Sierra Leone Ebola Database (SLED)
Laboratory Testing File Public Use Data Dictionary
Source File Original: Labs11212015_commons_03072017_work12values.xlsx

Number of records: 106,172
Variables number: 44

Dictionary variable number: 2

Variable name: Laboratory
Recode: No
Original: Yes

Restricted: (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, available by special request

Definition: Laboratory performing the test

Values/Range: 
Canadian–Kailahun - 2,575 (2.4%); CDC–Bo - 2,6794 (25.2%); China CDC–Jui - 8,947 (8.4%); CPHRL/MEDAC Laboratory–Lakka - 3,447 (3.2%); Dutch Laboratory #2 - 4,969 (4.6%); Dutch Lab #2 – 3,310 (3.1%); EMLab–Hastings – 3,460 (3.2%); Italian Laboratory –Goderich - 2,859 (2.6%); MEDAC Laboratory –Moyamba - 887 (0.8%); NICD–Lakka - 8,408 (7.9%); Nigerian Laboratory –Kingtom - 1,708 (1.6%); Nigerian Laboratory –Kambia - 2,074 (1.9%); OCNML-Mobile2–Magburaka - 2,403 (2.2%); PCMH–Emergency – 622 (0.5%); PHE–Kerry Town - 5,742 (5.4%); PHE–Makeni – 14,306 (13.4%); PHE–Port Loko - 13,316 (12.5%); Unknown – 345 (0.3%)

Notes: Dutch Lab - same as Dutch Lab #2, #10–#19, #20–#29, #3, #30–#39, #4, #40–#49, #5, #50–#59, #6, #60–#69, #7, #70–#72, #74, #8, #9, also known as Dutch Lab PCMH; CPHRL/MEDAC Laboratory –Lakka - same as MEDAC/DTRA lab; OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka - same as Canadian lab in Tonkolili

Dictionary variable number: 9

Variable name: Stillbirth/Newborn
Recode: Yes
Original: No

Restricted: (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

Definition: Indicate if the specimen has been collected from stillborn or newborn child

Values/Range: 1- a) age is 0 days, or - b) age - unknown and "stillborn" or "newborn" are mentioned on the record, 0 - otherwise

Format: N
Length: 1

Frequency: 0 – 104,005 (97.9%); 1 – 2,167 (2.0%)

Notes: In some cases, live newborn children were tested with a swab, therefore swab does not indicate that the child was dead.

Dictionary variable number: 10

Variable name: Age_Yrs_lab
Recode: Yes
Original: No

Restricted: (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by age group in the research data package
**Definition:** Age in years (whole number)

**Values/Range:** 0-120; unknown

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**Frequency:** 0-120 – 98,666 (92.9%); unknown – 7,506 (7.0%)

**Notes:** Derived from Age_Years, Age_Month, and Age_Days

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**Dictionary variable number:** 14

**Variable name:** Sex_lab

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**Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.):** No

**Definition:** Patient's sex as recorded by laboratory technician from Case Investigation Form (CIF) or a label on specimen container

**Values/Range:** 1- male; 2- female; unknown

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**Frequency:** 1- 42,778 (40.2%); 2- 38,889 (36.6%); unknown- 24,505 (23.0%)

**Notes:** Derived from variable Gender

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**Dictionary variable number:** 16

**Variable name:** VitStatus

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**Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.):** No

**Definition:** Patient' vital status at the time of specimen’s collection

**Values/Range:** 1- alive (specimen recorded or mentioned is blood, live swab, urine, serum, or breast milk) 2 - dead (specimen is dead swab or death or burial mentioned on the record) 3 - unknown (specimen type is swab or unknown swab) 9 - unknown, otherwise

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**Frequency:** 1 – 37,916 (35.7%); 2 – 46,811 (44.0%); 3 – 20,738 (19.5%); 9 – 707 (0.6%)

**Notes:** Derived from specimen type or otherwise mentions on the record. Specimen type “Blood” indicates that a patient was alive at the time of collection, although in some cases post-mortem blood was collected. Generally, swabs were collected from the dead persons, although some live patients, especially small children were also swabbed.

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**Dictionary variable number:** 17

**Variable name:** Live_def

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**Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.):** No
**Definition:** 1 - alive (specimen recorded or mentioned is blood, live swab, urine, serum, or breast milk)

**Values/Range:** 1, blank

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 1

**Frequency:** 1 – 37,879 (35.6%); blank – 68,293 (64.3%)

**Notes:** Specimen type “Blood” indicates that a patient was alive at the time of collection, although in some cases post-mortem blood was collected. Generally, swabs were collected from the dead persons, although some live patients, especially small children were also swabbed.

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**Dictionary variable number:** 18

**Variable name:** Death_def  
**Recode:** Yes  
**Original:** No

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** 1 - dead (specimen is dead swab or death or burial mentioned on the record)

**Values/Range:** 1, blank

**Format:**  
**Length:** 1

**Frequency:** 1 – 46,799 (44.0%); blank – 59,373 (55.9%)

**Notes:** Generally, swabs were collected from the dead persons, although some live patients, especially small children were also swabbed.

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**Dictionary variable number:** 19

**Variable name:** Specimen_Type  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** Specimen type received by the laboratory

**Values/Range:** Blood; Dead Swab; Live Swab; No Sample; Other; Swab; Unknown; Unknown Swab

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 12

**Frequency:** Blood – 37,641 (35.4%); Dead Swab – 45,389 (42.7%); Live Swab – 196 (0.1%); No Sample – 7 (0.0%); other – 255 (0.2%); Swab – 14,652 (13.8%); unknown – 612 (0.5%); unknown Swab – 7,420 (6.9%)

**Notes:** Blood (e.g., whole, serum, or post-mortem); Swab (should be oral but sometimes taken elsewhere, sometimes taken from living patient due to difficulty drawing blood); unknown swab means swab from unknown origin; Other (other specimen types not defined). Specimen type “Blood” indicates that a patient was alive at the time of collection, although in some cases post-mortem blood was collected. Generally, swabs were collected from the dead persons, although some live patients, especially small children were also swabbed.

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**Dictionary variable number:** 20

**Variable name:** Sample_Type  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.) No
**Definition:** Type of the test taken from the patient

**Values:** Initial, Repeat, Follow-Up, Unknown

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 9

**Frequency:** Follow-Up – 4,956 (4.6%); initial – 76,278 (71.8%); Repeat – 3,695 (3.4%); unknown – 21,243 (20.0%)

**Notes:** Initial - initial sample submitted for testing, may include any test submitted prior conclusive positive or negative diagnosis (e.g. if the first test was collected during first 3 days since onset); Repeat - sample submitted for repeat testing (earlier in the epidemic means any follow-up test); Follow-up - sample submitted by treatment facility for discharge of confirmed case.

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**Dictionary variable number:** 21

**Variable name:** District_Imp  
**Recode:** Yes  
**Original:** No

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** District of the patient as recorded by laboratory technician from CIF or a label on specimen container

**Values:** Bo; Bombali; Bonthe; Kailahun; Kambia; Kenema; Koinadugu; Kono; Moyamba; Port Loko; Pujehun; Tonkolili; Western Area; Unknown; Cote d'Ivoire; Forecoriah; Guinea; Liberia

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 12

**Frequency:** Bo – 7,974 (7.5%); Bombali – 9,139 (8.6%); Bonthe – 2,272 (2.1%); Kailahun – 1,679 (1.6%); Kambia – 4,484 (4.2%); Kenema – 5,861 (5.5%); Koinadugu – 2,467 (2.3%); Kono – 7,247 (6.8%); Moyamba – 5,282 (4.9%); Port Loko – 11,334 (10.6%); Pujehun – 2,265 (2.1%); Tonkolili – 6,437 (6.0%); Unknown – 7,252 (6.8%); Western Area – 32,456 (30.5%); Cote d'Ivoire – 2 (0.0%); Forecoriah – 1 (0.0%); Guinea – 17 (0.0%); Liberia – 3 (0.0%)

**Notes:** Derived from the variable District or otherwise mention of the patient’s district on the record.

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**Dictionary variable number:** 23

**Variable name:** Chiefdom  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** Chiefdom of the patient as recorded by laboratory technician from CIF or a label on specimen container

**Values:** N/A

**Format:** Alphanumeric  
**Length:** 28

**Notes:** Kailahun - Dea; Jaluahun; Jawei; Kissi Kama; Kissi Teng; Kissi Tongi; Luawa; Malema; Mandu; Peje Bongre; Peje West; Penguia; Upper Bambara; Yawe; Kenema - Dama; Dodo; Gaura; Gorama Mende; Kandu Leppiam; Koya; Langurama Ya; Lower Bambara; Maleghun; Niawa; Nomo; Nongowa; Simbaru; Small Bo; Tunkia; Wando; Kono - Fiana; Gbave Kandor; Gbane; Gbense; Gorama Kono; Kamara; Lei; Mafindor; Nimikoro; Nimiyama; Sandor; Soa; Tankoro; Toli; Bombali - Biriwa; Bombali Shebora; Gbanti Kamaranka; Gbendembo Ngowahun; Libeisaygahun; Magbaamba Ndowahun; Makari Gbanti; Paki Massabong; Safroko Limba; Sandra Loko; Sandra Tenraren; Sella Limba; Tambakha
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Notes: Facility, community care center, district surveillance officer, or swabber that submitted the specimen.

Dictionary variable number: 27

Variable name: BestDate_Month  
Recode: Yes  
Original: No  

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): No  
Definition: Month of the latest valid date on the record  
Values/Range: 1-12, unknown  
Format: Alphanumeric  
Length: 7  
Frequency: 1-12 – 106,071 (99.9%); unknown – (0.0%)  
Notes:

Dictionary variable number: 29

Variable name: BestDate_Year  
Recode: Yes  
Original: No  

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): No  
Definition: Year of the latest valid date on the record  
Values/Range: 2014, 2015, unknown  
Format: Alphanumeric  
Length: 7  
Frequency: 2014-2015 – 106,071 (99.9%); unknown – 101 (0.0%)  
Notes:

Dictionary variable number: 30

Variable name: BestDate  
Recode: Yes  
Original: No  

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by the Epi Week in the research data package  
Definition: Latest valid date on the record. Date of specimen tested when correct and available, otherwise derived from other dates mentioned on the record or external sources.  
Format: Date  
Length: 10  
Frequency: 6/5/2014-11/17/2015 – 106,071 (99.9%); unknown MM/DD/YYYY – 101 (0.0%)  
Notes: For 122 records Best Date was confirmed or derived using VHF or historic laboratory records.

Dictionary variable number: 32

Variable name: Date_Hospitalization  
Recode: No  
Original: Yes
Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by the Epi Week in the research data package

**Definition:** Date of patient's admission to the medical facility (usually the one submitting the sample), as recorded by laboratory technician from CIF or a label on specimen container

**Values/Range:** 1/1/2014-10/25/2015, blank

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 10

**Frequency:**  1/1/2014-10/25/2015 – 12,465 (11.7%); blank – 93,606 (88.1%)

**Notes:** Some dates may be recorded erroneously or in mixed format (DD/MM/YYYY)

**Dictionary variable number:** 33

**Variable name:** Date_Symptom_Onset  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by the Epi Week in the research data package

**Definition:** Date of patient's symptoms onset, as recorded by laboratory technician from CIF or a label on specimen container

**Values/Range:** 1/1/2010-10/28/2015, blank

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 10

**Frequency:**  1/1/2010-10/28/2015 – 83,579 (78.7%); blank – 22,492 (21.1%)

**Notes:** Some dates may be recorded erroneously or in mixed format (DD/MM/YYYY)

**Dictionary variable number:** 34

**Variable name:** Date_Specimen_Collection  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by the Epi Week in the research data package

**Definition:** Date when specimen was collected, as recorded by laboratory technician from CIF or a label on specimen container

**Values/Range:** 8/4/2014-10/30/2015, blank

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 10

**Frequency:**  8/4/2014-10/30/2015 – 99,202 (93.4%); blank – 6,869 (6.4%)

**Notes:** Some dates may be recorded erroneously or in mixed format (DD/MM/YYYY)

**Dictionary variable number:** 35

**Variable name:** Date_Specimen_Received  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by the Epi Week in the research data package

**Definition:** Date when specimen was received by the laboratory
Values/Range: 7/1/2014-10/26/2015; blank  

Format: Text  
Length: 10  

Frequency: 7/1/2014-10/26/2015 – 103,984 (97.9%); blank – 2,087 (1.9%)  

Notes: Some dates may be recorded erroneously or in mixed format (DD/MM/YYYY). Earlier in the epidemic the time from specimen collection to its delivery can be a long as 7 days or more.

Dictionary variable number: 36  
Variable name: Date_Specimen_Tested  
Recode: No  
Original: Yes  

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by the Epi Week in the research data package  
Definition: Date when specimen was tested  

Values/Range: 7/2/2014-10/26/2015, blank  

Format: Text  
Length: 10  

Frequency: 7/2/2014-10/26/2015 – 104,051 (98.0%); blank – 2,020 (1.9%)  

Notes: Some dates may be recorded erroneously or in mixed format (DD/MM/YYYY)

Dictionary variable number: 37  
Variable name: PcrI_Target  
Recode: No  
Original: Yes  

Restricted (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by PCR ranges in the research data package  
Definition: Number of cycles of PCR that occurred before Ebola specific RNA was first detected with specimen; inverse relationship to quantity of RNA (i.e., lower CT value, higher quantity of RNA)  

Values/Range: 0-43.34; multiple values (e.g. 35.6/pos); range (e.g. 42.92 -- >45); Indeterminate (CDC - Bo, Dutch Lab - Kono,Dutch Lab #2,OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); Invalid (Dutch Lab - Kono); Neg; Nil (Canadian - Kailahun, OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); O (Nigerian Lab - Kingtom); Pos (Dutch Lab - Kono); Unknown  

Format: Alphanumeric  
Length: 13  

Frequency: -0-43.34; multiple values (e.g. 35.6/pos); range (e.g. 42.92 -- >45); Indeterminate (CDC - Bo, Dutch Lab - Kono,Dutch Lab #2,OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); Invalid (Dutch Lab - Kono); Neg; Nil (Canadian - Kailahun, OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); O (Nigerian Lab - Kingtom); Pos (Dutch Lab - Kono) – 60,686 (57.1%); Unknown – 45,385 (42.7%)  

Notes: Valuable if comparing across same assay being run at same laboratory (e.g., CDC Bo lab); if compared across PCRs, it becomes more difficult to assess CT values because of different EVD targets (some assays more sensitive than others); Different laboratories had different PCR assays and different ways of reporting results. Some laboratories had 2 different targets and some laboratories just reported negative or positive results without CT values.

Dictionary variable number: 38
**Variable name:** PcrII_Target

**Recode:** No

**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, will be replaced by PCR ranges in the research data package

**Definition:** Number of cycles of PCR that occurred before Ebola specific RNA was first detected with specimen; inverse relationship to quantity of RNA (i.e., lower CT value, higher quantity of RNA)

**Values/Range:** 12-43.5, multiple values (e.g. 35.6/pos); range (e.g. 42.92-- >45); Indeterminate (CDC - Bo, Dutch Lab - Kono,Dutch Lab #2,OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); Invalid (Dutch Lab - Kono); Neg; Nil (Canadian - Kailahun, OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); O (Nigerian Lab - Kingtom); Pos (Dutch Lab - Kono); Unknown

**Format:** Alphanumeric

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**Frequency:** 12-43.5, multiple values (e.g. 35.6/pos); range (e.g. 42.92-- >45); Indeterminate (CDC - Bo, Dutch Lab - Kono,Dutch Lab #2,OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); Invalid (Dutch Lab - Kono); Neg; Nil (Canadian - Kailahun, OCNML-Mobile2 - Magburaka); O (Nigerian Lab - Kingtom); Pos (Dutch Lab - Kono) – 36,641 (34.5%); Unknown – 69,430 (65.3%)

**Notes:** Valuable if comparing across same assay being run at same laboratory (e.g., CDC Bo lab); if compared across PCRs, it becomes more difficult to assess CT values because different EVD targets (some assays more sensitive than others); Different laboratories had different PCR assays and different ways of reporting results. Some laboratories had 2 different targets and some laboratories just reported negative or positive values without CT values.

**Dictionary variable number:** 39

**Variable name:** Ebola_Result

**Recode:** No

**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** Ebola testing result interpretation

**Values/Range:** Positive - Ebola specific RNA detected below laboratory’s cut off value for PCRI or PCRII; Negative - Ebola specific RNA detected above laboratory cut off for PCRI or PCRII; Indeterminate - not able to determine if specimen negative or positive; Pending - test results not available yet or sample was collected within 72 hours since symptom onset; Rejected - specimen was inadequate; Unknown

**Format:** Text

**Length:** 13

**Frequency:** Indeterminate – 960 (0.9%); Negative – 88,615 (83.4%); Pending – 3,968 (3.7%); Positive – 11,330 (10.6%); Rejected – 772 (0.7%); unknown – 476 (0.4%)

**Notes:**

**Dictionary variable number:** 40

**Variable name:** Comments

**Recode:** No

**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, available by special request

**Definition:** Comments by the laboratory technician

**Values/Range:** N/A

**Format:** Alphanumeric

**Length:** 261
Frequency: N/A

Notes May contain a valuable information about the patient, name of the head of patient' household, condition of the specimen, additional information from the container label, and other.

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**Dictionary variable number: 41**

**Variable name:** Malaria_Result  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** Result of any malaria test performed

**Values/Range:** Indeterminate; Negative; Pending; Positive, Positive (very Weak); Positive (weak); Unknown

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 20

**Frequency:** Indeterminate – 12 (0.0%); Negative – 10,950 (10.3%); Pending – 1 (0.0%); Positive – 4,750 (4.4%); Positive (very Weak) – 4 (0.0%); Positive (wak) – 22 (0.0%); Unknown – 90,332 (85.0%)

**Notes:** Malaria test was not possible when the specimen type was swab.

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**Dictionary variable number: 43**

**Variable name:** Other_Tests  
**Recode:** No  
**Original:** Yes

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): Restricted, available by special request

**Definition:**

**Values/Range:** N/A

**Format:** Alphanumeric  
**Length:** 144

**Frequency:** N/A

**Notes:** Generally contains additional comments recorded by the laboratory technician

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**Dictionary variable number: 44**

**Variable name:** InconsistentTube  
**Recode:** Yes  
**Original:** No

**Restricted** (PII, record identifier, etc.): No

**Definition:** Indicates inconsistency in the names, dates or other information on CIF and specimen container noted by the laboratory technician

**Values/Range:** 1 - inconsistency found between CIF and label on specimen container,0 – otherwise

**Format:** Text  
**Length:** 1

**Frequency:** 1 – 1,169 (1.1%); 0 – 104,902 (98.8%)

**Notes:**