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Dear Doctor,

**Inclusion of Mali as One of the Affected Areas of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)
with Active Transmission**

We would like to inform you of the latest situation of the EVD outbreak in Mali. As reported by the World Health Organization (WHO), the first case in Mali was an imported case affecting a two-year-old girl who died of the disease on 24 October. No additional cases were detected in relation to this case. On 20 November, WHO reported that a separate cluster of five cases were linked to a 70-year-old Guinean man, who was admitted to a clinic in Bamako, the capital city of Mali, on 25 October and died on 27 October. Two of the five cases were healthcare workers of the clinic (a doctor and a nurse) who had taken care of the 70-year-old patient and the remaining three cases occurred in a family which the patient had visited prior to his admission at the above clinic.

According to WHO, as of 25 November 2014, an additional two new cases of EVD were confirmed in Mali. They were close contacts of previously confirmed cases, one was the fiancée of the affected nurse and the other one was also part of the above-mentioned family the 70-year-old patient had visited. This indicates that there are further transmissions of the disease in the country. There are altogether 8 cases with 6 deaths so far reported in Mali. The 70-year-old case was reclassified as a Guinea case, as he developed symptoms in Guinea.

In this regard, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has included Mali in the list of affected areas. The latest list of affected area in the reporting criteria of EVD is now updated as follows:



- Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on or before 20 November 2014)
- Guinea
- Liberia
- Mali
- Sierra Leone

The updated list of affected areas is also available at http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_affected_area.pdf.

Patients meeting the reporting criteria should be isolated immediately and notified to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of CHP via fax (2477 2770), phone (2477 2772) or CENO On-line (<http://ceno.chp.gov.hk/>). Please also call our Medical Control Officer at 7116 3300 a/c 9179 for prompt investigation and arrangement of patient to the Hospital Authority Infectious Disease Centre in Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation, testing and treatment. Your continuous support is essential to combat the disease.

For more information about EVD, please visit the CHP website at http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html.

Yours faithfully,



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