

EBOLA

FROM EMERGENCY TO RECOVERY

From the outset of the largest and most complex Ebola epidemic ever, the European Union has been at the forefront of the international response.



€1.2 billion

€812 million
Member States

€414 million
European Commission

The European Commission coordinates EU support and provides affected countries with humanitarian aid, technical expertise, longer-term development assistance and investment in research for a vaccine.

Facing the emergency

Humanitarian assistance

EU aid has provided funding to address the most urgent needs. This is channelled through humanitarian partner organisations, including the UN, International Organisations and NGOs.



Medical kits



Raising awareness



Surveillance & Diagnostics



Health workers training



Safe burials

€66 million
Humanitarian aid

Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism has enabled the delivery of Member State support coordinated by the ERCC. This has included logistical support to transport an array of medical supplies.



Personal protective equipment



Ambulances



Treatment centres

Evacuation within 48 hours
Medevac - ensures evacuation to an equipped hospital for international health workers and EU nationals exposed to or diagnosed with the virus.



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Preventing the spread

€138 million
Research projects

More than a dozen projects are developing clinical trials for new vaccines, diagnostic tests and treatments under Horizon 2020 and the Innovative Medicines Initiative.

Urgent research



Vaccines



Treatments



Diagnostics

Four EU-financed labs help with the detection of the virus, the training of health workers and support to research.



Mobile labs



Deliver basic services



Maintain macro-economic stability



Support health sector

Ensuring recovery, strengthening resilience

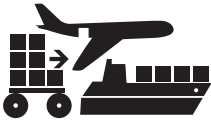
€210 million
Development & early
recovery assistance

Beyond the human tragedy, the disease is having devastating effects on the security and economy of the whole region.

EU support to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone reinforces the capacity of governments to deliver vital public services and facilitates a smooth transition to recovery.

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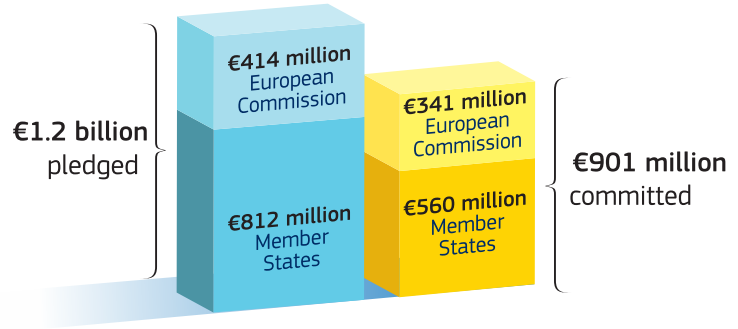
The immediate needs continue to be immense. The European Commission is providing direct life-saving funds to address the most urgent needs by providing immediate healthcare and treatment as well as psychosocial support to the affected communities, channelled through our partner organisations.



The EU and its Member States have provided emergency supplies, sent experts to the affected countries and organised logistical support including airlift operations and the deployment of navy ships to transport emergency supplies.



Furthermore, the EU supports the African Union's medical mission in West Africa, contributing to paying civil, military and medical staff.



Whilst emergency efforts to contain the epidemic remains vital, there is also need to work on sustainable recovery. In addition to existing development partnerships, the European Commission is providing development and early recovery assistance to stabilise the countries and assist them in their recovery. Budget support is provided to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to help them deliver urgently needed public services - in particular healthcare - and also to cushion the economic impact of the epidemic.

Containing the outbreak & regional preparedness

Ebola has no borders, which is why the EU is supporting neighbouring countries in the region to strengthen their preparedness against further potential outbreaks. This includes strengthening early detection mechanisms and raising awareness. Activities are closely coordinated with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other international partners and donors.



Prevention & preparedness in Europe

Since the outbreak began, the European Commission and Member States have been jointly working on preparedness and coordination of risk management within the Health Security Committee and with the support of the ECDC and WHO. The HSC meets regularly and has established lists of available Ebola assets including high security laboratories, hospital capacity and medical evacuation equipment.



EU Coordination and co-operation



Entry screening



Communication platform for clinicians

The EU brings doctors together to enable the rapid exchange of information on Ebola.



Hospital capacity



Advice to travellers

- ★ Last year saw the appointment of EU Commissioner Christos Stylianides as the EU Ebola Coordinator as well as the creation of an EU Ebola Task Force which have further strengthened the coordination amongst European institutions,
- ★ Member States and other international and regional organisations.