The spread of Ebola in the West Africa countries of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone signal the need for an effective and robust response by the public and private philanthropic community. As a network of grantmakers who care about Africa, the Africa Grantmakers’ Affinity Group urges all funders to support African communities at all levels in facing this challenge. Funders active in Africa have a stake along with their grantee partners in helping communities to address the immediate and long-term impact.

We have compiled the following information from a range of sources as a resource for funders and others interested in learning more about Ebola and how they can help. We welcome relevant information and will include appropriate information in future updates. Please send to contactus@agag.org.

### Funding

The following is a sample of the responses by members of the Africa Grantmakers’ Affinity Group and other private funders to support efforts to combat Ebola.

**African Women’s Development Fund**
- $10,000 to the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Market Women’s Fund to join the national government and partners to ease the spread of the ebola virus by creating mass awareness among market women across the country.
- $5,000 to the New Liberian Women Organisation/Skills Training Centre to conduct educational activities on the Ebola outbreak within selected communities in Careysburg city, Bentol city, Yeantown and Cruzerville. using community appropriate methodologies such as music and dancing.
- $5,000 to the Women and Children Development Association of Liberia to sensitize members of 3 densely populated communities in Montserrado County on the prevention of Ebola.

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (>$50 million committed)**
- $5 million to the World Health Organization for emergency operations and research and development assessments.
- $5 million to the U. S. Fund for UNICEF to purchase medical supplies conduct health education campaign and coordinate response activities.
- $2 million to the Center for Disease Control for treatment, incident management and strengthening health care systems.

**Bridgestone Group**
- $500,000 from Bridgestone Corporation -Tokyo to UNICEF to support programs in Liberia and Nigeria.
- $500,000 from Bridgestone Americas, Inc. to Samaritan's Purse, a faith based relief organization in Liberia. supplying protective kits and conducting education campaigns on preventative measures.

**Dangote Foundation**
- N152, 956, 250 to establish the National Ebola Emergency Operations Centre at Yaba, Lagos.

**IKEA Foundation**
• $7.4 million to support Doctors Without Borders (SFM) medical relief efforts for those affected with Ebola.

King Baudouin Foundation US for Pierre N. Hauser and Abigail E. Disney.
• $5,000 to fund an Ebola awareness campaign by Actions for Community Matters in Liberia.

Open Society Foundation
• $4 million to Partners in Health and Last Mile Health to build a high quality treatment facility in Grand Gedeh County, a rural province in Liberia.
• $1.3 million to Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) to treat infected patients.
• $318,000 to Medical Teams International to provide housing, transportation and equipment for MTI’s staff, supporting infection control at 250 health clinics, contact tracing and case investigation, and preventative and responsive health care in refugee camps in Liberia.
• A $100,000 matching grant to Global Giving, funding 10 organizations that will distribute sanitation supplies, conduct training sessions and produce public service announcements.

Paul G. Allen Family Foundation -
• $9 million to the CDC Foundation to establish emergency operations centers in the most-affected countries, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
• A $3.6 million matching gift that created a partnership with UNICEF and UPS to airlift 50,000 protection kits into Liberia.
• A $3 million grant establishing a partnership with Airlink to execute an air bridge to deliver critically needed medical protective gear and pharmaceuticals.
• $2.8 million to the American Red Cross to fund equipment, volunteers and educational materials in the hardest hit regions.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
• $1 million to the Center for Disease Control Foundation’s Global Disaster Response Fund.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
• $5 million to support community outreach, public education campaign, treatments centers and other high priority public health efforts through grants to the DC Foundation, UN Foundation, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team, International Medical Corps, Population Services International, GlobalGiving Foundation, Capital for Good and other organizations.

Ebola Funds

The Ebola Crisis Fund - a pooled philanthropic fund that seeks to raise a minimum of US $1,000,000 over the next three months as an immediate response to stopping the spread of Ebola.

News from Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone

Ebola Orphans in West Africa Struggle to Cope with Losses, LA Times, Oct. 1, 2014 – When parents or caretakers become sick and quarantined or die from the disease children are left without any adult caregivers and are shunned by family members and communities.

Nigeria’s Actions Seem to Contain Ebola Outbreak, NY Times, Sept. 30, 2014 – How turning centers for Polio and HIV/AIDS control into Ebola command centers and other efforts have helped Nigeria to stop an Ebola outbreak from happening in Africa’s most populous country.

Woman Saves Three Relatives from Ebola, CNN Health, Sept. 26, 2014 – Story of 22-year-old Fatu Kekula, a nursing student, who cared for her relatives infected with Ebola at home using her own "trash bag method" of protection. Her protection and care protocol is now being taught to other West Africans who cannot get to a hospital. She remains free of the Ebola.


Ebola Outbreak: We Need Information, not Panic, Al Jazeera, Aug. 19, 2014 - Journalist Nanjil Nyabola calls for end of fear-based reactions to the Ebola outbreak, an examination of cultural contexts that help to spread the disease and the similarities between the Ebola response and the initial response to HIV/AIDS.

Struggling Liberia Creates 'Plague Villages' in Ebola Epicentre, Aug. 17, 2014 - Article on the implications for communities affected by quarantines imposed by Liberia’s government to control the Ebola outbreak.

Ebola Politics, The Slate, and July 29, 2014 – A look at commonalities of the histories of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone that helped fuel the spread of Ebola.

Impact


In Western Africa the Impact of Ebola is Two-fold — On Health and on Economies, The Times of India, Sept. 7, 2014 - Five months into the Ebola Crises, the impact on the economies and food security in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone present a new set of development and economic problems.

Liberia Diaspora Mobilizing for Ebola Relief, Voice of America, July 30, 2014 – Article and podcast on the mobilization of Liberians in the United States to support efforts to fight Ebola in Liberia.

Ebola Facts
Sources for latest news, medical research, public health statistics, and travel warnings. Sites update regularly so check frequently for current information.


AllAfrica.com - Africa: FAQ - Ebola, About the Disease and Focus on Ebola.

Center for Disease Control - 2014 Ebola Outbreak Information and Updates & Ebola Travel Information.

PBS Frontline: Ebola Outbreak - coverage of Ebola and a map of how the disease has spread and videos. – Kaiser Family Foundation Policy tracker on the U.S. Ebola response provides latest news from the White House, CDC, and other sources

MED BOX- Ebola Toolbox is an independent Internet platform that collates professional guidelines, textbooks and practical documents on health action and makes them accessible online.