

# **Integral Disaster Response Alert for the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa**

## **Immediate Release**



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Integral's Members have been responding individually to Ebola both operationally and through partners since the beginning of the outbreak. However, following a joint conference call on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the Ebola outbreak is now an official Integral Disaster Response, with 12 of Integral's 20 Members opting in. The response includes all work in West Africa relating to Ebola, focussing mainly on Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

The Integral Members responding are Food for the Hungry (USA), MAP International (USA), Mission Alliance (Norway), Medair (Switzerland), Medical Teams International (USA), SEL (France), Tearfund (Belgium), Tearfund (UK), World Concern (USA), World Relief Canada, World Renew (USA & Canada), and World Relief (USA).

MAP International and Medical Teams International are currently responding operationally and Mission Alliance, Tearfund UK, World Relief Canada and World Renew are supporting the work of local partners. All other Integral Members are supporting with private and institutional fundraising. By making this an official response, Integral is aiming to see how our Members can be more effective and efficient by working together.

To date MAP has shipped \$10,500,000 USDs of Ebola related supplies to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, including protective clothing and medicines. Medical Teams International is on the ground responding in seven Liberian counties and mobilising to expand to all fifteen. World Renew is working through local partners in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea to train community health workers, and whole communities, in the prevention of Ebola, and also supplying medical supplies and protective clothing. Mission Alliance is supporting a local partner in Liberia and providing funds for an information campaign and psycho-social counselling. World Relief Canada is working with a local partner in Liberia implementing water and sanitation programmes in 15 rural communities. Tearfund UK partners are working with at-risk communities in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea to heighten awareness of the deadly virus.

Roger Sandberg, Director of Emergency Relief & Global Security for Medical Teams International says, "We have been working in Liberia for the past 10 years and been part of the Ebola response since the beginning of the outbreak. We started with community training and messaging and are now involved in training health workers in Ebola Infection and Prevention Control. The number of cases continues to multiply and the World Health Organization estimates that the number of cases in Liberia doubles every 22 days. As part of the Integral Alliance, Medical Teams is working closely with other Integral Members to coordinate efforts and to join resources in order to multiply our efforts. As Ebola continues to

spread throughout Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone a unified response is urgently needed to end this terrible outbreak.”

Mark Mosely Vice President, Global Essential Medicines, Supplies & Services with MAP International echoes this sentiment, “The simple fact is that we are greater as an Alliance than we are individually now that this is an Integral response.”

As well as supporting Members with medical expertise, the joint response will take a holistic approach. Jan Eyre, Integral’s Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator says, “The impact of the Ebola crisis will be greater than just the medical side of things and will affect wider society, so we need to keep this in mind in this initial planning stages of our cooperation. Many of our Members work in complementary sectors, and we will be seeking to leverage the combined expertise of our Membership to make a greater impact against this deadly disease.”

Integral Members are currently sharing their materials for preventive education, photos and stories on the Integral DR website. Members are also looking at doing a joint mapping exercise of their reach and responses and are exploring ways to meet the very great challenge of staff needs on the ground.

See [here](#) for the latest situation report from the World Health Organisation

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All Integral Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and Integral has developed an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#) amongst its 20 Members.

**Integral’s website:** [www.integralalliance.org](http://www.integralalliance.org)

#### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTEGRAL

Integral has 20 Members who work in over 85 countries and currently fund over 1100 projects in more than 30 sectors. Our Members have a combined income of over \$675m USDs and are:

[CEDAR Fund](#) - **Hong Kong**

[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA**

[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**

[MAP International](#) - **USA**

[Medical Teams International](#) - **USA**

[Medair](#) – **Switzerland**

[Missions Alliance](#) - **Norway**

[Mission East](#) - **Denmark**

[SEL France](#) - **France**

[TEAR Australia](#) – **Australia**

[Tear-](#) **Netherlands**

[Tearfund](#) – **Belgium**

[TEAR Fund](#) – **New Zealand**

[Tear Fund](#) - **Switzerland**

[Tearfund](#) – **UK**

[Transform Aid International](#) – **Australia**

[World Concern](#) - **USA**

[World Relief Canada](#) - **Canada**

[World Relief](#) – **USA**

[World Renew](#) - **Canada & USA**

### The Integral Disaster Relief Process:

Integral Members have developed a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters as Integral, with the Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need.

In disaster situations Integral Members have previously collaborated in:

2014: Ebola outbreak in West Africa, South Sudan, CAR, Syria, The Philippines (Typhoon Haiyan), Kenya unrest, Iraq

2013: Cyclone Mahasen (Bangladesh), North India Flooding (Utterakhand), Syrian Crisis, and Tropical Cyclone Phailin (East India), Typhoon Haiyan (The Philippines)

2012: South Sudan (displacement), Philippines Flooding, Democratic Republic of Congo (displacement)

2011: Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

2010: Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods

2009: Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters

2008: Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods

2007: Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis

2006: Indonesia Earthquake

2004: Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami

### **Integral Vision:**

- Integral's vision is a world without poverty.
- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral's main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

### **On Integral Collaboration:**

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

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