

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION EBOLA CRISIS RESPONSE **GUINEA**



EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT

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HIGHLIGHTS

- IOM and OFDA organised a field visit to Coyah last week. The aim of the visit was for the new OFDA team leader to have an appraisal of IOM's activities as well as activities of other humanitarian partners within the municipality.
- IOM, CDC, UNICEF and AGIL carried out capacity building exercise in Kaffou, Forécariah prefecture. to re-inforce the Infection, Prevention and Control capacities of youth IOM is working with local NGOs and civil society organisations to re-inforce IPC measures along the Guinea-Mali border
- IOM completed the training of Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) agents in the use of tablets for the management of Flow Monitoring date in Forecariah.
- To date, a total of **61,134** travellers have been screened and sensitized at the five FMPs in Kouremale, Nafadji, Niani, Niantanina and Balandougouba, near the Mali border.

OVERVIEW

Over 3,792 people have been infected with Ebola in Guinea since the outbreak in March 2014. By August 30 2015, a total of 2,529 people have been confirmed dead, with a fatality rate of 67% (WHO report). As of 30 August, a total of 1,270 confirmed cases had received treatment from the Ebola Treatment Centres (ETC).

PREFECTURE-LEVEL EMERGENCY **OPERATIONS CENTRES**

IOM and Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) organised a field visit to Coyah on August 26 2015. The aim of the visit was for the new OFDA team leader to have an appraisal of IOM's activities and in particular



Working session with the coordinator of COYAH

those relating to the PEOCs as well as meet with other humanitarian partners within the municipality. A working session followed with the coordinator of COYAH PEOC as well as other partners. The coordinator expressed his satisfaction of the services rendered by IOM to Coyah Prefecture in particular and to Guinea in general since the outbreak of the EVD.



IOM/OFDA teams with three health personnel who survived the EVD-COYAH



With border Security officers at the Sierra Leone end

HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN BORDER MANAGEMENT (HHBM)

IOM has reinforced two land health control check points along the Coyah-Forecariah highway. This is an international highway linking Guinea and Sierra Leone with high frequency movement of both persons and goods. The aim is for all passengers travelling on this route to have their temperatures checked by health personnel as well as undergo basic hygiene practice such as washing of hands.

In addition, IOM, CDC, UNICEF and AGIL carried out a capacity building exercise in Kaffou, Forécariah prefecture. The objective of the exercise was to reinforce the Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) capacities of some young volunteers in order to ensure

proper health control measures in the locality. To this end, a series of simulation exercises were conducted to demonstrate hands-on field approaches relating to IPC measures.

Furthermore IOM deploys Flow Monitoring Point agents for Mobility Pattern Monitoring and travellers' awareness.

Monitoring of Travellers and EVD awareness activities at continues at five border Flow Monitoring Points in Kouremale, Nafadji, Niani, Niantanina Balandougouba between the Guinea-Mali borders. Three local NGOs (Association de Jeunes pour le progrès-AJP; Association de Jeunes Volontaire pour le Développement de Mandiana-AJVDM and Pour une Vie Meilleure-PVM) have been selected by IOM and are currently carrying out sensitisation campaigns and training sessions at these border areas. The campaigns are carried out as part of Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) measures against the EVD. To date, a total of 61,134 persons have been monitored and screened throughout the five FMPs.



Training on the use of Tablets in mobile data collection

IOM is currently carrying out FMP activities in some targeted wharfs in Dubreka and Boke Prefectures used as border crossing points that have a high degree of movement of persons and goods. The project financed by the Japanese Government aims to establish EVDrelated screening and infection control procedures at selected major land crossings borders. It also aims at improving access to EVD prevention and reduced risks of transmissions among Migrants and border communities in Mali, Ivory Coast and Senegal.



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On Sunday, August 30th, a new case of Ebola was confirmed in Kambia, Sierra Leone. This case was very close to the Guinean area of Forecariah, in an area with a porous border. The Prefectoral Coordination in Forecariah mechanism sprang into action, with a joint assessment that revealed that on Tuesday there would be a weekly market. A group of young people volunteered to man a temporary health checkpoint, and IOM was one of the partners who mobilized to support them. IOM provided water buckets and liquid soap for hand washing stations, thermoflashes, and tarps to build a temporary shelter. IOM also brought in colleagues from the CDC to conduct field training for the volunteers, and brought FMP agents to collect data on population mobility. It was an important example of quick mobilisation and collaboration that has characterized the response in Forecariah.

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