## RESPOND TO THE EBOLA CRISIS IN LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE



Western Africa is in the midst of a healthcare crisis, due to the worst outbreak of Ebola since the virus was discovered almost 40 years ago. Each day, we hear of more new infections and a growing death toll - now exceeding 2,000 people in Liberia and Sierra Leone alone.

From the earliest awareness of the outbreak, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working closely with the Episcopal Church of Liberia and Anglican Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone to help stem the spread of the disease and care for those in need.

Partners in both countries are mobilizing local volunteers to promote accurate information about how the virus is spread and to distribute critical food and medical supplies. Important health messaging has been translated into a number of local languages and dialects for broadcast on

radio stations and on public education posters. Food distribution has been a priority as commercial and government shipments of food and essentials into quarantined areas have been restricted. Episcopal Relief & Development's regional office in Accra, Ghana, is sourcing and shipping medical supplies to clinics and hospitals in both Liberia and Sierra Leone. Protective gear and sanitation supplies will help limit the spread of the disease in care centers, and bleach and handwashing stations will protect families at the household level.

"The trusted reputation and widespread networks of the Church in Liberia and Sierra Leone have enabled a swift and effective response to the Ebola crisis," said Abiy Seifu, Senior Program Officer. "They are able to mobilize and reach people at the grassroots level with accurate information and help for those most in need."

As the crisis continues, our partners and the people they serve will need our ongoing prayers and support. To help care for those most vulnerable, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at www. episcopalrelief.org, or scan the QR code below for more information about how Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding to the crisis.

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