

FACT SHEET: Ebola Treatment Units

U.S. and Liberian Armed Forces Jointly Building up to 17 ETUs in Liberia

The U.S. Department of Defense's U.S. Africa Command is working as part of a comprehensive U.S. Government effort, led by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), to respond to and contain the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa. USAID requested that DoD build up to 17 specially-designed 100-bed Ebola Treatment Units.



Engineers from the Armed Forces of Liberia install tent stakes at the Tubmanberg ETU site on Oct. 15, 2014. Photo by SFC Will Patterson, USARAF public affairs.

The Joint Forces Command-United Assistance and the Armed Forces of Liberia recognized an opportunity to collaborate for expeditious and efficient building in a joint multinational military effort.

Three Ebola Treatment Units are currently under construction and will add 300 beds to the current 480 in Liberia within the next three weeks. Those units are in Tubmanburg, Sinje and Buchanan, listed in the order of their expected opening. An additional seven treatment units are in varying stages of site selection and horizontal construction, which includes excavation and site preparation.

Once complete, each unit will be turned over to medical staff from different organizations. To date, according to USAID, the U.S. government has received and shared with interested humanitarian organizations information from more than 3,000 volunteers willing to provide health care in the affected countries.