



GUINEA EBOLA RESPONSE

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News

Official declaration of the end of the Ebola outbreak in Guinea by Pr. Mohamed Belhocine, WHO Representative. © IOM 2015

■ On December 29, IOM celebrated the official end of the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in Guinea along with the Guinean Government and partners involved in the Ebola response.

■ IOM's Emergency Coordinator, Bradley Mellicker, travelled to Boke with IOM's psychosocial specialist, Elena Bartoloni, to meet with Ebola survivors.

■ IOM launched activities of health risk mapping in the municipality of Dubréka and in the sub-prefecture of Khoría on December 16.

Finally, the end of the Ebola outbreak in Guinea!

After two years of a fierce fight against the virus, with countless partners involved, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially announced the end of the Ebola outbreak in Guinea on December 29, 2015.

Guinea's President, Alpha Conde, gave a speech during the ceremony that marked the end of Ebola in Guinea on December 30, 2015 at the People's Palace, Conakry. He acknowledged the exceptional work of the range of partners in the Ebola response in Guinea, and acknowledged the Guinean people's commitment to the fight against EVD.

IOM, along with the Guinean Government and partners of the Ebola response coordination platform, took part in celebrations throughout the country, particularly in Conakry, Dubreka, Forecariah, Kindia, Boké and N'Zerekore.

According to latest information from the National Coordination, there have been **3,804 cumulative confirmed, probable, and suspected Ebola cases**, including **2,536 deaths**. These figures yield an estimated mortality rate of 66.7%.

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Celebrating the official end of EVD in Guinea

On December 29th, the WHO declared the official end of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) epidemic in Guinea. Ceremonies were organized all over the country to celebrate the event.

In Conakry, IOM’s Emergency Coordinator, Bradley Mellicker, was present during the official declaration by the WHO representative, Dr. Mohamed Belhocine. The next day, he participated in the official ceremony marking the end of Ebola in Guinea, which was led by the Guinean President Alpha Conde. In the evening, he attended a concert called “Ebola Bye Bye Show” at the People’s Palace of Conakry, alongside the president and other members of the Ebola response.



In Boke, the IOM sub-office actively took part in organizing the ceremony of end of Ebola, carrying out various activities to mobilize the population and ensure the ceremony would be successful. There were many speeches given by local authorities, including the Prefectural Director of Health (PDH), Regional Director of Health (RDH), the governor’s representative, the head of prefectural office, and the WHO representative in the region.

In Forecariah, IOM actively took part in organizing the end of Ebola celebrations there. The IOM staff took part in the carnival that was organized to celebrate the event.

In Dubreka, IOM also took part to preparing and organizing the ceremony marking the end of Ebola.

Video. Doctor Sakoba Keita, Ebola Response National Coordinator in Guinea : “I thank all the 53 partners including IOM”.

Continuing technical meetings

Despite the ‘end of Ebola’ declaration, IOM knows that its work isn’t finished yet. IOM teams in Conakry and the five sub-offices (Boke, Dubreka, Forecariah, Kankan and N’Zerekore) continue to participate in technical meetings of Ebola response coordination platforms at both national and local level. Through these meetings, IOM staff stays updated about the latest developments and ensures that activities are adapted to the epidemiological situation and government priorities.



Border Health Management : Health Control

After new Ebola case was confirmed in Liberia on November 20th, the National Coordinator of Ebola Response, Dr Sakoba Keita, requested that IOM restart health screening activities in the Forest Region.

Between December 5th and 11th, IOM recruited and trained 31 Flow Monitoring Agents (FMA) for the sub-office in N’Zerekore to work for the Border Health Control program. During the same period, IOM delivered materials to three selected points of entry (Baala, Yalenzou and Thuo) among seven targeted in the region. From the 11th to 31st of December, IOM- N’Zerekore completed their team by recruiting and deploying 19 Health Control Agents and 31 FMAs. Altogether, 7 health screening points were installed and made operational at points of entry in Thuo (Prefecture of Lola), Yalenzou (Prefecture of N’Zerekore), Baala (Prefecture of Yomou), Zenie, Badiaro and Kotizou (Prefecture of Macenta) and Nongoa (Gueckedou).

Between December 29th and 31st, IOM definitely stopped its health screening activities at Maferinya (KM66), Alassoyah, Ansoumania, Dakhagbe and Layah, just after the end of EVD in Guinea was officially announced by the World Health Organization (WHO).



Strengthening Health Systems

On December 21, 2015, IOM started renovation of health centers at Kaffou and Layah, in Forecariah. On December 24, IOM met with authorities of Kamikolo, Boke, to request authorization to renew the local health center (there had been previous meetings with local authorities to request authorization to renovate the health center in Kamsar).



Bordering Point of Entry at Foulamory, renewed by IOM – at the border with Guinea Bissau. © IOM 2015

Between December 26th and 28th, an IOM engineer from the construction department went on mission to evaluate progress of renovation works at the points of entry in Madina Oula, Kindia. Although the work conformed to core standard, he made some recommendations for improvements.

Another engineer from the same department carried out a similar mission from December 24th to 27th at points of entry in Foulamory (near the border with Guinea Bissau) and Port Fory (in Kamsar). While he was in the area, the engineer also launched renovation works of the health post of Kamakolon, in Boke.



Work visit of Bradley Mellicker and Elena Bartoloni with a group of survivors at Tamarancy © IOM 2015

In addition to this, IOM continues to provide materials to Prefectoral Emergency Operations Centers and supervise Health Check-Points in order to better respond to their needs.



Psychosocial support to survivors

On December 13th, an IOM mission composed of the Emergency Coordinator, Bradley Mellicker, and the psychosocial specialist, Elena Bartoloni, went to Boké with the aim of supporting EVD survivors. They met with 36 heads of households who were cured of EVD. They continued their meetings with EVD survivors in another district of Boke, Tamarassy, the next day.



Collecting travelers' data

IOM continues its data collection activities at land and maritime borders of the country. This aims at preventing and detecting any suspected EVD cases and ensure proper monitoring. IOM conducts regular visits to points of entry to evaluate their material needs.

In the Forest region, a total of **41,884 travelers** were screened as of December 31st. There were **3 cases of febrile disease**, but none was considered a potential EVD case.

Health Control and Migratory Flow Monitoring will continue for the 90 days of increased surveillance following the end of the outbreak in Guinea. The first Migratory Flow Monitoring report will be drafted in February and will include data for January.



Participatory mapping workshop in the prefecture of Dubreka. © IOM 2015



Information management

On December 16th, 2015, through its Information Management Team (IMT), IOM conducted a participatory mapping exercise of health risks in the sub-prefecture of Khorira (prefecture of Dubreka) with community representatives from 10 districts. The next day, they led an exploratory mission to different districts of Khorira to check out realities related to information given by the community representatives. That same day, they conducted another participatory mapping exercise about health risks in the urban

commune of Dubreka with representatives from 22 neighborhoods.

On December 28th, the IMT started consolidation of data collected during the participatory mapping in Dubreka. They also finalized the analysis of data collected with survivors of Ebola Virus Disease.

Training / Capacity building

IOM continues its Border Health Management activities thanks to funding from the government of Japan.

From December 22nd to 23rd, 46 community volunteers were trained on Health Screening protocols at the ports of Rapata, Fria,

and Konimodia in Forecariah, in partnership with the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

On December 28th, the IOM’s Border Health Management team established a training plan for agents at ports in Conakry, following a tight timeline. On Monday, December 28th, 20 beneficiaries were trained at the Port of Sonfonia (Commune of Ratoma). On Tuesday, December 29th, 20 beneficiaries were trained at the Port of Dabondi (Commune of Matam). On Wednesday, December 30th, 20 beneficiaries were trained at the Port of Bonfi (Commune of Matam). This training program will continue in January 2016.

Community Involvement

In order to prepare the launch of the Community-Based Surveillance, IOM organized two training workshops for its Project Assistants and Field Assistants at the University Gamal Abdel Nasser hotel (Conakry) on December 22 and 23, then, on December 28 and 29.

Altogether, 31 Field Assistants and 10 Project Assistants took part in the training. The aim was to prepare them to better accompany various health system actors in implementing Post-EVD surveillance activities in prefectures where IOM has a field presence. They will also be involved in all other IOM activities that engage communities in those areas.



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