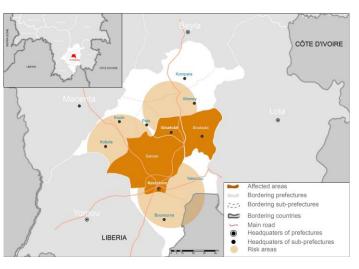
Guinea — **Ebola Situation Report**

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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 23rd April, 2021.

AFFECTED AREAS



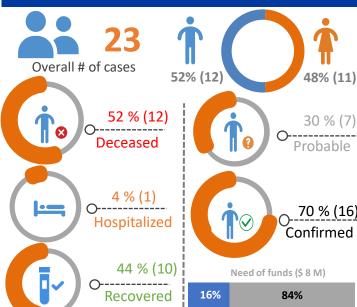
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CONTEXT

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 14th February, 2021, the Guinean Ministry of Health (MoH) officially declared an outbreak of EVD.



KEY FIGURES



HIGHLIGHTS

1. Epidemiological situation as of April 23, 2021

 Cumulatively, 23 cases of EVD had been notified, including 16 confirmed and 7 probable cases; 8 people (all are suspected cases) are currently hospitalized at the ETC of N'Zérékoré.

Mobilized

Gap

- To date, 8 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 10 people have recovered from the EVD; 34 EVD contacts are being followed up in N'Zérékoré and 7,996 people have been vaccinated. The last EVD confirmed case hospitalised at the ETC of N'Zérékoré was declared cured and released on 23rd April, 2021.

2. EVD Response activities

- Installation of 3 new health PoCs at the main exits of Soulouta subcounty, including Kpagalaye (current epicenter of the epidemic);
- Start of the mission to draw up specifications for the rehabilitation of PoEs, the setting up of isolation rooms and water points in the context of CERF funding;
- Identification of 30 EVD alerts at the 9 PoCs installed in Gouécké and N'Zérékoré of which 23 have been validated.

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:
- Community engagement with community leaders continues in high-risk districts;
- Training of health control agents in 54 PoEs in neighboring counties.

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 SIMEX for EVD.
- IOM always participates in Incident Management coordination meetings for EVD preparedness/response and co-chairs the PoEs pillar with WHO.



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IOM'S ROLE IN THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE RESPONSE



Coordination and cross-border collaboration



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- Continuation of the rehabilitation of the PHEOC in N'Zérékoré:
- Participation in the partners' meeting in N'Zérékoré for the harmonisation of the scale and means of payment of partners' field agents;
- 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
- Participation in the weekly epidemiological information meeting held at ANSS and support for the county coordination of N'Zérékoré for remote participation through video-conference.



Case Management



- Participation in facilitating the management of 8 patients, all suspected cases of EVD at the ETC of N'Zérékoré;
- Support for maintaining security at the CT-Epi of N'Zérékoré by 11 "USAGE" agents;
- Participation in realizing one dignified and safe burial of one community death 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.

Points of Entry



- Start of the evaluation mission of the selected PoEs for the construction of isolation rooms and water points by the IOM engineer;
- Deployment of 8 FMP supervisors to the PoEs and PoCs for the reinforcement of
- health control activities at the border PoEs and Soulouta PoCs; Start of the briefing of agents deployed to the PoEs and PoCs on the health control
- guide and Standard Operating Procedures;
- Screening of 203,976 travellers, including 69,352 women, at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré municipality.



Communication

new epicenter of the EVD outbreak:



- Sensitization of 203,976 travellers (69,352 women) at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré Centre on EVD preventive measures;
- Participation in the community dialogue concerning the activities of each EVD response pillar in Kpagalaye (RCCE).



Surveillance and Contact tracing



- Identification of 30 alerts at the 9 PoCs installed in Gouécké and N'Zérékoré, of which 23 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 SitReps on EVD in N'Zérékoré.

Inter-community dialogue in Kpagalaye

N'Zérékoré 18-04-2021: Inter-community dialoque 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.



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

