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Installing the health control point of Kalounka, near Dabiss. – On the road to the Guinea/Guinea-Bissau border.

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- IOM installed a health control check point at Kalounka, in the region of Boke, sub-prefecture of Dabiss, less than hundred kilometres from the border Guinea/Guinea-Bissau. This is in line with IOM's health and border management strategy that includes installation of health control check points, sensitization about Infection Prevention and Control measures against the EVD, and registration of travellers for follow up.
- IOM is currently participating in a two days national workshop about Ebola survivors in Kindia. One of the aims of the workshop is to address some of challenges survivors are facing in reintegrating into their communities, including stigmatisations and discriminations.
- IOM Guinea will be participating in a Regional meeting regarding the Post-Ebola strategy in Dakar from October 8th.

EBOLA SITUATION IN GUINEA

Four new cases were confirmed between September 21 and 27 at Kiterin and Tana market (Forecariah), all registered as contacts of a 10 year old girl who died on September 14 at Forecariah, after having left Conakry (Ratoma). Two of those new cases were traditional healers who had treated the young girl for two days.

Presently, Guinea, like Sierra Leone and Liberia, is starting **phase 3 of the Ebola response**. Coordinated by the CNLEB (Inter-institutional collaboration against Ebola), that phase intends to reach zero cases and ending transmission of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) by identifying and interrupting all remaining risks in previously affected zones.

On September 27, 2015, there were **3,805 confirmed cases** in Guinea with **2,533 deaths** recorded. As of today, the number of orphaned children registered stands at **6,193**. According to the WHO report from 30 September, **1,261 individuals have survived from the EVD in Guinea**.

EBOLA RESPONSE – IOM GUINEA

Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has been providing logistics support to the government of Guinea (GoG) through the National/Prefectural Emergency Coordination. IOM also installed health control check points on several major highways as well as several border/maritime zones.

HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN BORDER MANAGEMENT (HHBM)

IOM continues to strengthen health control check points along borders, at the country entrance points and border zones by providing logistics as well as human resource support. In the region of Forecariah, IOM conducts regular field visits to health check posts (PCS) of Pamelap, Dakhagbe and Laya, which are all entrance points to Sierra Leone. Even at this phase of the epidemic, there are still instances of people who do not want to comply with the protocols at the checkpoint. IOM works with social mobilizers, local authorities, and community representatives to help them understand the importance of health control.



Debriefing with social mobilizers of Laya.

With the support of OFDA-USAID, IOM trains, supervises, and deploys Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) agents for Mobility Pattern Monitoring and increasing travelers' awareness of EVD at strategic health check points, both at the borders points and on major highways. In collaboration with health control agents who are ensuring the epidemiological surveillance for the early detection of potential Ebola Virus Disease

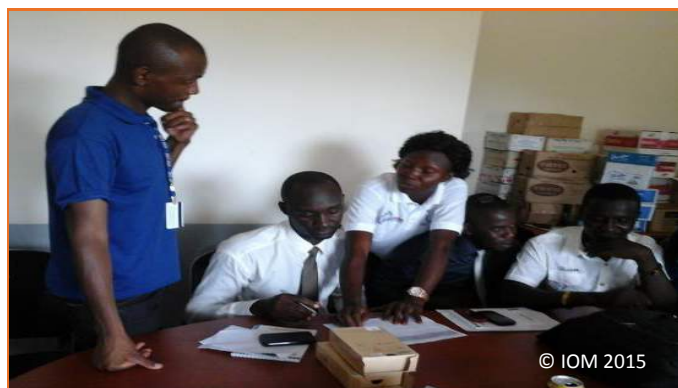
cases, they collect demographic data on travellers that are used to track persons that may have been in contact with any confirmed case. To date, **20,055 travelers** have been controlled and sensitized at the health control check point of Pamelap, Laya and Dakhagbe.



New health control post at Kalounka, sub-prefecture of Dabiss, border zone Guinea/Guinea-Bissau.

Thanks to the support from the Government of Japon, IOM has installed a new health control check point at Kalounka on the road Boke-Dabiss, at some kilometres from the border between Guinea and Guinea-Bissau.

A training session was organized for Flow Monitoring (FMP) agents regarding the collection and treatment of migratory data as well as in IPC measures, in collaboration with authorities and notables of the sub-prefecture of Dabiss.



Training session of new FMP agents of Kalounka.

IOM and its partner, the CDC, will be organizing training sessions targeting the transporters unions of Conakry, where 110 people are going to be trained on basic hygiene and Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) measures.

SENSITIZATION, SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

IOM and its partners, WHO, UNICEF and AGIL met on September 18 with community volunteers of Degui Degui, Yangban and Benty to sensitize them on community based surveillance and health control at the wharf of Benty, which is a village located close to the Guinea-Sierra Leone border.



Meeting with Degui Degui volunteers.

IOM and its partners WAHA (Women and Health Alliance International) and AGIL went to the district of Daffira, in the sub-prefecture of Sikhourou, close to the Guinea/Sierra-Leone border on September 18th. The objective was to meet the community and educate them about the use of hand washing kits and on the registration of visitors.

In order to ensure the follow up of those sensitization campaigns, IOM staff regularly makes visits to these sites to make sure that communities are observing good hygiene practices and visitors protocols.



Young children clean their hands with chlorinated water. Health check point of the region of Dubreka.

EBOLA SURVIVORS

In order to prepare the national workshop on Ebola survivors currently taking place in Kindia, IOM gathered a set of anonymous testimonies related to the stigmatization of Ebola survivors in Conakry, Dubreka, Forecariah, Boke and N'Zerekore. This will be used to support the working group on stigmatization, which IOM co-chairs with the CDC.

As reminder, the word "Survivors" of Ebola includes not only those who recovered from the Ebola virus disease, but also widows, orphans, and all others who were directly affected.

On September 19, IOM and some of its partners, including local NGOs, took part in the welcoming ceremony of Miss Guinea Belgium: Fatim Diallo who came to offer gifts to Ebola orphans of Forecariah.



Visit of Miss Guinea Belgium to Ebola orphans of Forecariah.



Health check point at Soumba, in the region of Dubreka.

IOM GUINEA IN THE MEDIA...

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