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### Training County Health Teams for Safe Use of Assets

As IOM transitions responsibility for Ebola-related health services back to the County Health Teams (CHTs) in Bomi and Grand Bassa, teams in each location continue to support the county's efforts to maintain an essential level of local capacity. Currently, in preparation for the transfer of assets previously used in the operation of the now closed Ebola treatment units (ETU), IOM staff are training the staff of Liberia Government Hospitals (LGH) in Tubmanburg and Buchanan.

Following the identification of specific staff by the Bomi County Director of Health Services and County Health Officer, 23 sanitation department members benefited from WASH and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) orientation training. In Grand Bassa, 6 WASH staff were selected from the Buchanan LGH, Grand Bassa Community College and the County Health Office to receive similar orientation conducted on the site of the now decommissioned ETU. [Read on](#)



### Building Partnership to Strengthen Border Management

*"The participation of IOM in this auspicious event indeed a reflection of the longstanding cordial working relation subsisting between IOM and the ECOWAS Commission as well as a further demonstration of the importance that IOM attaches to ECOWAS Vision of Regional Integration aimed at ensuring the overall wellbeing of the people of our sub-region"*  
Ambassador Tunde O. Ajisomo, Special Representation of the President of ECOWAS Commission in Liberia. [Read on](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Case Management

- IOM is responsible for clinical and operational management of one Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Sinje, Grand Cape Mount County. Tubmanburg ETU, Bomi and Buchanan ETU, Grand Bassa stopped admitting patients on 15 April. The 2 ETUs have been decommissioned with responsibility for EVD health services transitioned to CHTs.
- Since 18 November 2014, when the first ETU was opened, 133 patients have been admitted, 12 survivors have been discharged and there have been 15 EVD-related death

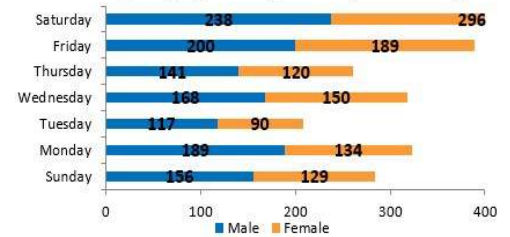
### Coordination, Surveillance and Capacity Building

- In response to the recent outbreak IOM expanded operations to provide support at additional county checkpoints, including infrastructure, screeners, training and supplies. During the reporting period IOM supported the activation of 3 checkpoints in Grand Bassa as well as support to 2 checkpoints in Bomi bordering Gbarpolu. IOM continues to provide support to 6 Points of Entry (PoE), 1 unofficial border crossing point and 2 checkpoints in Grand Cape Mount (GCM). IOM also provides operational support and mentorship to County Health Teams (CHT) and border screening in Grand Cape Mount County.



- Orientation training to support border reopening processes has been ongoing throughout July for counties bordering Ivory Coast – namely Grand Gedeh, River Gee and Maryland.
- Training provided by IOM in coordination with BIN targets PoE officials providing sessions on health screening at borders - 105 screeners have been trained.

Average Daily Migrant Entry to Liberia (1 June - 15 July)



- Local and international CDC, IOM and WHO representatives conducted a joint border assessment in Grand Bassa and Grand Cape Mount counties with a focus on mobility pattern mapping and surveillance. The joint assessment aimed to harmonise activities of the three organizations and develop joint guidelines to improve understanding on migration flows within the region and provide necessary information to define tailor made interventions.

### Psychosocial Support

- IOM Psychosocial support (PSS) teams continue to provide outreach services at schools in the three counties. PSS teams provide psychosocial first aid to students and following recent training-of-trainers (ToT) sessions also provides mentorship to teachers in 12 schools in Bomi (5), Grand Cape Mount (3) and Grand Bassa (4). Schools outreach equips students and school administrators with crisis response skills, strategies for psychosocial support, coping with the impact of EVD and also reinforces county referral pathways established during ToT sessions.



## Joint Assessment Of Mobile Populations And Border Management in Liberia

In response to the need to strengthen cross-border collaboration, support effective border management and prevent the spread of Ebola within the region, WHO, CDC and IOM conducted a regional assessment mission to Mali, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. The assessment team in Liberia included representatives from the headquarters and national offices of Center for Disease Control (CDC), WHO, IOM and Liberia's Ministry of Health (MoH).

Overall, the mission sought to review approaches to mapping mobility patterns and health border management in order to identify good practices, challenges, risks and areas for possible improvement. In addition, the partners sought to review the three organizations' cross-border collaboration in order to identify specific areas for joint work and coordinate implementation. As such, the team gathered specific information on screening procedures, mobility tracking, health system referrals, social mobilization, community-based and national surveillance systems.

This followed discussions with a cross-section of local actors and visits to diverse sites including official and unofficial crossing points as well as highly mobile transnational communities in Grand Cape Mount and Grand Bassa counties. [Read on](#)





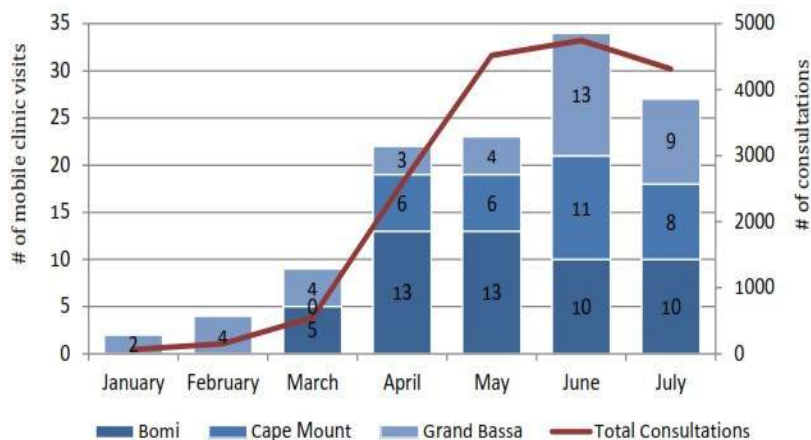
### Inside the Mobile Clinic in Grand Cape Mount County

Its 6:30am in Sinje and the mobile team of 15 staff is full of energy and excited about the big mission ahead. Our destinations are Gondors Town and Jenemanah, two communities in Gola Konneh district in Grand Cape Mount County. The team will spend two nights in the field treating patients in Gondors Town and move on to spend the night at Jenemanah village. The marram road leading to Gola Konneh district cuts across thick bamboo forest with several streams and river bridges. We arrive at Gondors town at 10:30 am and the community members are excited to see us. The assistant District Health Officer for Gola Konneh district Mr. Momo Bai is waiting for the IOM team in the company of the chief and other community leaders. [Read on](#)






### Essential Services Revitalisation

- IOM is supporting County Health Teams in the 3 counties to provide primary health services to communities through mobile clinics. IOM in partnership with CHTs provides immunization, psychosocial support, reproductive health services, curative case services, family planning and health education and triage at mobile clinics in Bomi (13), Grand Bassa (11) and GCM (13) with a total of 5,928 consultations.
- To support CHT efforts to ensure vital infection prevention and control (IPC) measures are in place as well as adequate WASH capacity, IOM in coordination with the CHTs identified 29 health facilities in Bomi (10), Grand Cape Mount (10) and Grand Bassa (9) in preparation for renovation or construction of required triage, isolation and WASH facilities.
- In keeping with the back-to-school campaign promoting IPC practices and a safe school environment, IOM is providing WASH infrastructure upgrades at schools. Over the reporting period IOM WASH teams partnered with County and District Education Officers to finalize assessments of WASH capacity in Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount and Bomi, identifying construction needs in 20 additional schools. WASH assessments of schools in the three counties is now complete – a total of 60 schools have been identified for WASH upgrade and processes to provide materials are underway

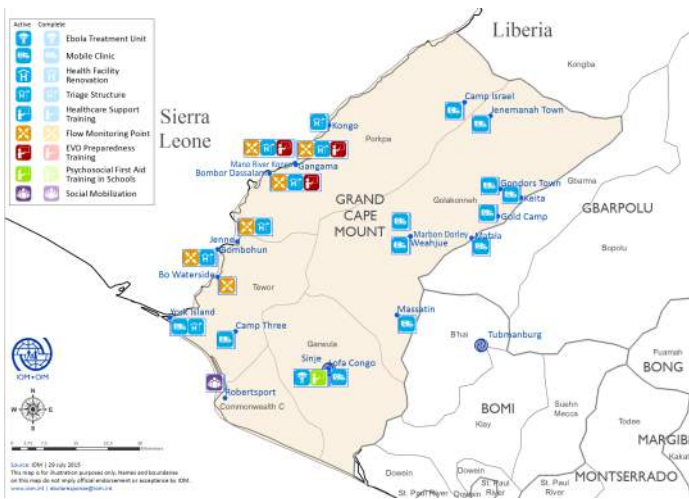
Distribution of Mobile Clinic Visits vs Beneficiaries Reached



## Dashboard November 2014 - July 2015

	Total	Bomi	Grand Cape Mount	Grand Bassa
 <b>Case Management</b> <span style="float: right;">Tubmanburg and Buchanan ETUs have been decommissioned</span>				
# of ETUs operational	1		1	
 <b>Surveillance, Coordination and Capacity Building</b>				
# border crossing points / county checkpoints supported	13	2 checkpoints	6 BCPs, 2 checkpoints	3 checkpoints
 <b>Psychosocial Support and Survivor Follow-up</b>				
# of schools regularly visited for PSS support	12	5	3	4
 <b>Social Mobilization</b>				
# of social awareness or training sessions held	52	18	24	10
# of persons trained	1,862	599	983	280
 <b>Essential Services Revitalization</b>				
# of health facilities assessed and identified for infrastructure upgrade	29	10	10	9
# of patient consultations by IOM mobile clinics	14,513	8,141	4,226	2,146
# of mobile clinic visits	106	45	28	33
# of local officials trained in health screening at borders	205	-	205	-

# IOM Ebola Response in Bomi, Grand Bassa and Grand Cape Mount Counties



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