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United States President Barack Obama has emphasized that his government will continue to support the West African countries worse affected by the deadly Ebola virus until the disease is fully eradicated.

"We're proud to partner with you and we intend to see this through until the job is done," President Obama promised.

According to a Dispatch from Washington D.C., the U.S. President made the commitment during a meeting at the White House with Liberia's President, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; Guinean's President, Dr. Alpha Conde; and Sierra Leone's President, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone, leaders of three West African countries worst affected by the Ebola virus disease on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

President Obama said he had invited the three West African leaders to "access progress today and to look ahead."

The U.S. President praised Liberia, which, he said, has no new case, while there were fewer than 40 cases in the region last week, the lowest in more than a year. He added that the success in Liberia was due to the efforts of the communities, who were determined to protect their lives and livelihood.

President Obama noted that while there has been "major progress, now we're focused on a major shared goal, and that is getting to zero. We can't get complacent. This virus is unpredictable."

President Obama indicated that Ebola has also damaged the economies of the affected countries, and reiterated U.S. assistance for the region's economic recovery.

Besides meeting U.S. President Obama, The three Mano River Union leaders are in the U.S. capital, to attend the Spring Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and seek assistance for their regional post-Ebola recovery plan.





US President Obama meets with the three West African leaders (l-r) Koroma, Sirleaf and Conde at the White House on Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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