

WHO: Ebola data too poor to measure progress

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The World Health Organization says data from the Ebola outbreak are too poor to measure how many patients have been isolated and how many corpses were safely buried, after saying it was making good progress in those areas.

On Monday, the agency said Liberia and Guinea had met an interim goal of isolating 70 percent of patients, although Sierra Leone had not.

But a report Wednesday said WHO could draw no conclusions on what percentage of patients are isolated from its data.

It could only say there are enough beds in each country to handle the reported cases—although often not in the places they're needed. It said it is also difficult to determine what proportion of burials are safe.

The report said Ebola has infected 17,145 people, killing 6,070.

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