



30 December 2014 - Kailahun district in eastern Sierra Leone was one of the country's first hotspots in the Ebola outbreak, at its peak reporting more than 80 new cases per week in late June 2014.

Today, the district has managed to beat the disease and has reported no new cases for several weeks.

Kailahun district borders the area of Guinea where the first cases of Ebola were confirmed at the end of March 2014. The risk of infectious diseases spreading across the border has always been high, as communities are culturally connected and there is a lot of free movement between the two countries. In spite of efforts to prevent it, the disease was carried across the border and, on 25 May, Sierra Leone notified WHO of its first confirmed case. Three days later, Kailahun district already had 7 confirmed cases. The virus then spread so fast that local health capacities in Kailahun were quickly overwhelmed and needed urgent assistance.

Escalating situation

Ebola kicked out from Kailahun, Sierra Leone

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