



IOM Project team and donors meet with Ebola survivors at the IOM National Ebola Training Academy © IOM 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

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Mock ETU under construction at National Stadium in Freetown (left), after completion (right) © IOM 2014

National Ebola Academy

Enhanced Clinical Training Commences

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Twenty IOM trainers (8 International staff from Uganda and 12 national staff) participated in this training facilitated by three WHO trainers. This is part of the training of trainers (TOT) process for IOM staff who will be taking over the facilitation of this new clinical curriculum from the WHO by mid-January 2015.

This enhanced 5-day training for clinicians will eventually replace the 3-day training that initially was conducted for nurses and hygienists.

The first round of the 5 day clinical components began on 9th December. The Academy offers theory, case studies, isolated skill station to perfect critical standards for working in an ETC and, simulated case management in a mock ETC.

The programme has been enriched by the addition of 10 EVD survivors who have been trained by a WHO trainer to act as expert patient simulators to facilitate the clinical session. These survivors offer invaluable insight from their experience of the disease, treatment and life after Ebola.

Courses Offered

The Training Academy offers the following courses using a WHO curriculum. These courses can be taken in various combinations based on experience and needs.

A **3 + 2 day clinical training for clinicians without prior IPC/PPE training**

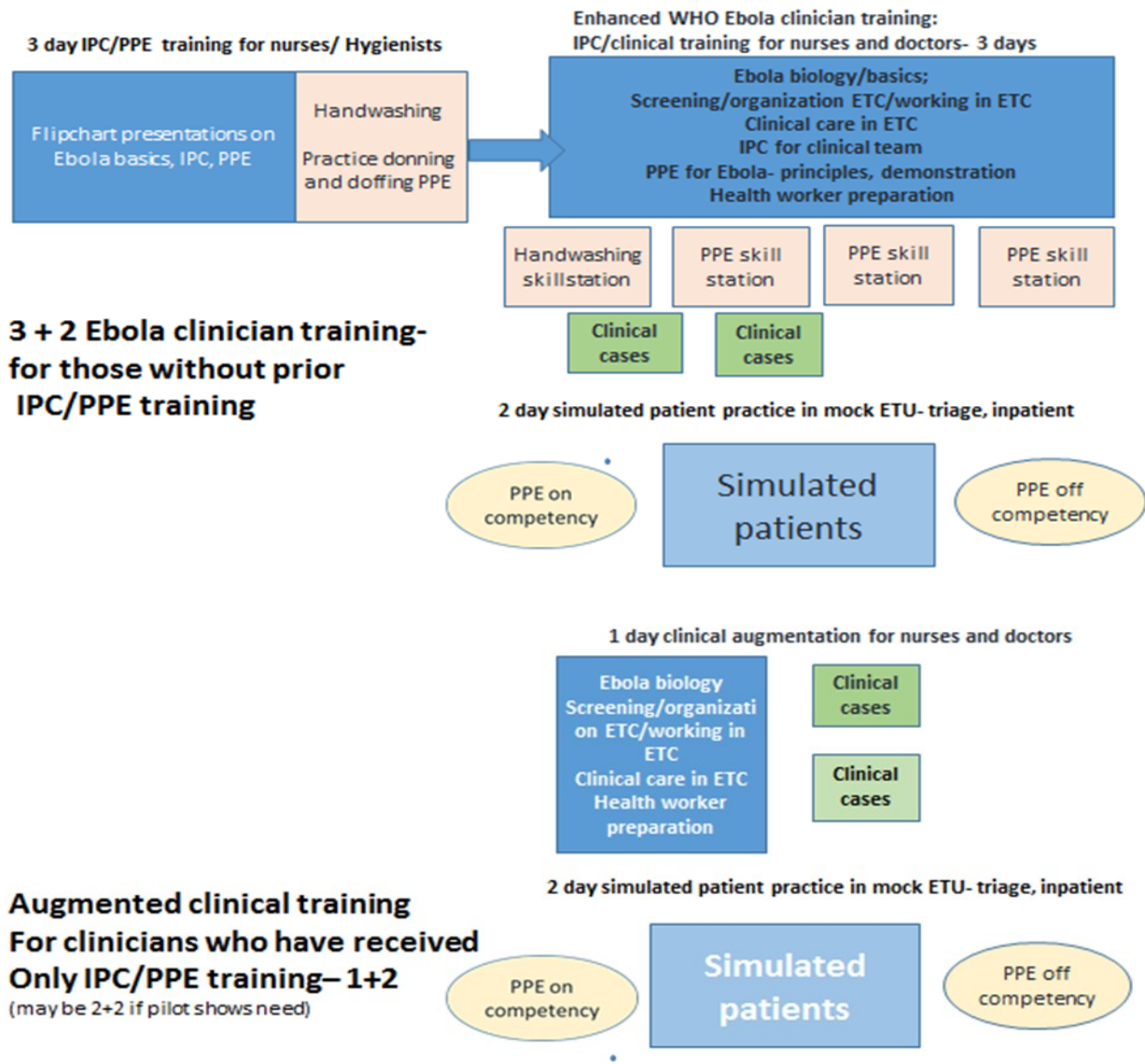
3 day enhanced clinical/IPC training with didactic teaching, skills stations and

B **1 + 2 day augmented clinical training for clinicians with prior IPC / PPE training**

1 day augmented clinical/IPC training with didactic teaching, skills stations and clinical cases
2 day simulated patient exercises in a mock ETC

C **3 day IPC/PPE training for cleaners/hygienists**

A 1 day course was conducted for two sets of 25 nurses who already had some training in Infection prevention and control and needed an augmented course before deployment to a Ebola Treatment Centre to be opened the following week.



Distribution of Emergency Interim Care Packages, Western Area, Port Loko, Bombali districts

Emergency Interim Care Kits

The Distribution of Emergency Interim Care Packages to EVD Cases is projected to commence on 19 December with OFDA approval after a coordination meeting on 17 December. The project will see the distribution of interim care packages and related messaging by community-based teams to suspected Ebola cases undergoing temporary quarantine at home due to lack of Ebola treat-

ment facility bed space in the Western Area, Port Loko, and Bombali districts. The interim care packages are comprised of ORS, water purification tablets, soap, gloves, chlorine granules, buckets, and EVD awareness pamphlets. The project will implement training-of-trainer sessions for community health care workers on appropriate use and promotion of the Emergency Interim Care Kit.

As part of the Emergency Interim Care Kit project, IOM handed over 10,000 sachets of Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) to GOAL on 08 December for distribution to suspected Ebola cases in the Western area, the most Ebola-affected area in the country. The GOAL initiative began community distribution of the ORS on 10 December.



Checking entry documents after temperature scan at Lungi International Airport © IOM 2014

Border Management, Lungi International Airport

Health and Humanitarian Border Management

The IOM Border Management team uses two three person teams to monitor the Exit and Entry Health Screening (EEHS) SOP at Lungi International Airport (FNA). The project has achieved 100% coverage across all UN and commercial flights into Sierra Leone. Ben Potter, the Project Manager and Sesay Mangeh, the Project Assistant are on a 3 day rotation schedule and are on call 24 hours a day to cover gaps in the monitoring process – particularly non-scheduled contract flights and cargo flights. Similarly they conduct numerous spot-checks throughout the monitoring process to ensure correct working practices.

Ongoing tasks include the development of a training curriculum for FNA personnel – to be completed by Friday 19th December, a pocket guide on the EEHS SOP which has been designed and is awaiting printing and training for 100 Immigration, Police and Health personnel to commence the week of the 21st December.

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