

Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Situational Report

Report No.026 Date of Issue: 25th April, 2020, 6pm GMT

- As at **25th April 2020**, there were **86** confirmed COVID-19 cases, **three deaths** and **10 recoveries** in Sierra Leone
- Three new** confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in the last 24 hours
- Ban on inter-district travel restrictions has been extended indefinitely
- Orientation of district health management teams (DHMTs) on decentralization is ongoing
- Current COVID-19 designated bed occupancy rate is 73%
- Expansion of COVID-19 treatment and isolation centres is ongoing

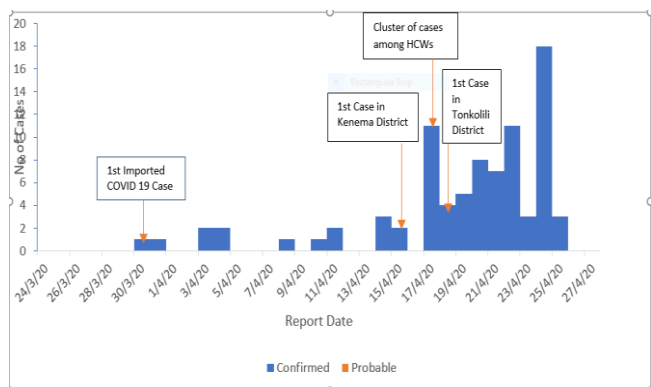
New	Confirmed	3
	Recoveries	0
	Deaths	0
Cumulative	Confirmed	86
	Recoveries	10
	Deaths	3
Case Fatality Rate (%)		3.5%

HIGHLIGHTS

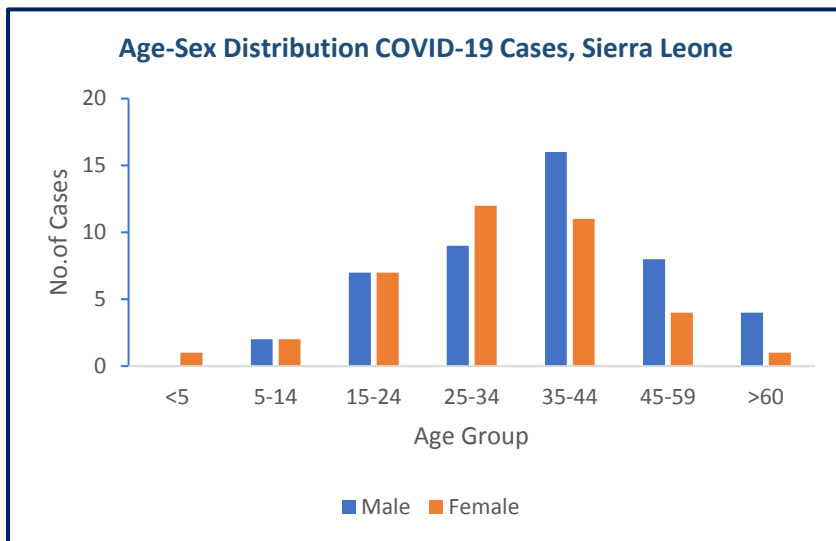
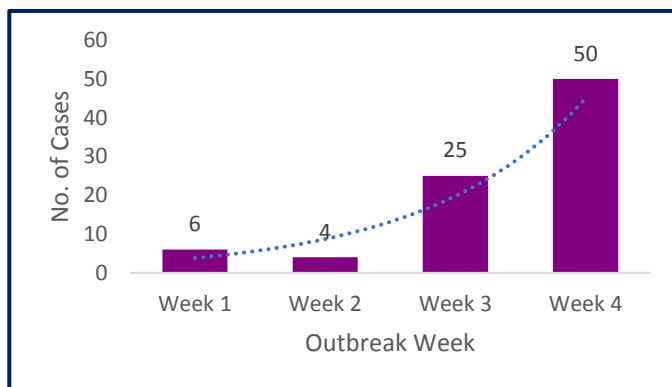
Summary of COVID-19 Cases in Sierra Leone as at 25nd April, 2020

District	Confirmed Cases		Probable Cases		Deaths		Recovered Cases
	New Confirmed Cases	Cumulative Confirmed Cases	New Probable cases	Cumulative Probable Cases	New Deaths	Cumulative Deaths	
Western Area Urban	3	67	0	0	1	3	5
Western Area Rural	0	8	0	0	0	0	1
Port Loko	0	6	0	0	0	0	4
Kenema	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tonkolili	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	86	0	0	0	3	10

- This is the fourth week of the COVID-19 outbreak in Sierra Leone
- A steady increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has been observed this week
- Fifty- five (63.9%) of COVID-19 cases have been reported in the last 7 days
- Forty-eight (55.8%) are contacts of confirmed cases

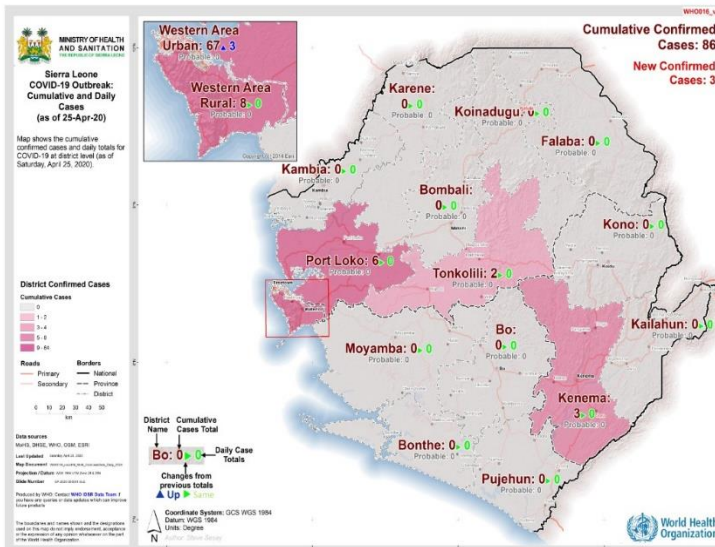


Reported COVID-19 Cases in Sierra Leone as at 25th April, 2020



- Forty-nine (56.9%) cases are aged 25-44 years
- Median age is 35 (Range 1-76 years)
- Male: female ratio is one
- One confirmed COVID-19 case in an infant admitted in ODCH
- All three COVID-19 related deaths reported to be **diabetic**; two were **hypertensive**

- Five out of sixteen districts have reported COVID 19 cases
- Western Area Urban
- Western Area Rural
- Port Loko
- Kenema
- Tonkolili
- Sixty-seven (77.9%) of cases are reported in WAU
- There is a **four-fold** increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in WAU over the last 1 week



Technical Areas	Variable	No
Contact Tracing	Current no of high risk contacts on follow up	907
	No. of contacts monitored in the last 24 hours	868 (95.7%)
Quarantine	Total No. Currently under quarantine	889
	Self-Quarantine	417 (46.9%)
	Institutional Quarantine	472 (53.1%)
Laboratory Testing	Laboratory tests done in last 24 hours	1233
	Cumulative number of tests	1,576
	No of positive tests (% positivity rate)	86 (5.4%)
Event Based Surveillance (last 24 hrs)	Total Alerts Received through 117 System	112
	No. of COVID related alerts	7
	No. of COVID related alerts investigated	7

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

COORDINATION

- PHNEOC continues to operate at Incident level 3 with regular technical and coordination meeting held

SURVEILLANCE

- There is an increase in the number of contacts on follow up and persons under quarantine
- DHMTs sensitized on their roles in the sub-national response to COVID-19

LABORATORY

- Shortage of extraction kits reported

HAZARD CONTAINMENT (GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS)

- Inter-district travel restrictions in place extended indefinitely
- Ban on mass gatherings, closure of learning institutions and travel restrictions remain in effect

IPC and CASE MANAGEMENT

- IPC training conducted for all security personnel involved in COVID-19 Operations in all districts.
- Current COVID-19 designated bed capacity is 100 beds, out of which 73 are occupied

RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- Concerns over contacts resisting transfer to institutional quarantine
- Reports of mourners gathering in homes of COVID-19 confirmed deaths. This may accelerate transmission

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Welfare of special needs persons/children to be prioritized.
- Mobilize partners (NGOs/CBOs) to support vulnerable persons and families affected by COVID 19

This Situation Report was developed jointly by:

**Government of Sierra Leone &
World Health Organization, Sierra Leone**

For any comments or inquiries contact:

eocnsr2020@gmail.com