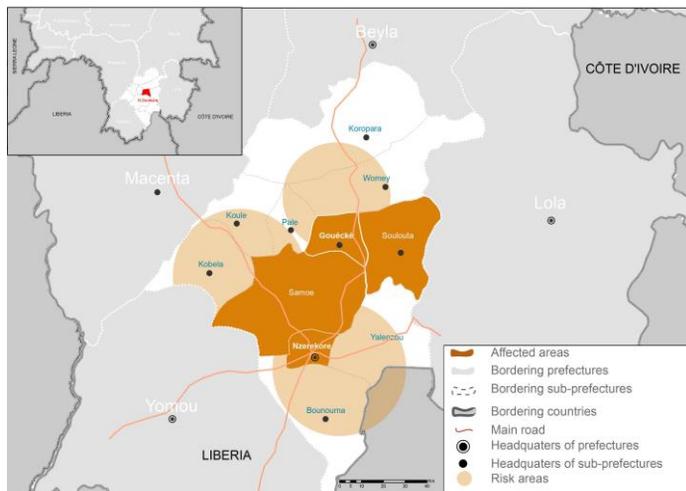


This situation report presents the latest updates on the reappearance of the Ebola virus Disease (EVD) notified since February 2021 in Guinea. The document contains the latest epidemiological data, the actions put in place by the national authorities and the humanitarian community actors to fight the 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 9<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Gouéké, 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.



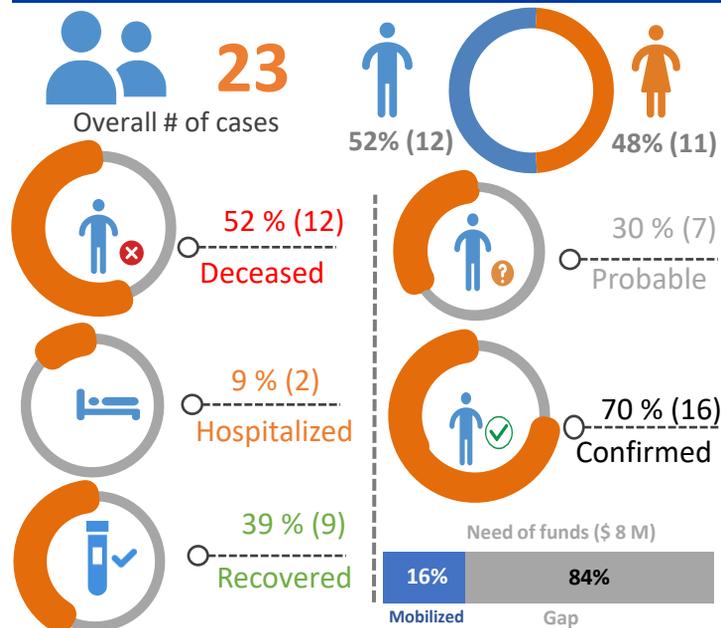
Joint mission of IOM-ANSS-CDC to evaluate capacities of PoC/PoE of the N'Zérékoré region, © IOM 2021

## IOM'S CROSS-BORDER PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

### Liberia

- Carrying out a rapid assessment of PCI in the districts of Grand Bassa, Rivercess, Grand Gedeh and in parts of Montserrado;
- Active case finding in high-risk communities and border health structures with Guinea;
- Community engagement with community leaders continues in high-risk districts;
- Training of health control agents in 54 PoEs in neighboring counties.

## KEY FIGURES



## HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. Epidemiological situation as of April 9, 2021

- Cumulatively, 23 cases of EVD had been notified, including 16 confirmed and 7 probable cases; 5 people (1 confirmed and 4 suspected cases) are currently hospitalized at the ETC of N'Zérékoré.
- To date, no new suspected cases have been notified in N'Zérékoré.
- There are 12 EVD deaths recorded in total, including 5 confirmed and 7 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.
- 200 EVD contacts are being followed up in N'Zérékoré and 5,920 people have been vaccinated.

### 2. EVD Response activities

- Activation of the One Health Platforms of Soukouda sub-county and N'Zérékoré county to reinforce the local coordination of activities, Community engagement and active surveillance of the EVD;
- Ongoing joint mission of IOM-ANSS) DRS to evaluate the capacities at the PoEs and PHEOCs of the region of N'Zérékoré ;
- Identification of 23 EVD alerts of at the 9 PoC installed in Gouéké and N'Zérékoré of which 18 have been validated.

### 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

- Ongoing joint mission of IOM-ANSS-DRS to assess the capacities of PoEs and PHEOCs in the N'Zérékoré region;
- Participation in 24 daily coordination meetings of the EVD response at the national level (ANSS) and in the 2 affected regions (Conakry and N'Zérékoré) to adapt field interventions;
- Participation in the weekly epidemiological information meeting held at ANSS and support for the prefectural coordination of N'Zérékoré.

### Points of Entry 206 683

- Visits to the PoEs of Gata, Gouela, Wolono, Baladou, Pkaou, Zénié, Badiaro et Kottizoudu to assess health control capacities under the CERF funding;
- Screening of 206,683 travellers including 100,672 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré municipality.

### Case Management 5

- Participation in facilitating the management of 5 patients, including 1 EVD confirmed and 4 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 2 dignified and safe burials of 2 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.

### Communication 206 736

- Production and broadcasting (in French and local languages) of awareness-raising messages on the importance of the PoCs/PoEs and the preventive measures on EVD in collaboration with the mobile radio of Guinea Red-cross which covers Gouécké and Soulouta;
- Sensitization of 206,736 travellers including 100,700 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré Centre on EVD preventive measures.

### Surveillance and Contact tracing 23

- Activation of the One Health Platforms of Soulouta sub-county and N'Zérékoré county;
- Identification of 23 EVD alerts of at the 9 PoCs installed in Gouécké and N'Zérékoré city of which 18 have been validated.
- 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 and 7 geographical maps on EVD in N'Zérékoré.

## Reactivation of the Community One Health Platform (COHP) of Soulouta

**N'Zérékoré, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2021:** Reactivation of the Soulouta COHP. In order to contribute to the local management of the reluctance of communities to access the village of Kpagalaye for EVD response activities, IOM supported the reactivation of the COHP in the town of Soulouta which is the new epicenter of the EVD epidemic. Facilitated by 3 members of the Prefectural One Health Platform (POHP) of N'Zérékoré (DPC, Livestock and Environment officers), this activity brought together members of the COHP and the presidents of Soulouta districts. It allowed to: 1) Remind them of the functioning of the COHP through its guidance; 2) Update the organizational chart of the COHP of Soulouta; 3) Exchange on the role that these members can play in the context of the EVD response with a particular emphasis on removing of the reticence in Kpagalaye; 4) Elaborate an action plan of the support to be rendered by the COHP to the EVD response in Soulouta.

It should be noted that the meeting was effectively attended by IOM, WHO, CDC, AFNET and UNICEF.



Reactivation of the Community One Health Platform (COHP) of Soulouta, N'Zérékoré © IOM 2021

Thank you for viewing the below video and documents :

[Dashboard of Health Points of Control \(PoC\) in the health district of N'Zérékoré](#)

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

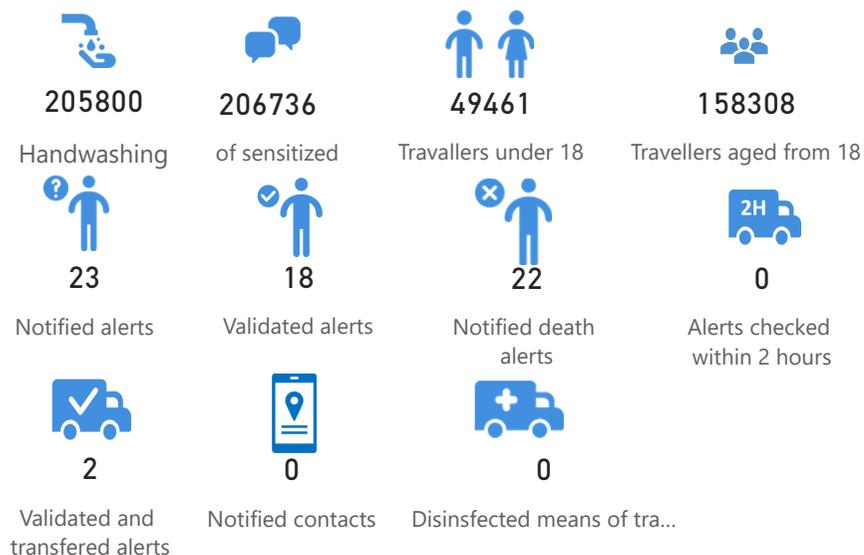
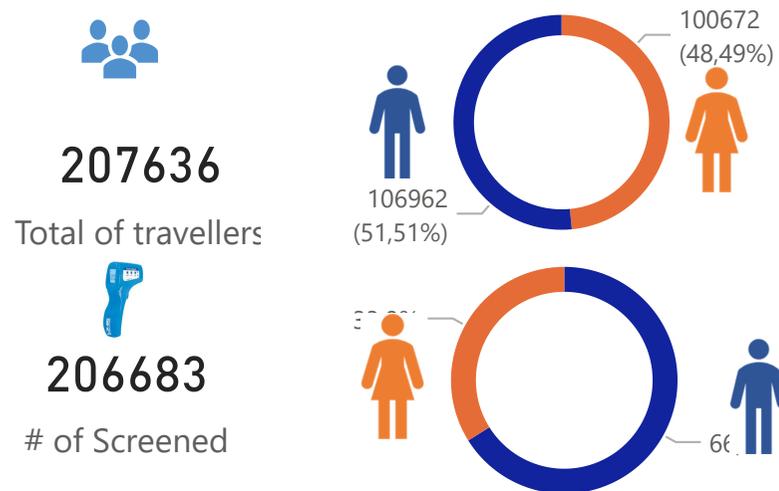
[Document of the IOM Flash Appeal to raise funds for supporting the EVD response activities in Guinea](#)

## CONTEXT

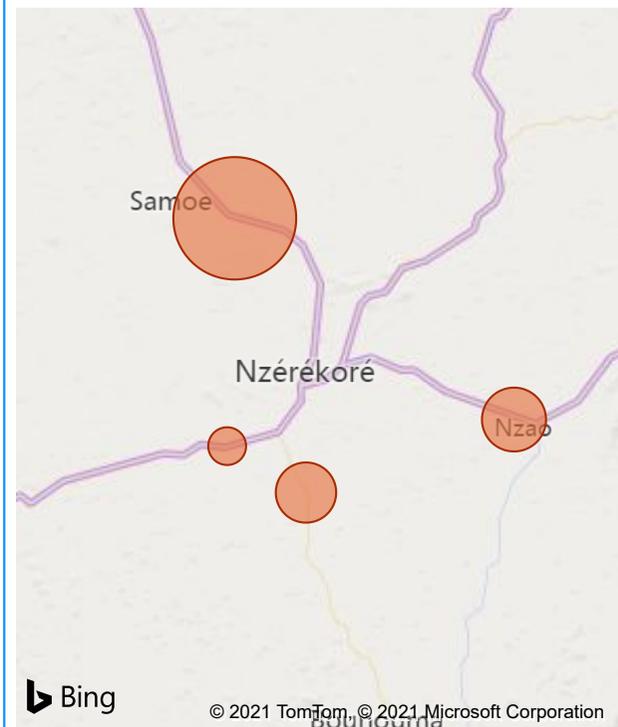
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## KEY FIGURES AT PoC



## Localisation of PoC in N'Zérékoré Centre



## Localisation of PoC in Gouécké Centre

