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(Ghana, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Cameroon, Mozambique, Liberia, Zambia, Kenya)



MEMO

From: The Provincial Curia
To: To all the Brothers and Co-workers
Date: 1st July, 2014

Subject: Ebola outbreak in Eastern Sierra-Leone

Dear Brothers and Co-workers.

Greetings from Accra.

I would like to bring to your notice that for the past two months there has been an outbreak of Ebola virus which is transmitted by contact from an infected person to a non infected person. It causes internal bleeding through every orifice. The case fatality rate is 33% now in Sierra Leone. From the southern part of Guinea Conakry, the same virus had spread to the Eastern part of Sierra-Leone and so far some cases have been detected.

As at 1st July 2014, the fact figures which his Excellency announced concerning the EBOLA outbreak update are as follows:

- 388 cases have been tested.
- 199 tested cases have been confirmed positive.
- 65 cases have been recorded dead.
- 23 positive cases have been managed and discharged from Kenema government hospital.
- These cases have been identified in Kailahun and Kenema districts so far.
- The case fatality rate for Sierra Leone is 33%

As you know our health services in Sierra-Leone, the St. John of God Hospital of Lunsar and the St. John of God Health Center Malorkoh Lungi are located at the North West of the country in the Northern Province and looking at the importance of our health services to the people of that country, the leadership of the hospital and the health center have been trying to put up some measures to meet up with the early identification and prevention of spread of the virus from any suspected case together with the established task force team to handle the situation in case the situation goes out of hand in our catchment area.

So far the Ministry of Health and other NGO partner have put up treatment and referral centres in Kailahun, Kenema and Daru respectively to deal with the situation.