

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, May 11, 2015**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, today, Monday, May 11, was officially presented the declaration of the end of the Ebola outbreak in Liberia by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO Representative to Liberia, Dr. Alex Gassasira, speaking at an elaborate program at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion, declared the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in Liberia over. He noted that Liberia has interrupted transmission of the Ebola virus and 42 days have passed since the last laboratory-confirmed case was buried on March 28; the criteria established by WHO has been met.

He said the interruption of the transmission is a monumental achievement for a country that reported the highest number of deaths in the largest, longest and most complex outbreak since Ebola first emerged in 1976.

Dr. Gasasira warned, however, that transmission persists in neighboring Guinea and Sierra Leone creating a high risk that infected people may cross into Liberia.

He then presented the Ebola- Free Declaration to the head of the Incident Management System of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Tolbert Nyenswah, who in turn presented it to outgoing Health Minister, Dr. Walter Gwenigale. The outgoing Health Minister, in turn, officially presented the Declaration to President Sirleaf amidst rapturous applause.

Gracing the occasion were the President of Togo, His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, who is also ECOWAS Ebola Coordinator; and Ghana's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ms. Hanna Serwaa Tetteh, who represented the President of Ghana and Chairman of ECOWAS Authority, Dr. John Mahama.