



SITUATION

- Guinea and Sierra Leone both recorded no new Ebola cases last week. This is the first time since the outbreak was declared in March 2014 that no new Ebola cases have been recorded in a week.
- If both countries remain free of new cases for 42 days they will be officially declared Ebola free. Liberia has already reached this status. However as there is evidence that infection may occur through the semen of survivors and that significant levels of virus have been detected in semen up to 90 days after cure, strict vigilance will need to be maintained for several months.
- It is also likely that the virus remains present in the original animal host that is suspected to have caused the very first infection in this current outbreak.

Sources: ECHO, WHO (1,2), ECDC

EVD OUTBREAK STATISTICS		
Numbers correct as of 8 October		
Country	EVD cases	EVD deaths
LIBERIA	10 672	4 808
SIERRA LEONE	13 956	3 955
GUINEA	3 799	2 534
MALI	8	6
NIGERIA	20	8
SENEGAL	1	0
USA	4	1
SPAIN	1	0
ITALY	1	0
UNITED KINGDOM	1	0
TOTAL	28 463	11 312