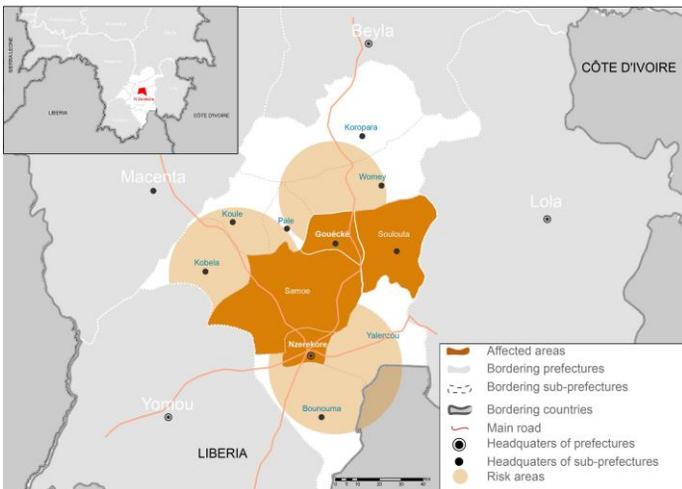


This situation report presents the latest updates on the reappearance of the Ebola virus Disease (EVD) notified since February 2021 in Guinea. The document contains the latest epidemiological data, the actions put in place by the national authorities and the humanitarian community actors to fight the 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 16<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 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.



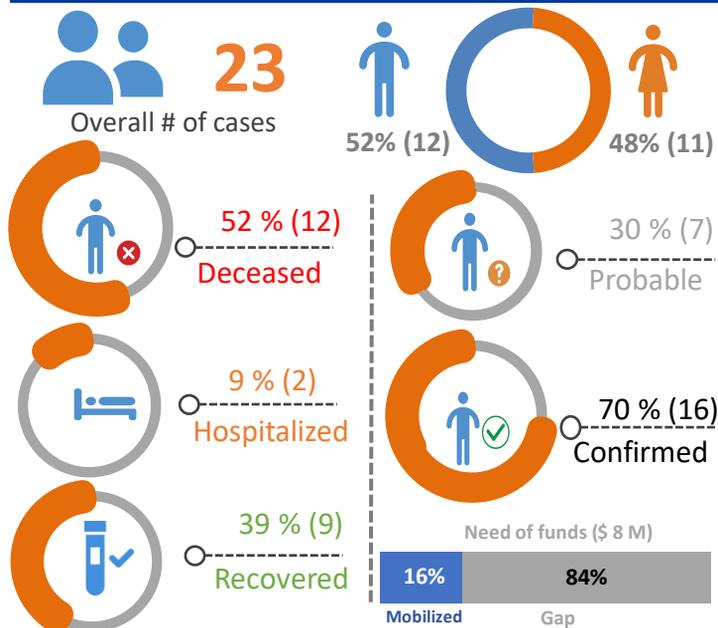
Joint mission of IOM-ANSS-CDC to evaluate capacities of PoC/PoE of the N'Zérékoré region, © IOM 2021

## 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 16, 2021

- Cumulatively, 23 cases of EVD had been notified, including 16 confirmed and 7 probable cases; 4 people (1 confirmed and 3 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.
- 234 EVD contacts are being followed up in N'Zérékoré and 7,145 people have been vaccinated.

### 2. EVD Response activities

- Field mission by the ministerial team to sensitise the communities of Kpagalaye, Soukouta;
- End of the joint mission of IOM-ANSS-DRS to evaluate the capacities at the PoEs and PHEOCs in the N'Zérékoré region ;
- Identification of 25 EVD alerts at the 9 PoC installed in Gouécké and N'Zérékoré of which 19 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 of 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**

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- Start of the rehabilitation activities of the PHEOC in N'Zérékoré;
- Participation in the fortnightly meeting of the regional platform of partners on Ebola;
- End of the 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 for remote participation through video-conference.

**Points of Entry**

**206 804**

- Installation of a new health control point in Kpagalaye, Soulouta sub-county, the new epicentre of the EVD;
- Reactivation of the Health control activities at the border PoE of Yalenzou ;
- Screening of 206,804 travellers including 99,544 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré municipality.

**Case Management**

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- Participation in facilitating the management of 4 patients, including 1 EVD confirmed and 3 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**

**206 804**

- Sensitization of 206,804 travellers including 99,544 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré Centre on EVD preventive measures.

**Surveillance and Contact tracing**

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- Identification of 25 EVD alerts of at the 9 PoCs installed in Gouécké and N'Zérékoré city of which 19 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 on EVD in N'Zérékoré.

## Inter-community dialogue in Kpagalaye

**N'Zérékoré 18-04-2021:** *Inter-community dialogue in Kpagalaye, Soulouta sub-county.* IOM in N'zérékoré had the privilege to participate in the inter-community dialogue on the EVD epidemic response which was organised at the coordination office. The opportunity was taken to present IOM's health control activities at the PoCs and PoEs. The implementation strategy, which highlights the activities carried out at these points and the importance of these activities to stop the EVD spread were well explained to the community in the local language of Kpèlè. All interventions of the response were presented. The ceremony ended with the declaration of commitment of the stakeholders for the effective implementation of the response activities.



Inter-community dialogue in Kpagalaye, Soulouta, N'Zérékoré © OIM 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](#)

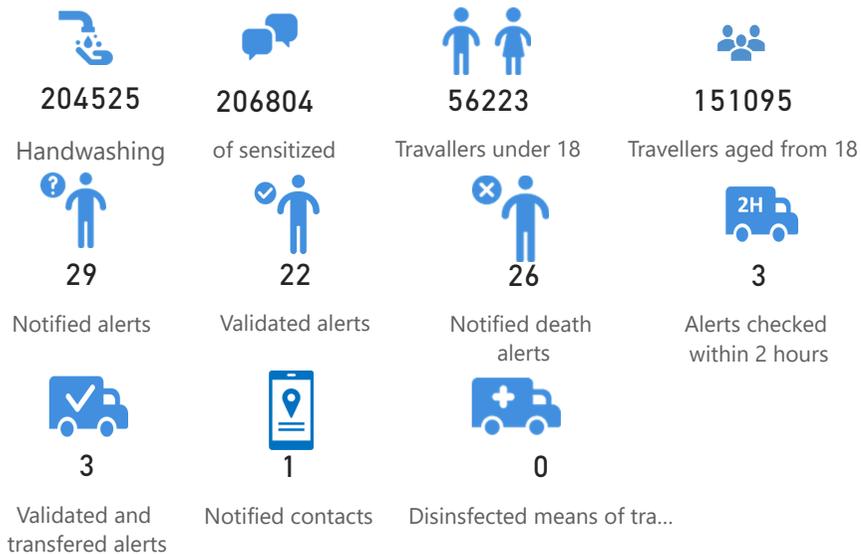
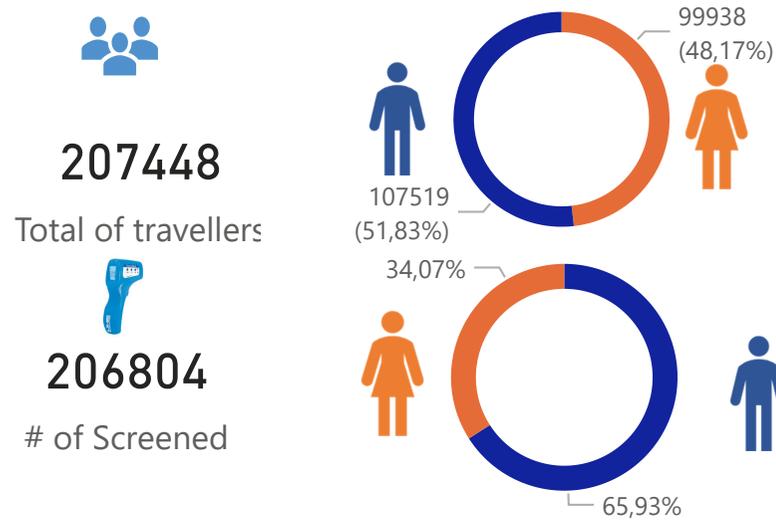
[Document of the IOM Flash Appeal to raise funds for supporting the EVD response activities in Guinea](#)

## CONTEXT

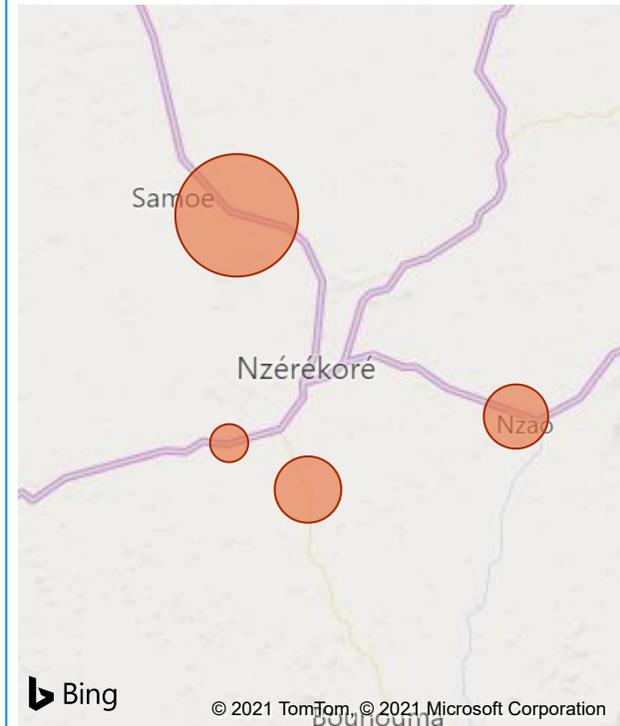
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## KEY FIGURES AT PoC



## Localisation of PoC in N'Zérékoré Centre



## Localisation of PoC in Gouécké Centre

