

# INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION EBOLA CRISIS RESPONSE GUINEA



## **EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT**

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- IOM together with CDC and WHO carried out a Joint mission in Kourémalé and Forécariah to assess Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) activities implemented between Guinea, Mali and Sierra Leone.
- Distribution and installation of all materials/equipment at three new PEOCs including Fria and Boké, has been initiated.
- IOM has started its technical and strategic support to the National Ebola Response (Conakry) and District Response through a mission in Kamsar with the NEOC's head's special advisor.
- Rehabilitation work for the newly added PEOCs in Boké, Télimélé and Fria is ongoing.

#### **OVERVIEW**

As of 15 July 2015, **3,704** people have been infected with Ebola in Guinea since the outbreak started in

March 2014, with a total of **2,506** deaths, a fatality rate of **66.6%**.

# PREFECTURE-LEVEL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRES

In its effort to strengthen the capacity of Ebola response at the district level, IOM is providing logistical support to three new Prefectural Emergency Operational Centres (PEOC) situated in Fria, Boké and Télimélé. Considered hot spots by the Government of



EVD sensitization activities in Kourémalé

Guinea, IOM's support in the three districts is crucial to allow Ebola responders work in better conditions just as with the 25 other PEOCs already fully equipped and renovated by IOM throughout the country. IOM's support includes the rehabilitation of building renovation, provision of furniture and other office equipment, installation of internet connectivity as well as power supply via generators.

In addition, IOM Guinea received a congratulatory letter from the Ebola Response National Head for its contribution in the renovation and provision of equipment and supplies to PEOCs nationwide.

IOM is providing strategic and technical support to NEOC's top management, notably in helping the Special Advisor to the Head of the National Ebola Response to design new tools dedicated to collect data at the district level and elaborate standardized situation reports for all préfectures.

## HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN BORDER MANAGEMENT

From 9-10 July, IOM Guinea hosted a joint mission composed of IOM technical experts and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assess Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) activities implemented at Kourémalé (Guinea/Mali) as well as in Pamalap (Guinea/Sierra Leone border). FMPs are part of a data collection system implemented by IOM in border areas and is aimed at evaluating migration flows to help the Guinea National Response in tracing and identifying potential cases travelling between countries. The team composed of HQ and RO Dakar and experts from CDC's Border Health Division assessed measures taken by Governments of Mali, Guinea and Sierra Leone to prevent potential EVD cases from crossing countries. They also exchanged with local authorities and leaders about methods to improve border health control activities in the Ebola context.

As part of its health border projects, IOM continues to carry out awareness-raising activities for travellers and local communities about EVD in the SousPréfecture of Kintiniana (Kourémalé Préfecture).



IOM meeting with officials from Boké's Union of Transporters

IOM also consulted with -officials from the Transport Union in Boké to systematically involve them in the Ebola response as they are key stakeholders to diffuse sensitization messages on EVD to travellers. Plans are underway to supply hygiene kits and disseminate key messages on EVD throughout the country. In all, the activities consist of:

- Identifying human resources for cross-border surveillance;
- Enhancing health surveillance system in border areas:
- Increasing awareness on EVD and relevant communicable disease transmission and prevention, hygiene and infection prevention and control (IPC) amongst migrants; and
- Promoting social mobilization and preventive health practices at the border community level.

So far between 13 Feb and 15 July 2015, **45,251** travellers have been controlled and sensitized on EVD at the 3 points of entry between Guinea and Mali Kourémalé, Nafadji & Niany.

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