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Singapore: In a shocking report, the African Governance Initiative (AGI) has said that Ebola in Sierra Leone is multiplying nine times faster than it was two months ago. The campaign group said that on an average 12 cases of the deadly virus were reported in October every day as compared to 1.3 cases in September.

AGI has further cautioned that both rural and urban areas of Sierra Leone are worst affected by the virus. Recently the WHO had stated that the cases of Ebola in Liberia were reducing and that the agency was getting an upper hand on the virus. However, Sierra Leone's rise in cases has alarmed experts again.

AGI, a support-initiative set up by the British President Mr Tony Blair described the situation as a full blown crisis. "The Government of Sierra Leone is making real strides in tackling transmission by speeding up access to treatment and safe and dignified burial," said the AGI chief executive Mr Nick Thompson.

The analysis was based on three-day averages of new cases recorded by Sierra Leone's health ministry. The virus is taking a heavy toll on the medical fraternity in the region, affecting another doctor after claiming the lives of four doctors in Sierra Leone.