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Ending ceremony of the micro-quarantine at Koropara. Photo of Response partners along with the Governor of N'Zerekore, Mr. Lancei Conde.
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News

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■ On April 13, 14, and 15, Mr. Charles Kwenin, IOM's Senior Regional Adviser for Sub-Saharan Africa based in Geneva paid a working visit to IOM Guinea. During his stay, Mr Kwenin, accompanied by the Chief of Mission, Mr. Amihere Kabla and other IOM Guinea officials, paid a courtesy visit to the US Ambassador, Mr. Dennis Hankins and the UN Focal Point for the Ebola Response, Mr. Mark Wajnstok.

■ On April 18, in collaboration with the George Washington University and CDC, IOM began a training session on Health Emergency Management for prefectural health officials in the region of Mamou.

Situation of the Ebola Virus Disease after its resurgence in Guinea

Following the Ebola Virus Disease resurgence at Koropara, in the prefecture of N'Zerekore, Forest Guinea on last March 17, the Guinean Government and the National Coordination of the fight against Ebola decided to quarantine the sub-prefecture through a micro-quarantine in order to contain the spread, identify contacts and search for new cases during twenty one days. IOM, through its sub-office in N'Zerekore deployed over twenty one agents and recruited about twenty local volunteers to take part in the micro-quarantine by ensuring health screening at entry and exit points of the village and by intervening along with other partners near households to detect symptoms appearance and sensitize inhabitants on good hygiene practices. During that period, 7 cases were confirmed and 1072 contacts were monitored.

On April 16, Koropara was declared "Ebola free" during an official ceremony led by the Guinean Minister of health, Mr. Abdourahmane Diallo.

According to the WHO situation report dated April 20, Guinea registered **3 814 cumulated, confirmed, probable and suspected Ebola Virus cases** including **2 544 deaths**, that is a **66.7% of death rate**.

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IOM's Response



Monitoring of the situation

In the week of April 1 – 8, two new Ebola cases were notified in the forest region, NZerekore and Macenta precisely. During that period, **1414 contacts** were vaccinated including **242 high risk contacts**. In total, following the resurgence of the outbreak in Koropara, **7 EVD cases** have been confirmed and **1072 contacts** have been monitored.

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During activities marking the closing ceremony of the micro-quarantine, all acknowledged the work of teams and Response partners. The population of Koropara was congratulated for their engagement besides Response actors to allow the micro-quarantine process run smoothly. They all abide by hygiene principles and restriction of movement related to the needs of monitoring contacts.



“V” for Victory of the IOM team at Koropara, declared “Ebola Free” during the ending ceremony of the micro-quarantine. © IOM Guinea

IOM continues regular participation in meetings over epidemiological surveillance and follow-up organized by the National Coordination of the fight against Ebola in Conakry and by Prefectural Coordination in prefecture where IOM has sub-offices.



Health, Border and Mobility Management (HBMM)

IOM's HBMM project keeps on leading all health screening at borders, sensitization on EVD and Community Event-Based Surveillance activities. Its teams are active on the field in organizing, implementing and supervising EVD response related activities following its resurgence in the forest region, as well as other activities related to the prevention of its resurgence in other border regions.

In N'Zerekore, from April 3 to 7, IOM actively participated in the thorough search and sensitization of households at Lomou following numerous negotiations with the different populations to accept partners like the Red Cross, AGIL, WHO, UNICEF. **180/182 households** were sensitized over EVD and good hygiene practices gathering **519 people** (191 men, 217 women and 111 children).



Sensitization of households at Lomou. © IOM Guinea

From April 1 to 16, IOM continued its health screening activities at health checkpoints set up at the entrance and exit of Koropara. On April 6, IOM participated in a radio program on Keleponoh FM to explain its activities to the population of the micro-quarantined area and the importance of the health checkpoints.

As early as April 5, IOM started meeting with health departments of the forest region to prepare the micro-planning of community event-based surveillance in the post-Ebola Response context.

In Forécariah, on April 9, IOM reactivated the health checkpoint of Pamelap, at the border between Guinea and Sierra Leone, following a request from the National Coordination of the fight against Ebola.

On April 5, IOM met with many partner associations in Boffa including the Doctor in charge of disease (MCM) and the Red Cross. They talked about health measures to be implemented during the pilgrimage of Christians which took place from April 28 to May 1, 2016.



Strengthening the health system at borders

In a bid to support the Guinean Government in strengthening its health system, IOM rehabilitated and equipped some border health posts and point of entry posts in areas hardly hit by the outbreak. All the point of entry posts renovated have new isolation rooms for cases suspected of EVD or epidemic-prone disease.

On April 5, IOM organized an official ceremony to handover the point of entry of Foulamory, at the border between Guinea and Guinea Bissau. The Secretary General in charge of collectivity of Gaoual and communities of the border areas attended the ceremony.

In the forest region, IOM organizes regular monitoring visits to the different points of entry in which renovation/rehabilitation works are ongoing at Zenie, Nongoa, Kotizou, Thuo, Gouela, Yalenzou, Baala and Wolonoh. The rehabilitation works are advancing and beneficiaries regularly express their gratitude to IOM representatives during their visits.

On April 6, almost all building sites were over 90% of physical advancement and entrepreneurs are committed to hand over building by the end of the month.

Within the framework of its support to build capacities of Guinean health structures in border areas, IOM also provided office supplies to health facilities management teams in border areas. Between April 4 and 8, IOM led a mission to distribute materials and office supplies to the Prefectural Health Departments of Dabola,



Point of Entry of Foulamory renovated with an isolation room. © IOM Guinea

Kouroussa, Kankan and Siguiiri in Upper Guinea. In the previous week, IOM had distributed office supplies to the Coordination office in Coyah and DPS of Coyah, Kindia and Telimele.



Distribution of office supplies to the DPS of Coyah. © IOM Guinea

Still in a bid to provide health facilities with office supplies in border areas where it intervenes, IOM Boffa staff received 4 computers, 4 power inverters, 4 metal cupboards, 4 hard drives and 4 motorbikes that are going to be distributed to four health centers in the prefecture: the urban health center, as well as the ones in Douprou, Tamita and Koba.



Capacity building

Within the framework to re-enforce the capacity of Emergency Operations health and other personnel under its Prefectural Emergency Operation Centers (PEOC) project, IOM has finalized training modules for Guinean health officials in Health

Emergency Management, in collaboration with the American George Washington University and CDC.

On April 18, IOM started a training session in Health Emergency Management with prefectural management teams of the region of Mamou. The training is going to last for a week.



Training session in Health Emergency Management in Mamou. © IOM Guinea



Support to survivors

In the context of post-Ebola recovery, IOM has supported the socioeconomic recovery of 53 survivors in Tamaransy, Katongoro and Kamsar, in the prefecture of Boke by providing them with cash grants from 320 to 600 US Dollars.

Survivors can use those grants to restart their income generating activities or start new ones. IOM holds regular follow-up visits to beneficiaries through its sub-office in Boke.



Taking dimensions of the construction site of a market for Survivors in Tamaransy © IOM Guinea

Apart from the cash grants, IOM has equally provided socioeconomic support to communities of Tamaransy and Katongoro through the implementation of community based projects. These projects are the outcome of community dialog sessions organized in the two localities during which the different population expressed the need of having a market where they could sell cashew nuts and other local products (for Tamaransy) and a tractor for rice cultivation (for Katongoro). The process is going on in collaboration with local authorities.

On April 15, IOM went to Tamaransy with two land surveyors from the Prefectural Department of Lands to determine the dimensions of the market site.

In Katongoro, the community emitted the wish to get a tractor to improve their harvest. The handing over ceremony of the tractor to this community will be held on April, 21st.



Tractor bought by IOM for the Survivors community of Katongoro. © IOM Guinea



Information management

In the context of its response to the EVD outbreak in Koropara, the IOM Information Management Unit (IMU) produced a number of maps used to direct response strategies of IOM and its partners as well as follow-up the epidemiological surveillance. All the documents are available here: [EVD Response in NZerekore](#).

Within the framework of its public health risks mapping activities, the IMU has analyzed the data involving the

participatory mapping of Boké and Gaoual, as well as those of Boffa and Coyah. It has also started sharing its mapping tools with Information Management teams of IOM Sierra Leone and Liberia.



Community involvement

The Community engagement team of IOM is very active in the implementation of community event-based surveillance activities (CEBS).

In Forecariah, in order to involve communities and their leaders in the community event-based surveillance, on April 4, IOM initiated educative talks with community health agents (AC) and local leaders in Layah and Makayah (Kakossa), Madina (urban commune), and Ntoma and Alassoyah (in Benty) to talk about the relevance of the community event-based surveillance in the epidemic prevention system in Guinea. The next day, it organized the same activity with ACs and local leaders of Kansiyire (in Kakossa) and Mayire, Kalema, Wanifili and Taigbe (in Farmoriah).

In Dubreka, IOM distributed event notification forms to health facilities in the urban commune. Forms will let community health agents note and notify any EVD suspected case or other epidemic-prone disease to authorities of the health facilities.



Still in the community event-based surveillance, on April 5 and 6, IOM took part in work meetings of the prefectural health committee gathering chiefs of health centers, the hygiene committee, DPS officials and partners. On April 14, IOM had a working session with International Medical Corp for preparedness of launching the community event-based surveillance in Dubreka.

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