

600 Ebola cases in hard-hit countries in past week

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Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, center, temperature is taken by a Chinese soldier, left, before the opening of a new Ebola virus clinic sponsored by China, in Monrovia, Liberia, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014, Liberia got another 100 treatment beds in the fight against Ebola on Tuesday, as yet another Sierra Leonean doctor became infected with the disease sweeping West Africa. Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf toured the Ebola treatment center built by China, calling it "first-class."(AP Photo/ Abbas Dulleh)

The World Health Organization says 600 new cases of Ebola were

reported in the most-affected countries in the past week, more than half of them in Sierra Leone.

The U.N. health agency said Wednesday that 15,935 people have been sickened with Ebola as the disease sweeps West Africa and has occasionally popped up elsewhere. Of those, 5,689 have died.

It said infections appeared to be stabilizing in Guinea and stabilizing or declining in Liberia, but increasing in Sierra Leone. Officials in Sierra Leone, however, say the outbreak may be on the verge of slowing there.

The U.N. agency said it appears to have already passed the goal in Guinea of isolating 70 percent of patients by Dec. 1, but is far behind that target in the other two hard-hit countries.



In this file photo taken on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, Liberian opposition vice presidential candidate and former soccer star George Weah listens to speakers during a rally in Monrovia, Liberia. Campaigning is under way for Senate elections in Liberia, another sign that Ebola is loosening its deadly grip on the West African country even as it hits the capital of neighboring Sierra Leone with increasing force. (AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

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