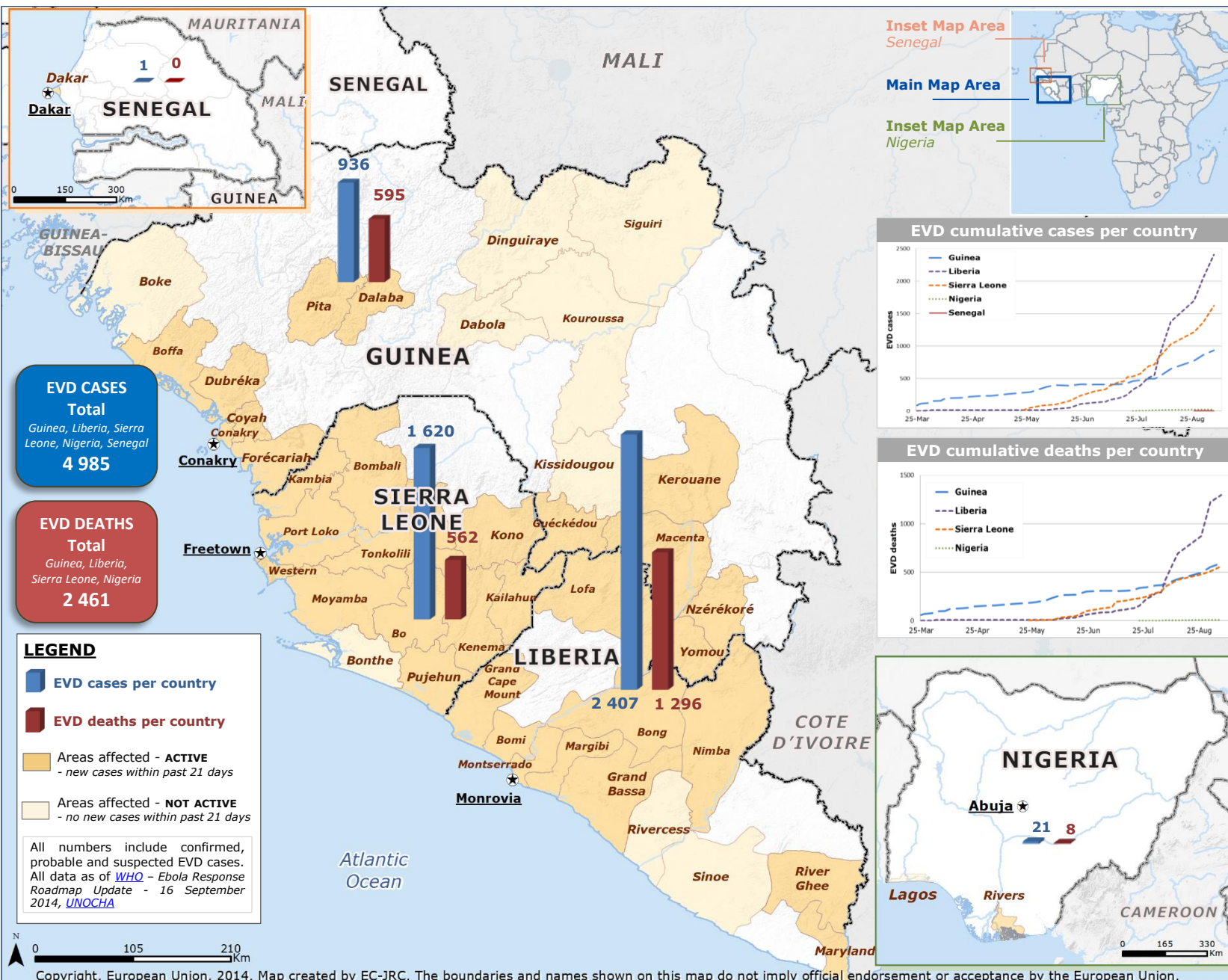


17 September 2014: West Africa - Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak



SITUATION

- The number of new cases and deaths attributable to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), continue to increase in the five West African countries of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone. As of 16 September (WHO), 4 985 people have been infected and 2 461 people have died in the five affected countries (suspected cases included).
- Liberia is facing a doubling of new Ebola cases every two weeks. As of 13 September, Sierra Leone is considering a strategy to offer community based treatment for the epidemic that is out of control.
- Guinea is facing cases being reported in new districts towards Guinea Bissau.
- Senegal prepared for the opening of a Humanitarian Air Corridor to facilitate MSF and UNHAS flight operations between Dakar and Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia (as of 13 September).
- There is still a big concern regarding the lack of specialised staff, including doctors and nurses.

Sources: ECHO, WHO

EVD OUTBREAK STATISTICS (in the five affected countries, WHO)

| | EVD cases (*) | EVD deaths (*) |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| LIBERIA (past 21 days **) | 2 407 (1 383) | 1 296 (NA) |
| SIERRA LEONE (past 21 days **) | 1 620 (653) | 562 (NA) |
| GUINEA (past 21 days **) | 936 (308) | 595 (NA) |
| NIGERIA (past 21 days **) | 21 (6) | 8 (NA) |
| SENEGAL (past 21 days **) | 1 (1) | 0 (NA) |
| TOTAL *** | 4 985 | 2 461 |

* All confirmed, probable and suspected cases
 ** Cases reported within the past 21 days
 *** TOTAL includes the category with widespread and intense transmission (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone); and with an initial case or cases, or with localized transmission (Nigeria, Senegal).