



## Ministry of Health and Sanitation

**Ebola outbreak update: As of today, 24th July 2014, we have 108 cumulative number of survivors, 435 confirmed Ebola cases and 146 Ebola confirmed deaths. 65 patients are currently admitted at the Ebola treatment centers in Kenema and Kailahun.**

The Ministry of Health & Sanitization and the World Health Organization have established a dedicated Ebola Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the WHO Country Office in Freetown. The EOC is co-Directed by the Minister of Health, Ms. Miata Kargbo and the WHO Representative for Sierra Leone, Dr. Jacob Mufunda and consists of leaders and partners involved in our fight against Ebola.

The EOC will serve as the Sierra Leone National Central Command and Control Center for Outbreak Response activities and meets every day. The EOC members under the leadership of the Honourable Minister of Health and Sanitation unanimously decided at the July 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting that the following actions be effected immediately:

- That all District Medical Officers constitute 2 burial teams of 7 members per burial team in their respective districts
- The regional training for burial teams be completed this weekend (Friday and Saturday) in Bo
- More health personnel be trained in Infection Prevention Control by MSF in Kailahun and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to provide the finance to support the training
- All districts to establish EOC to be chaired by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and be co-chaired by WHO or major partner operating in their respective district recommended by WHO

The EOC wishes the general public and all partners working in the healthcare sector to know that Dr. Sheikh Umar Khan is still alive and responding to treatment contrary to social media report of his demise.