



WEST AFRICA EBOLA



DONOR UPDATE: END OF AN OUTBREAK

For nearly two years, the worst outbreak of Ebola in our history devastated the countries of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Families and communities were torn apart, the health system was pushed to the limit, and thousands of lives were taken.

From the onset, we knew that this was a fight that had to be won. But we also knew that we couldn't defeat Ebola on our own.

Thankfully, Canadians like you answered our call for donations. With your generosity, the Red Cross was able to recruit and mobilize thousands of local volunteers on the frontline. Your support also enabled the Canadian Red Cross to send 52 doctors, nurses and other specialized aid workers to assist.

With an unwavering commitment to help, Red Cross personnel and volunteers worked around the clock in difficult conditions to provide care and dignity to thousands of men, women and children affected by Ebola.

The fight against Ebola was long and challenging — just when the outbreak seemed to be slowing, it would flare up again. But after more than two years, our sustained effort has finally paid off.

I'm delighted to tell you that the outbreak has now ended. Had donors like you not acted, we simply would not have reached this milestone.

But while the emergency is over, the risk is not. Your donation will continue to make a difference as our teams on the ground remain vigilant and ready to respond to any new cases that arise.

Thank you deeply for your vital contribution to our efforts.

Conrad Sauvé
President & CEO

“I HAVE PUT AWAY THE GLOVES, MASK AND GOWN — EBOLA IS OVER!”

When the call for help came, Garmai Sumo didn't hesitate to put her hand up. Ebola was spreading quickly, and her country Liberia needed her.

The 29-year-old woman joined thousands of Red Cross volunteers in the fight against Ebola.

“I was aware of the risk, but I was well trained,” says Garmai. “We needed people to stop the virus.”

The work of Garmai and her team was critical in breaking chains of transmission, though it was not an easy task. They encountered fear and distrust, stigma and violence. When others fled, they stayed on courageously.

“People were hostile, but we never gave up,” says Garmai. “We explained to them, and explained to them again, in order to build trust.”

For Garmai, the end of the Ebola outbreak is a big relief, even though she knows that the road to recovery will be long.

“I am happy to see my country stable, people driving cars, going to work and markets, returning to hospitals.”

With your generous donations, the Red Cross was able to recruit and train more than 10,000 local volunteers like Garmai who were essential in the fight against Ebola.



YOUR DONATION AT WORK

The Canadian Red Cross would like to thank generous individuals, businesses and provincial governments for donating \$5.2 million in support of our Ebola response.

The cost of fundraising on this emergency was 5%. These costs include fees associated with donation processing and receipting.

Here's how your donation was spent:

EMERGENCY LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE 59.2%

Emergency operation (community awareness, contact tracing, safe and dignified burials)

Specialized aid workers (training, deployment & support)

Ebola Treatment Centre (supplies & coordination)

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RECOVERY 40.8%

Supporting Ebola survivors, helping communities become better equipped to deal with health emergencies

Your generous donation will continue to make a difference as we support Ebola survivors and help communities remain vigilant and become better equipped for a future health emergency. **Thank you!**