

HX Global and Healix International are closely monitoring the current outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, and will be sending regular updates and advice to our clients as the outbreak continues.

**Update, 23 September:**

- The UK government announced that more than 160 United Kingdom National Health Service staff have volunteered to help in the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.
- The WHO has warned the number of infections will triple to 20,000 by November if efforts are not stepped up. The forecast comes amid concerns that Ebola could become an endemic problem in West Africa for the next several years, or even on a permanent basis similar to diseases like Malaria.
- The UK's Wellcome Trust charity announced on Tuesday that experimental drugs will be tested in West Africa for the first time, with the first trials as early as November. Several drugs are under development around the globe, but none been fully tested and all are in very short supply.
- Research published in the New England Journal of Medicine has found Ebola death rates in West Africa hospitals reached 70% of cases, higher than the 50% figure previously reported.
- In a just-released six month situation assessment report on the outbreak the WHO indicated that "countries with well-developed health systems and services are unlikely to see much--if any--onward transmission of Ebola virus disease following an imported case."

**Clinics and Facilities Status in Affected Areas**

Healix is in direct communication with those medical facilities that are still operating in the impacted regions. Please contact Healix directly for further information on the readiness of medical facilities in these areas.

**Country Travel Advice Status**

Sierra Leone: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"  
 Guinea: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"  
 Liberia: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"  
 Nigeria: Alert Level 2 - Healix Recommend "Practice Enhanced Precautions"  
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**Other African Nations Unaffected by Ebola**

Healix recommend that travelers take usual precautions with vaccinations and travel arrangements but should be familiar with [Ebola Precautions if Traveling to Africa](#).

Ebola Infection Table by Country (based on CDC reporting, updated as of 18 September):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Cases
Sierra Leone	1673	562	1513
Liberia	2710	1459	812
Guinea	942	601	750
Nigeria	21	8	19
Senegal	1	0	1
Spain*	2	1	0
United States*	4	0	4
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
United Kingdom*	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,354</b>	<b>2,632</b>	<b>3,099</b>

\*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries