



## National Ebola Response Centre (NERC)

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### EBOLA OUTBREAK UPDATES---March 5, 2015

#### ➤ DISCHARGED CASES

- Total Survived and Discharged Cases = 3,239

#### ➤ NEW CASES

- New Confirmed cases = **6** as follows:

Kailahun = 0, Kenema = 0, Kono = 0

**Bombali = 0**, Kambia = 1, Koinadugu = 0, **Port Loko = 2**, Tonkolili = 0

Bo = 0, Bonthe = 0, Moyamba = 0, Pujehun = 0

**Western Area Urban = 2**, **Western Area Rural = 1**, Missing = 0

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### Safe and Dignified Burials Standard Operating Procedures

In recent weeks the trend of decline in new EVD cases in our country has stalled. Most new cases have been fuelled by unsafe burial practices. The General Public is informed that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and in particular those around Safe and Dignify Burials, are a critical part of the response, if we are to get to zero; Ebola outbreak will not end unless all burials happen in this way. However recent cases have come to the attention of the National Ebola Response Centre (NERC) where exemptions have been sought and granted.

The Chief Executive Officer, NERC and the Chief Medical Officer would therefore like to reiterate that all bodies must be buried in a safe and dignified manner by

approved burial teams within 24 hours of death, without exception. This is irrespective of whether people have died at or in hospitals and whether they have died with Ebola like symptoms or not. Even if a certificate has been issued indicating a body has swabbed negative for Ebola, it should still be buried in the same safe and dignified manner.

The District Medical Officers (DMOs), District Ebola Response Centers (DERCs) officials, Heads of Municipalities and Councils and District security Commanders are all reminded that there are no exceptions, no exemptions, and no circumstances whatsoever where these SOPs do not apply and are required to immediately reject any request they receive to this end. Anyone who fails to comply with these procedures will face severe consequences.

We look forward to your continued help and support in bringing Ebola in our country down to zero.

➤ **CUMULATIVE CASES**

- Cumulative confirmed cases = **8,389** as follows:  
Kailahun = 565, Kenema = 503, Kono = 253  
Bombali = 1,035, Kambia = 184, Koinadugu = 106, Port Loko = 1,416, Tonkolili = 454

Bo = 314, Bonthe = 5, Moyamba = 208, Pujehun = 31

**Western Area Urban = 2,150, Western Area Rural = 1,150, Missing = 14**

➤ **CUMULATIVE DEATHS**

- Total cumulative confirmed death is **3,210**

- Probable cases = 287
- Probable deaths = 208
- Suspected cases = 2,841
- Suspected deaths = 158

➤ ***Ebola Virus Disease Situation Report***

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