

**Question for written answer E-007305/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Measures to ensure effective use of the funds committed to combat the Ebola epidemic

Since the first case was reported in Guinea almost seven months ago, the Ebola epidemic has spread steadily. West Africa is currently facing a health crisis which has already left more than 2 000 people dead and a further 4 000 infected. The World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and estimates that the number of persons affected could rise to more than 20 000 over the course of the next three months.

Faced with this unfolding tragedy, the international community must take further action. The European Union has decided to increase its aid to the countries concerned to almost EUR 150 million, earmarking it specifically for the treatment of infected patients, measures to contain the epidemic, the strengthening of healthcare systems and improvements to food safety, access to water and sanitation.

If the release of these funds is a cause for hope, we must also ensure that they are used in such a way that they actually help the population groups affected by the virus in the regions concerned.

With this in mind, what monitoring systems does the Commission intend to set up in order to ensure that the aid actually reaches the people affected by the Ebola virus?