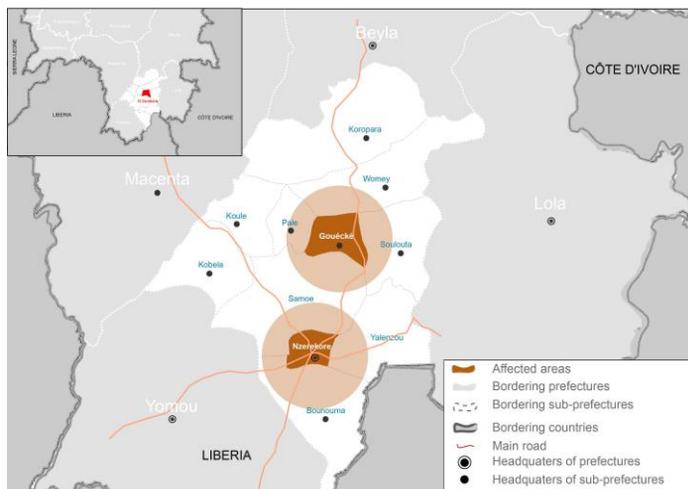


This situation report presents the latest updates on the reappearance of the Ebola virus Disease (EVD) notified since February 2021 in Guinea. The document contains the latest epidemiological data, the actions put in place by the national authorities and the humanitarian community actors to fight the spread of the EVD outbreak and provides recommendations on the way forward. Finally, the report describes the actions carried out by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in response to this epidemic. These epidemiological data are updated as of 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

## AFFECTED AREAS



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## CONTEXT

Since February 2021, Guinea has been facing the reappearance of the Ebola epidemic. For the first time since 2016, cases of haemorrhagic fever caused by the virus have been recorded in the county of N'Zérékoré, located in the south-east part of the country, leading to several deaths. The first victim, identified in the sub-county of Gouécké, was a nurse who died at the end of January 2021. All other cases are from people who attended the funeral on February 1, 2021. On 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, the Guinean Ministry of Health (MoH) officially declared an outbreak of EVD.



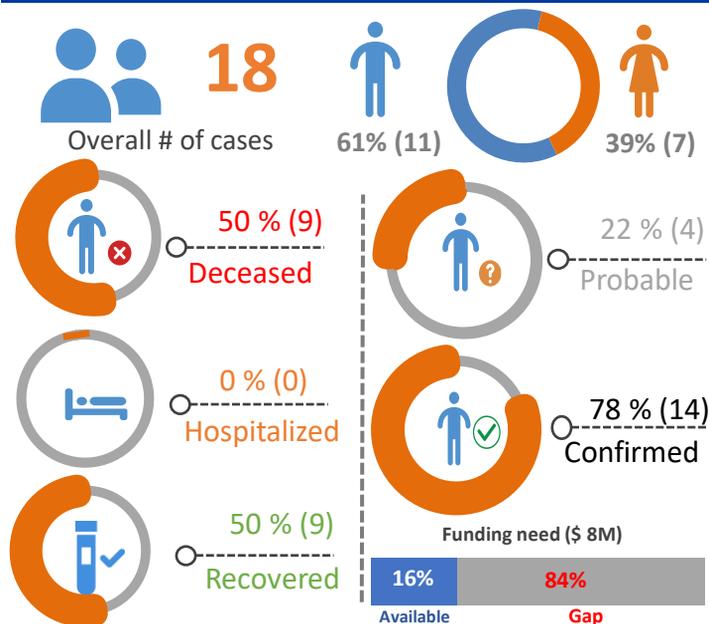
Field visit of the IOM's engineer at one of the PoCs of Gouécké, N'Zérékoré © OIM 2021

## IOM'S CROSS-BORDER PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

### Liberia

- All 15 counties are now in alert mode;
- Holding a meetings of the PoEs Pillar every Wednesday;
- Launch of the active case finding in high-risk communities and health facilities bordering Guinea has been initiated;
- Community engagement with community leaders continues across high-risk counties;
- Multidisciplinary Rapid Response Team (RRT) continues to be activated for heightening surveillance in border countries.

## KEY FIGURES



## HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. Epidemiological situation as of March 26, 2021

- Cumulatively, 18 cases of EVD had been notified, including 14 confirmed and 4 probable cases; 2 people (0 confirmed and 2 suspected) are currently hospitalized at the ETC of N'Zérékoré.
- Moreover, 2 new suspected cases have been notified in N'Zérékoré. There are 9 EVD deaths recorded in total, including 5 confirmed and 4 probable cases; overall, 5 healthcare workers (HCWs) have been infected by the Ebola virus leading to 2 deaths (1 confirmed and 1 probable cases), and 9 people have recovered from the EVD.
- Besides, EVD contact follow-up is over in N'Zérékoré and 4345 people have been vaccinated. Countdown to declare the end of the EVD epidemic is at D-41.

### 2. EVD Response activities

- Identification of 16 EVD contacts lost to follow-up by the One Health Platform of Gouécké supported by IOM; and 23 alerts at the 9 PoC of N'Zérékoré of which 17 have been validated;
- Organisation of a meeting of partners at ANSS to plan the enhanced surveillance phase;
- Holding of a meeting for exchange on and planning of the IOM's CERF project at ANSS..

### Sierra Leone

- IOM has supplied Infection Prevention materials and PPEs to three major PoEs: Freetown international Airport and two ground-crossing PoEs (Gbalamuya border with Guinea and Jendema bordering with Liberia);
- IOM supported the planning for the national simulation exercises for EVD.
- IOM always participates in Incident Management coordination meetings for EVD preparedness/response and co-chairs the PoEs pillar with WHO.

## IOM'S ROLE IN THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE RESPONSE

### Coordination and cross-border collaboration 24

- Organisation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IOM consultation meeting with the participation of HQ, the Regional Office, Guinea and neighbouring countries (Liberia, C. d'Ivoire and S. Leone);
- Organisation of a WHO-IOM consultation meeting on the EVD response;
- Holding of an exchange on and planning meeting of IOM's CERF project at ANSS;
- Participation in 22 daily coordination meetings of the EVD response at the national level (ANSS) and in the 2 affected regions (Conakry and N'Zérékoré);
- Participation in the weekly epidemiological information meeting held at ANSS and support for the prefectural coordination of N'Zérékoré to participate;
- Support for the updating of the IMS of the PHEOC of N'Zérékoré.

### Case Management 0

- Participation in facilitating the management of 2 patients, including 0 EVD confirmed and 2 suspect cases at the ETC of N'Zérékoré;
- Support for maintaining security at the CT-Epi of N'Zérékoré by 11 "USAGE" agents ;
- Participation in realizing 4 dignified and safe burials of 4 community deaths by the joint team of the Civil Protection and the Guinean Red Cross to prevent the community spread of the EVD through contamination from a dead body.

### Surveillance and Contact tracing 23

- Identification of 23 alerts at the 9 PoCs of N'Zérékoré of which 17 were validated;
- Identification of 16 EVD contacts lost to follow-up by the "One Health" Platform of Gouécké;
- Daily dissemination of the list of Ebola contacts to the PoEs for active finding of mobile and migrant EVD contacts ;
- Support the elaboration of 7 regional SitRep on EVD in N'Zérékoré.

### Points of Entry 154 127

- Organisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in N'Zérékoré for exchange and coordination of interventions at the PoEs;
- Organisation of a joint supervision for health control at Conakry airport;
- Support for the follow-up of EVD contacts at the air and ground crossing PoEs;
- Screening of 154,127 travellers including 74,194 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré City.

### Communication 154 127

- Support for the dissemination of awareness-raising messages on EVD in local languages;
- Sensitization of 154,127 travellers including 74,194 women, at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré City on EVD preventive measures.

### The "One Health" Platform of Gouécké ensures the return of 16 EVD contacts lost to follow-up!

Since March 6, 2021, 10 contacts of EVD confirmed cases initially identified in Gouécké were absent from their homes and therefore did not benefit from any follow-up. Regarding this situation, members of the Community One Health Platform (COHP) of Gouécké took the initiative to invite the president of the Gbahaye rural municipality and one of the uncles of the contacts' family to a meeting to discuss ways and means of bringing these contacts back to their homes for follow-up. The elders of the village where these contacts are located were also involved.

All this made it possible to return the 16 EVD contacts to Gouécké on Tuesday March 23, 2021 (instead of the 10 contacts initially identified).

The reactivation and mentoring of the COHP of Gouécké was made possible by the support provided by IOM.



Meeting of the Community One Health Platform of Gouécké, N'Zérékoré © OIM 2021

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[OIM responds to the new Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in N'Zérékoré, Guinea](#)

[Document of the IOM Flash Appeal to raise funds for supporting the EVD response activities in Guinea](#)