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(MONROVIA, LIBERIA – Monday, August 25, 2014) President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf have commended healthcare workers in Bomi County for going the extra mile in the wake of the Ebola virus outbreak in the country.

According to an Executive Mansion release, the Liberian leader, speaking at the weekend in Tubmanburg, said she was impressed by the courage and enthusiasm demonstrated by the healthcare workers in such an emergency situation which has claimed hundreds of lives including those of health workers.



President Sirleaf told the health workers that they were making the ultimate sacrifices for their country in keeping with the oath taken to save lives. By this, she said, government has no excuse not to act in creating the environment for smooth operation. “The government is doing all within its power to supply your equipment as needed for protecting yourselves and the Health Ministry is going to do that immediately,” she said.

At Klay Junction where several Liberians are volunteering their services, President Sirleaf expressed gratitude to the volunteers and encouraged them to keep up as the fight against the Ebola virus disease was a national endeavor and needed everyone’s involvement.

Earlier, the volunteers told the Liberian President that they felt compel to volunteer their services as there is no other way they could demonstrate their patriotism other than doing what they are doing at the Klay Junction. The volunteers are carrying out screening with thermometers that are being used to monitor traveler’s temperature.





At the Liberian Government Hospital

in Tubmanburg, Bomi County Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gabriel Logan, thanked the Liberian leader for her personal engagement in the Ebola fight.

Briefing President Sirleaf, Dr. Logan said the Bomi County Health Team in collaboration with the local government has initiated several measures aimed at stopping further transmission in the county. He named the construction of an isolation center and anti-Ebola messaging which he said has greatly impacted the fight. Dr. Logan praised government for the food supply and the cooperation being received from security forces enforcing anti-Ebola regulations.

Dr. Logan appealed for personal protection Equipment (PPEs) that he thinks will encourage health workers in the discharge of their duties. "We lack disposable PPEs and by this, nurses are reluctant to carry out preliminary screening in distinguishing whether it is Ebola or the regular ailment," Dr. Logan informed President Sirleaf. In a related development, President Sirleaf on Monday, August 25, 2014 paid a visit to quarantined West Point community to further explain to the people the intent of the measures placed on their community.

In West Point, the Liberian President informed the residents that the measures placed on them were temporary and is only meant to stop the spread of the Ebola virus disease.

The President told the West Pointers that the government and its partners have arranged food supply and challenged the residents to remain calm as food and water distribution has already started.

President Sirleaf, as part of several measures already taken to stop transmission, last Tuesday, August 19, quarantined West Point and Dolo Town communities in Monrovia and lower Margibi County due to an outbreak in those communities.

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