



GUINEA EBOLA RESPONSE

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

SITUATION REPORT •

From 21 January to 4 February, 2016



Training of 11 trainer-workers in Health Emergency Management at IOM's office in Conakry. © IOM 2016

News

■ On 18 January, IOM took part to a cross-border meeting in Pamelap with the Minister of Health, the National Coordination, as well as EVD Response partners in Guinea and Sierra Leone, to share all information related to the EVD cases in Sierra Leone.

■ From January 25 to 29, in partnership with CDC and the George Washington University, IOM organized a training of trainer session in Health Emergency Management (HEM) to 11 beneficiaries.

■ On 28 January, the Chief of Mission of IOM Guinea, along with UNCT delegation, congratulated the newly appointed Prime Minister, Head of Government, Mr. Mamadi Youla, for his nomination and addressed him their wishes.

Situation of the Ebola Virus Disease after its resurgence in Sierra Leone

On January 20, a second Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) case was confirmed in Sierra Leone. It concerned the aunt of the young lady who died on January 12 in the district of Tonkolili, in the northern part of the country and that post-mortem analysis confirmed that she died of EVD.

After the Ebola Virus Disease reappeared in Sierra Leone on January 14, Guinean authorities decided to strengthen health surveillance activities at the country's borders with Sierra Leone. IOM remains a key partner in implementing these activities.

OIM re-launched health screening activities at the 48 official and non-official Points of Entry along the border in Forecariah and Kindia (Madina Oula).

No new case has been reported in Guinea since the official end of the epidemic was declared by WHO.

CONTACTS

IOM Guinea | Chief of Mission : kamihere@iom.int | Public Information Officer: lsimonet@iom.int | +224 628 477 443.

IOM RESPONSE



Monitoring of the situation

Since health screening activities were re-launched and strengthened in Forecariah, all travelers coming from or going to Sierra Leone are systematically screened at the 48 official and non-official Points of Entry along the border. Following the recurrence of the two new EVD cases in Sierra Leone, the cross-border health management plan set up between Forecariah and Kambia has been reactivated.

The third phase of Ebola Response has been addressed by Directors of different United Nations System agencies in the country who went to the Prime Minister’s office on January 28 for a courtesy visit to the newly nominated Prime Minister of Guinea, Mr. Mamady Youla. IOM Guinea’s Chief of Mission Mr. Amihere Kabla was among the delegation.



IOM Guinea’s Chief of Mission, Mr. Amihere Kabla and the Guinean Prime Minister, Mr. Mamady Youla. © IOM 2016



Border Health Management

The IOM’s Health Border Management (HBM) project leads all health screening activities at the borders. It also leads the strengthening of the health system and the Community Event-Based Surveillance. Its teams are active in the field where they organize, implement and supervise all activities related to the prevention of new case of EVD or other epidemic-prone disease to occur within bordering areas.

On January 18, IOM took part to a cross-border meeting organized at Pamelap. Amongst the attendees were the Guinean Minister of Health, Dr. Abdourahmane Diallo, the National and Prefectural Coordination of Fight against Ebola, Prefectural authorities of Forecariah (Guinea) and Kambia (Sierra Leone) along with Ebola Response partners. The aim

of the meeting was to share all information related to the EVD cases in Sierra Leone, missing contacts and measure to undertake for preventing any eventual suspected case. Another cross-border meeting was held in Kambia on January 21 to talk about the epidemiological situation in Sierra Leone, but also challenges and measures to undertake by partners in the two countries.

On January 2, a cross-border meeting took place in Forecariah between IOM, WHO and Response partners from Sierra Leone in the framework of health control reinforcement. Several key recommendations were formulated like :

- organizing a weekly meeting under the authority of the Forecariah DPS,
- sharing reports and programs of meetings, reactivating the cross-border operational plan “Fore-Kambia” (Forecariah-Kambia axis),
- appointing two cross-border focal points in each commission, harmonizing presentation canvas between Forecariah and Kambia during cross-border meetings,
- elaborating an harmonized social mobilization plan, exchanging messages, strategies and targets among teams, etc.

Between January 21 and 22, IOM organized in N’Zerekore an informative visit to local health authorities over imminent renovation and construction activities at 8 bordering Points of Entry (PoE) in the area.



Meeting between Ebola Response partners of Guinea and Sierra Leone at Pamelap. © IOM 2016

Since January 23, a mission was sent to Kindia to reactivate the Health Screening Point of Madina-Oula and surveillance reinforcement activities at 3 PoE of the zone (Makoutayah, Post 11 and Benye-Benye) at the border with Sierra Leone. Altogether, 14 volunteers were trained to conduct activities and 3 Field Agents were recruited.

 **Strengthening Health Systems**

IOM Guinea’s construction team organizes regular monitoring missions to supervise renovation works at health posts and Points of Entry in bordering areas. Between January 22 and 29, an engineer regularly visited health posts of Kaffou and Layah to ensure their finalization.

In the Forest Region, IOM met local authorities on January 26 and 28 and launched construction works at two PoEs, Gouela and Thuo, in the prefecture of Lola.



Engineer at work on the construction site of the border post at Thuo, in the Forest region. ©IOM 2016

In Conakry, on January 21, an IOM engineer met with the Responsible of infrastructures at the Ministry of Health to discuss about rehabilitation activities conducted by IOM and obtain an authorization letter from the Ministry related to works on health posts of Layah, Kaffou (in Forecariah) and Kamakolon (in Boke).

In Boke, on January 25, IOM launched rehabilitation works of the PoE of Port Fory, in Kamsar.

 **Capacity building**

Thanks to the support of the Japanese Government, IOM continues its activities of maritime border health management. It keeps on providing health control materials to main maritime points of entry,

like in Conakry at the end of January where its teams conducted visits to distribute additional materials at ports in the capital city.



Distribution of health screening materials at the port of Kaporo Conakry. © IOM 2016

From January 25 to 29, in collaboration with USAID, CDC and the George Washington University, IOM organized a training of trainer session in Health Emergency Management (HEM) to 11 beneficiaries. The aim of this activity was to provide them with necessary technical tools of HEM so that they can train health officers and agents in every prefecture of Guinea in health emergency management and response related to the outbreak of several viruses like Ebola, cholera, meningitis, measles, etc.

From January 16 to 18, IOM supervised training on Health Screening at Pamelap, border with Sierra Leone. On January 23, a training for trainers session on health screening took place in Forecariah. On January 25, voluntary agents were trained on the same topic at the maritime PoE of Benty, in Forecariah. The next days, volunteers of Moussayah,



Training of 11 trainer-workers in Health Emergency Management at IOM’s office in Conakry. © IOM 2016

Farmoreah, Maferinya and Kakossa were also trained on Health Control.



Supporting socio-economic recovery of survivors

On January 20, an IOM mission went to Kamsar in the framework activities related to supporting to socio-economic recovery of survivors. The aim of that mission was to finalize filling information sheets required to launch individual cash transfers to survivors in the areas of Filima Kassopo and Kayeguissa, in Kamsar.



Filling information sheets to survivors. © IOM 2016



Collecting travelers' data

IOM continues data collection activities at some land and maritime borders of the country to prevent early detection of any suspected EVD case or other epidemic potential disease and then ensure monitoring. IOM organizes regular visits to PoEs to evaluate material needs of teams.

On January 29, **86 969 people** were registered at the 7 PoEs in the forest region, including **35 895 women** and **3 989 children**. Among these people, **nine alerts of febrile cases** were notified.

In Boke, after closing the PoEs, a mission went to Foulamory on January 21 to get back materials and thank authorities for their collaboration.



Information management

IOM's Information Management Team elaborated a PoE map of Forecariah-Kambia. They shared it with field teams. They continue to train Field Assistants in

participatory mapping planned in the framework of community based surveillance. The team submitted a draft of the risk vulnerability atlas of public health in Forecariah to IOM colleagues and INS for comments and validation. The final version of this innovative document will be sent early February to all Response partners.



Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Team (CET) is a unit that operates under IOM's Health and Humanitarian Border Management (HHBM). Established in August 2015, the objective of this unit is to act as the bridge between IOM programs and the communities they work with and for, supporting communication and best practices.

The primary project for the Community Engagement Team is Community Event-Based Surveillance (CEBS), which is one of the top priorities for the Phase III of the Ebola response in Guinea. The objective is to make community members active participants in identifying and notifying authorities of any possible cases of Ebola and other epidemic diseases.



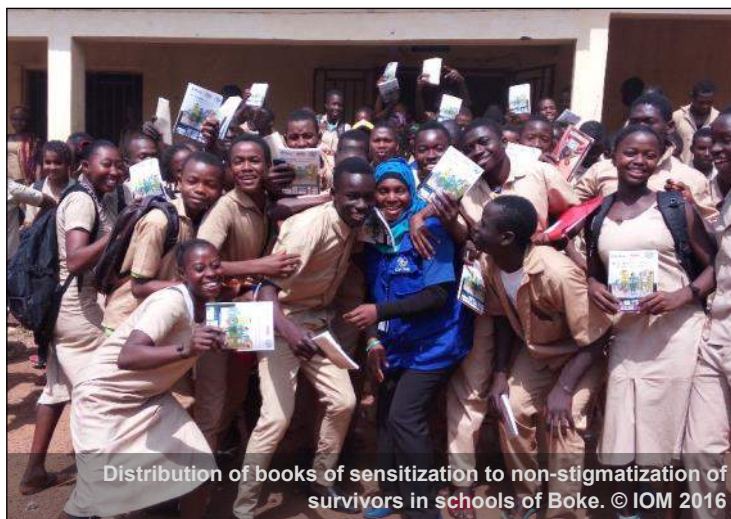
Training of Community Event-Based Surveillance agents, Forecariah. © IOM 2016

On January 18, a meeting was held in Forecariah among CEBS partners (IOM, ACF-CU and FICR-CRG) over measures to be taken to ensure adequate Health Screening (HS) at the 48 Points of Entry (PoE) in the area. The platform of partners met to re-launch community mobilization activities associated to the Community Event-Based Surveillance and health control at PoEs of the prefecture.

On January 25 in Dubreka, IOM held a meeting with Field Assistants in order to plan field activities of the area and

prepare the launch of CEBS. They met with the Prefectural Health Director (DPS) on January 27.

In Boké, under financial, logistical and technical support of IOM and the Red Cross, the Prefectural Health Department organized a workshop over the planning of CEBS activities on January 19, 2016. After the meeting, IOM met with their Field Assistants to set final logistic issues. On January 3, IOM took part to a work meeting among partners involved in the CEBS process in the area with the DPS and Red Cross.



Distribution of books of sensitization to non-stigmatization of survivors in schools of Boke. © IOM 2016

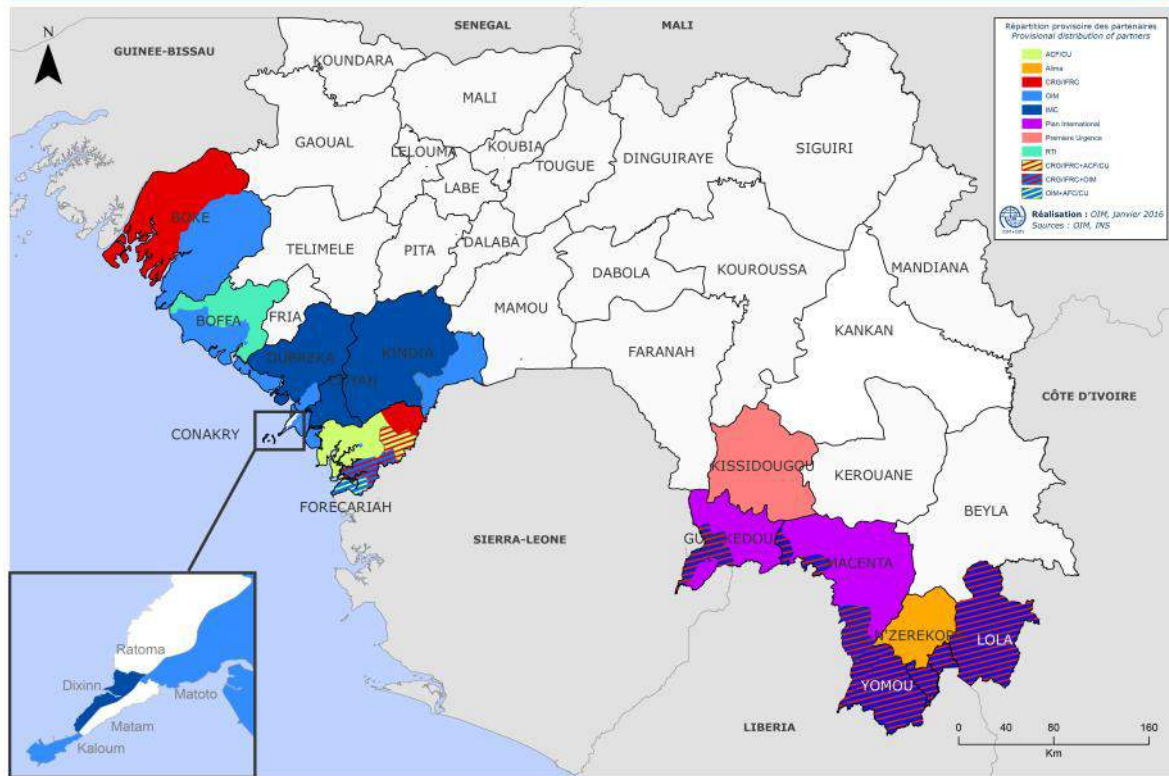
In order to sensitize the youth over non-stigmatization of Ebola survivors and to maintain good hygiene practices, the IOM team in Boke carried out on January 26 and 27, the distribution of 4066 copy books that the organization made in the framework of the campaign to fight against stigmatization of EVD survivors. Books were distributed in schools at Kolabouyi, Kamsar, Bintimodia, Sangaredi, Tanene and in the urban commune of Boké.

In a wider frame of communication and sensitization campaign dedicated to ensuring non-stigmatization toward EVD survivors within communities and maintaining good hygiene practices, IOM continues the production of a 5 episodes mini-series on the above topics. For this IOM project with a famous comic actors group called “Guinée Pesse” along with a shooting team. IOM went to the village of Moussayah Fangamayah for the shooting an episode showing health screening activities at a maritime Point of Entry of the border with Sierra Leone. The shooting was conducted in two days, January 30 and 31. Communities of Moussayah Fangamayah particularly welcomed teams and even took part to the shooting.

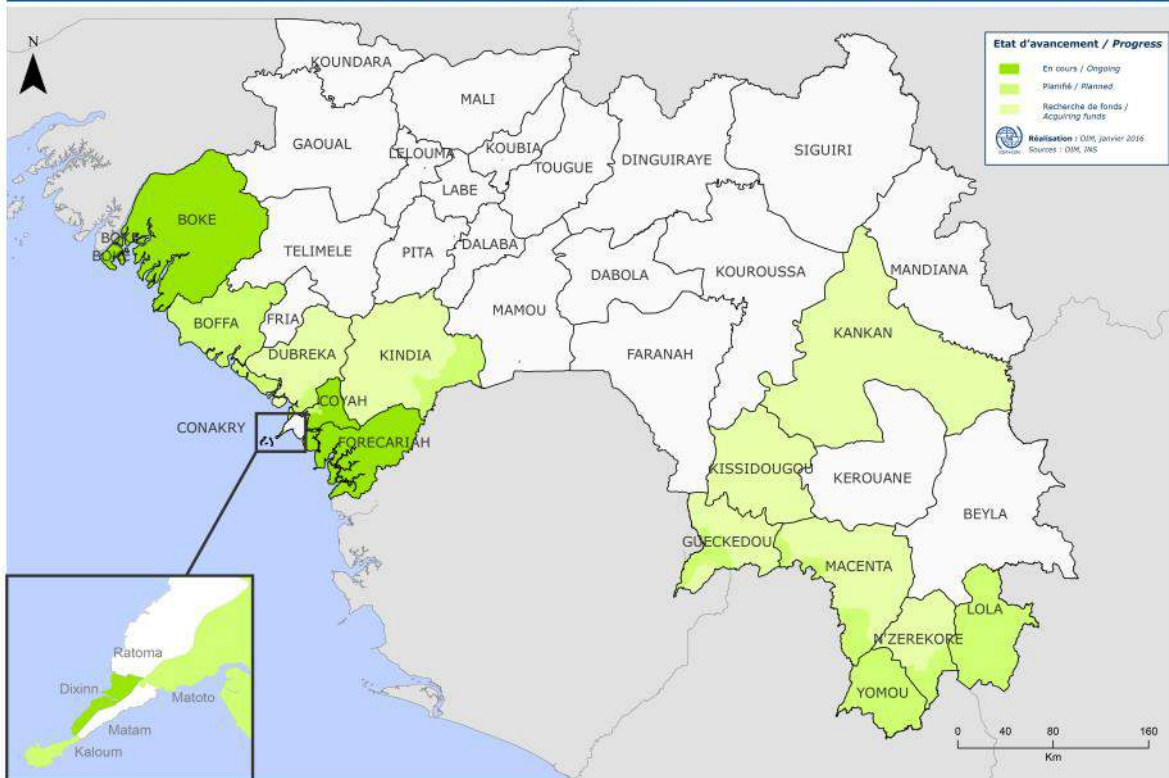


Shooting of the mini-series “Stronger than the epidemic” at Moussaya Fangamayah, Forecariah. © IOM 2016

GUINEE : SURVEILLANCE A BASE COMMUNAUTAIRE / COMMUNITY EVENT-BASED SURVEILLANCE 1/2



GUINEE : SURVEILLANCE A BASE COMMUNAUTAIRE / COMMUNITY EVENT-BASED SURVEILLANCE 2/2



IOM'S PARTNERS ON THE EBOLA RESPONSE IN GUINEA INCLUDE:

