



# GUINEA EBOLA RESPONSE

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Training session for Community Surveillance Assistants at Kayenguissa in Boke. © IOM 2016

### News

■ Between February 5 and 8, 2016, The Chief of Mission of IOM Guinea went to the forest region to visit IOM's sub-office newly installed in the region, Points of entry that are being built by IOM and meet local authorities.

■ Between February 8 and 11, 2016, IOM organized a training workshop for agents of community talks in Boke, in partnership with the Red Cross, WHO and Unicef.

■ Between February 8 and 12, 2016, IOM supported the Health Department of the town of Conakry (DSVCO) in developing Operational Action Plans over carrying for Ebola survivors.

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

Since confirmation of two EVD cases on January 14 and 20 in neighboring Sierra Leone, all contacts linked to those cases had completed follow-up by 11 February 2016, according to the WHO Situation Report of 17 February. Efforts to locate several untraced contacts in the district of Kambia in Sierra Leone continued until 24 February. If no further cases are detected, transmission linked to this cluster of cases will be declared to have ended on 17 March.

After the Ebola Virus Disease reappeared in Sierra Leone, 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. Following the Government's request, IOM systematically screens all people going through the 48 official and non-official Points of entry along the border.

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

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### Monitoring of the situation

Since the re-launch and strengthening of health screening activities in Forecariah and Kindia, all travelers going to or coming from Sierra Leone are screened at all the 48 official and non-official Points of entry along the border. The cross-border health management plan (Fore-Kambia) set-up between the two countries is still in force.

IOM regularly participates to meetings of Prefectural Coordination of Fight against Ebola (CPLEB) in its areas of presence.



### Border Health Management

The IOM's Border Health Management project (HHBM) continues leading activities of health screening in bordering areas, strengthening the health system and the community event-based surveillance. Its teams are active on the field in organizing, implementing and supervising activities related to the prevention of any resurgence of EVD cases or other epidemic-prone disease in bordering areas.



Vaccination campaign in Boke. © IOM 2016

On February 17, IOM participated to the opening ceremony of a vaccination campaign against measles. The ceremony took place at the health center of Dibia, located in the urban commune of Boke. All Response field-present partners participated to it like WHO, AGIL, CECI, the Red Cross and UNICEF.

From 8 to 9 February, IOM organized supervision visits to Points of entry of Farmoriah, Kakossa and Benty, in Forecariah. On February 10, IOM participated to the cross-border meeting "Fore-Kambia" which was held at

Prefectural Coordination's office in Forecariah. The next day, it took part to the IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) cluster with partners from WHO, FRC, ACF, WAHA, Terre des Hommes and JHPIEGO. It participated to debriefing meetings over the community event-based surveillance and to those of social mobilization and communication on February 12, 16 and 18.

On February 15, IOM took part to the social mobilization technical meeting organized at Kambia, Sierra Leone in order to harmonize the media common plan and organize community cross-border meetings between Guinea and Sierra Leone.



### Strengthening Health Systems

Between February 5 and 8, an IOM delegation led by the Chief of Mission, Amihere Kabla, went to the Forest region. The aim of the mission was :

- to visit the organization's sub-office recently installed in N'Zerekore, the capital city of the region,
- visit the 8 Points of entry (Wolono, Gouéla, Baala, Zénie, Kotizou, Thuo, Nongoa et Yalenzou) that are being constructed by IOM
- and meet with local authorities to ensure their support in the organization's overall activities the region.



IOM's Chief of Mission, Amihere Kabla, visiting the construction site of the point of entry in Yalenzou, N'Zerekore. © IOM 2016

In the forest region, IOM organizes regular visits to assess the progress level of construction works at the 8 points of entry.



From February 8 to 11, IOM built three sheds to be used as shelters by health screening agents of N’Compan Goret, Rosigno and Dakhagbé Terrain, in the sub-prefecture of Benty, Forecariah.



Shelter for health screening agents at N’Compan Goret. ©IOM 2016

Between February 12 and 16, it built 7 other sheds for health screening agents of Morikania, Allasoyah, Gberegiré (sub-prefecture of Benty) and Tagany, Talanssan, Forombia, Konta (sub-prefecture of Farmoriah), still in Forecariah.

From February 8 to 12, the IOM’s PEOC Program organized an inventory mission along with the National Coordination of fight against Ebola (CNLEB). The first team went to PEOCs of Forecariah, Coyah, Kindia and Telimele. The second one went to those of Fria, Boffa, Boke and Dubreka.

Between February 8 and 12, IOM supported the Health Department of Conakry (DSVCO) in developing operational action plans over caring Ebola survivors.



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

On February 18, IOM Forecariah sub-office organized visits to health posts of Layah and Kaffou along with an IOM Sierra Leone staff in order to present him activities led by OIM Guinea.



### Capacity building

Between February 8 and 9, IOM-Forecariah organized a mission to supervise and train health screening agents of Farmoriah, Benty and Kakossa over health screening. Field assistants trained health screening volunteers at all points of entry in Forecariah.

With the support of the Japanese Government, IOM continues its health control activities at maritime border. On February 9 and 10, it organized technical health monitoring at ports of Conakry (Sonfonia, Dabondy, Kaporo, Bonfi, Boulbinet, Dixinn and the national port). This monitoring allows ensuring maintaining of good hygiene practices at the hand washing device, distributing soaps and identifying alert cases.



Hand washing device in Sonfonia port of Conakry. © IOM 2016

IOM’s PEOC team finalized training modules in Health Emergency Management (HEM) and trainer’s guide for a training workshop planned from February 26 to 29 in Boké.



### Supporting socio-economic recovery of survivors

In the frame of psychosocial and socio-economic care for EVD survivors, IOM-Boke welcomed a delegation of IMC (International Medical Corps) on February 10, 2016. They discussed and shared roles in the framework of support to survivors. They expressed their willingness to take in charge the psychosocial part of the support to survivors.

IOM Boké also organized a training session over community talks to 15 EVD survivors between February 8 and 11. It took place at the conference room of Kakande Hotel in Boke. The aim was to provide community talk agents of Tamaransy and Katongoro the necessary tools to manage community conflict and organize community talks. There participated other IOM partners like the Red Cross, WHO and UNICEF.



Training session over community talks in Boké. © IOM 2016

On February 12, IOM launched community talk activities in the district of Katongoro, Kamsar. Survivors signed forms following first grant transfers to EVD affected people.

Between February 16 and 18, the survivors focal point in the region of Boke and the sub-office manager went to areas of Kayenguissa, Kassopo and Filima, in Kamsar and in districts of Katongoro and Tamaransy to increase awareness of communities over the choice of profit making activities.



### Collecting travelers' data

IOM continues its data collection at some maritime and land borders of the country to prevent any EVD suspected case or other epidemic-prone disease and ensure its monitoring. It organizes regular visits to PEs to assess needs of materials of its teams.

To the date of February 19, **115 075 people** have been registered at the **7 PEs of the forest region**, including **48 026 women** and **5 718 children**.



### Information management

On February 11, the IOM's information management team launched participatory mapping activities in sub-prefectures of Sansale,

Kanfarande and the urban commune of Boke. Communities warmly welcomed the activities.



Participatory mapping in Boke. © IOM 2016



### Community Engagement

The IOM's community engagement team is very active on the field in implementing community event-based surveillance (CEBS). From February 8 to 9, IOM-Boke organized along with the Prefectural Health Department (DPS) the training of 480 community surveillance assistants (CSA) out of the 506 planned including 431 men and 48 women, i.e. a participation rate of 94.86% in Kolabouyi, Kamsar, Sangaredi, Tanene, Malapouya, Bintimodia and the urban commune of Boke.

On February 12, a meeting took place in Dubreka between IOM and IMC to harmonize their CEBS intervention plans. The meeting allowed developing a temporary action plan indicating a deadline for selecting CSAs to February 29 and their training the following week. On February 16, another meeting took place at the Prefectural Health Department to prepare the launch of CEBS activities.

On February 17 and 18, IOM participated in Forecariah to the micro-planning of the strategy of Active Surveillance in Belt (SA-Ceint) based on community event-based surveillance around Ebola survivors to strengthen the risk management of EVD resurgence.

On February 19, the sub-office in Boke held a meeting with field assistants to define conditions and distribute materials. It was the occasion to warm them up about the role of assistants after the launch of CEBS activities.





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