

**Question for written answer E-008537/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ebola and its effects on the provision of funding in the context of European development cooperation, humanitarian aid, etc.

In the assessment of the World Bank, the Ebola epidemic could have devastating economic consequences for West Africa. Given the high number of infected people and the large exodus of refugees, a dramatic economic downturn is to be expected, according to the World Bank. In the event that efforts to contain the illness only make slow progress in the coming year, the GDP growth of the three countries most severely affected by the epidemic – Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone – could plummet by USD 815 million, and that of West Africa by a total of USD 25.2 billion. This huge decline in economic output in West Africa will have ramifications on the amount of funding provided by the EU in the context of European development cooperation, humanitarian aid, etc.

1. What effect will the Ebola epidemic have on the extent and amount of the funding provided in the context of European development cooperation with West Africa for 2014 and 2015?
2. What effect will the Ebola epidemic have on the extent and amount of the funding provided in the context of humanitarian aid for 2014 and 2015?
3. How much funding, in total, did the EU estimate would be available for 2014 and 2015 for the purposes of combating the Ebola epidemic, and how much funding has been paid out up to now, and to which organisations/countries was it paid out?