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*Health and Humanitarian Project Manager, Ben Potter, addresses IOM monitors at the Mange checkpoint in Port Loko district near the border with Kambia on 17 June 2015. IOM Freetown staff conducted spot checks on all checkpoints along the road to Kambia and replenished supplies of liquid soap and hand sanitizer while reinforcing with staff and passengers the importance of following correct health screening procedures.*

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

- A total of 8 confirmed cases were reported from Kambia, Port Loko, and Western Area Urban in the week to 21 June with 1023 contacts being monitored.
  - Both cases in Kambia were reported from Tonko Limba chiefdom, which has been the primary focus of transmission in Kambia for the past 3 weeks. Both cases are registered contacts and were residing in a quarantined dwelling at the time of symptom onset.
  - 4 of the cases in the week to 21 June were from Port Loko. Two cases were reported from Kaffu Bullom chiefdom, which has been the origin of the majority of cases reported from Sierra Leone over the past 3 weeks. One of the cases, a health worker, is a registered contact of a previous case and was quarantined at the time of symptom onset. However, the remaining case reported from Kaffu Bullom arose from an as-yet unknown source of transmission. In addition, 2 cases were reported from the Marampa chiefdom for the first time since early March. Although the origin of infection is known for both cases, the circumstances in which infection was detected—post-mortem testing of a woman who died during childbirth, and the subsequent testing of her child—mean there is a substantial risk of further transmission.
  - Two cases reported from the Magazine Wharf area of the capital, Freetown, represent the first confirmed cases in Western Area Urban for over 2 weeks. One case has an epidemiological link to a previous case, and both cases are associated with multiple high-risk contacts.
- As of 23 June there are now 5 confirmed cases in the area.**

## Weekly Highlights

- As of 27 June, IOM's National Ebola Training Academy in partnership with WHO, COMAHS, RSLAF, US CDC and MOHS has trained 8,217 health care workers and frontline responders in Freetown (7,094) and via mobile trainings (1,123) on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) modules.
- Due to the Magazine Wharf outbreak, IOM together with US CDC, WHO, DfID, and the Ebola Response Consortium is responding with a number of counter measures. IOM and CDC held an IPC micro-surge training for 41 participants on 25 June; IOM social mobilizers are in Magazine Wharf conducting awareness raising; 13 IOM and 8 Concern IPC training staff will be deployed to 8 local PHUs to provide mentoring to facility personnel beginning Monday, 29 June; and a rapid needs assessment of medical supply will be undertaken.
- On 25 June IOM deployed 14 new monitors at prioritized screening points throughout Port Loko district.
- IOM teams have completed the rapid health assessment of Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone private medical facilities across 8 districts. Together with partner IMC a final report will now be compiled.

### Last class of trainees graduate from Academy Stadium site

Over the past week **one 3-day Ebola basic Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training** took place. In **total 29 health care personnel were trained** from Connaught Hospital, Emergency, Save the Children, and St Joseph's Community Health Center at the Siaka Stevens Stadium site of the National Ebola Training Academy in Freetown.

As of Monday 29 June, the Stadium site will be wrapping up operations as IOM relocates all training classes to the Faculty of Nursing at the College of Medicine and Allied Health Services (COMAHS) on Lightfoot Boston Street in downtown Freetown. The unique and highly popular mock Ebola Treatment Unit will also be dismantled and the materials repurposed by other IOM projects as well as for training efforts at COMAHS.

IOM has been working at the Siaka Stevens Stadium since taking over from the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense on 1 December 2014. The vast majority of 7,094 total trainees completed their IPC course at the Stadium site over the past 7 months. Presently training courses are postponed over the next two week period as IOM training instructors and clinicians are responding to the outbreak of 5 Ebola cases in Magazine Wharf.

### IOM on the frontline of the Magazine Wharf response operation

As a follow on to the urgent meeting called by DfID on 23 June in response to the recent outbreak in Magazine Wharf, IOM facilitated a RING Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training delivered by US CDC at the Siaka Stevens Stadium on 24 June for 41 participants from Concern, WHO, US CDC, GOAL, and IOM.

Most of the represented organizations are currently in partnerships with one or more of the 8 PHUs and 4 hospitals in the affected area and have been trained on IPC. The

information was well received and the group was very interactive. A number of scenarios were used to raise participants' sense of caution and a wider definition of symptoms is being employed to prevent any and all potential Ebola cases to filter through undetected because practitioners are seeking specific combinations of symptoms. The primary message was Screen, Isolate and Notify.

On 26 June IOM's Senior Public Health Coordinator, Dr. Aurelien Pekezou and Training Coordinator, Jasmine Riley held a meeting with Concern Worldwide and their partners (Save the Children and Goal) to arrange the Surge Response teams for 8 Peripheral Health Units (PHUs) surrounding Magazine Wharf. WHO will send out 4 teams of 2 to attend to the 4 hospitals in the area. Concern will be providing 8 staff along with IOM's 13 to form 8 teams to address the 8 facilities within the ring- Mabella, Suzan's Bay, Welbodi, Sierra Leone Red Cross, Ross Road, Ginger Hall, Kroo Bay, and Grey Bush.

A rapid assessment tool including an inventory checklist will be employed each day by the teams to report back on progress and ongoing needs in the facilities.

On 27 June a briefing for all Academy staff was held on the upcoming Ring IPC outreach covering; an overview of the operation- partners and duration; the plan including area of responsibility, objectives, schedule, team composition, transportation and rally points, a review of the assessment tool and data collection, PHU screening methodology and safety and security.

A Point of Contact will be stationed at the Eastern Police Station to receive and dispatch materials for PHUs in need of a standard set of materials outlined on the assessment tool. Two IOM staff will accomplish this task in rotation. The team members will be provided with a kit including boots, face shield, gloves, and face mask.

Operations will commence Monday, 29 June at 0900 for a period of 2 weeks subject to ongoing review.

**Cumulative Training Academy/Mobile Training operational data for 01 December 2014– 27 June 2015**  
(weekly numbers in brackets)

Course Name	Number of courses run	Total number of National students	Total number of International Students	Cumulative Total
3 day Ebola clinician IPC 2 day Simulated Patient care	23 (1)	589	355	944
1 day Ebola clinical IPC 2 day Simulated patient care	4	26	59	85
1 day clinical augmentation	2	25	41	66
3 day basic IPC/PPE/3 day WHO Ebola basic IPC	66 (1)	5,850 (29)	51	5,901
Mobile Training 3 day IPC/PPE/Clinical Decontamination/2 day modified IPC	31 (1)	1,123 (50)	0	1,123
1 day clinical pilot/RING IPC	2 (1)	65 (32)	33 (9)	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>128 (3)</b>	<b>7,678 (111)</b>	<b>539 (9)</b>	<b>8,217</b>



**HHBM Staff Profile: Manso Kamara- “Battling reluctance in order to eradicate the menace of Ebola”**

Manso Kamara, 36, hails from Kamakwie in Bombali district and has been working with IOM in Kambia since 1 June 2015. He first learned about IOM in Kenema district over 10 years ago during Sierra Leonean refugee repatriation operations from Liberia after the end of the civil war. Until recently, Manso, a social worker by training, was working on a project to implement behavioral change at Peripheral Health Units (PHUs) in Kambia with Catholic Relief Services.

Currently, Manso is a senior monitor with IOM’s Health and Humanitarian Border Management project. He manages a team of 9 monitors who work in shifts beginning at 0630 and rotating between Mange checkpoint in Port Loko district and the Gbalamuya international border crossing on the Guinea border in Kambia. Both districts remain Ebola hotspots and the Government’s 21-day surge operation known as Northern Push is imposing strict security protocols including a 1800-0600 curfew in a bid to end the outbreak once and for all.

Manso says candidly that “our objective is to help the country go through this process to eradicate the menace of Ebola.” IOM monitors in collaboration with the military, the police and District Health Management Team staff are charged with making sure all traffic stops at checkpoints, all passengers exit their vehicles and proper health screening techniques including handwashing with chlorine solution, temperature checks and observation for Ebola symptoms are followed.

Manso notes that “travelers are expecting constraints and the vast majority are complying with the health screening process. However, high level dignitaries, the military and Guineans entering into Sierra Leone who have not had the same training on Ebola still show reluctance.”

Manso’s wife who lives in Kenema with their 3 children is the gender focal point for the Sierra Leone Police in the area. On a recent visit to Kambia she told her husband that “your checkpoint is different [in reference to Mange]. This is the difference IOM is making. Instructing everyone to come down from their vehicles and go through the process correctly no matter who it is. They are convincing people to change their behavior for the better.”



**IOM’s Manso Kamara, Senior Monitor in Kambia town on 27 June 2015.**

**IOM’s Lungi sub-office deploys new roving teams to key checkpoints across Port Loko district**

IOM’s Port Loko sub-office at Lungi International Airport expanded its human resource capacity with 14 new monitors who are working at prioritized screening points throughout the district. The monitors have been divided

into two roving teams of seven and are covering checkpoints at Gbaneh Bana, Bundulai, Kabata, Total, Gbere Junction, Mile 38, Konta Line, Fore-dugu and Mange. The checkpoints were identified by the District Coordinator and the District Ebola Response Centre. To ensure their effectiveness the monitors un-

derwent a one day training involving presentations and practical exercises. The role of the monitors is to observe and support the health screening process conducted by District Health Management Teams (DHMT) at select checkpoints and provide supplies as needed.

The IOM Project Officer and Senior Project Assistant conducted rapid needs assessments on 25-26 June at all the

identified checkpoints and were able to establish basic needs. Key findings include a need to improve the supply chain for thermometers, batteries, gloves, face masks and hand washing buckets. In some checkpoints it was noted

that there was no reserve tank for water or chlorine had run out. The roving monitoring teams are now re-supplying all checkpoints.

A list of 70 DHMTs was presented to IOM by the Port Loko District Coordinator’s office. The assessment team found some discrepancies between the list of

DHMTs provided and the health screeners present on the ground, but this issue will be discussed with the DCs office for further clarification and resolution. Of great concern is the fact that no DHMTs are deployed to Tagrin seaport, a major transit point for passengers from Freetown. It was also noted that another wharf adjacent to the seaport has a high flow of passengers but only one volunteer screener.



**Some of IOM’s newly recruited roving monitors with HHBM Project Officer, Isaac Muniya (4th from left) and Project Assistant, George Tucker (far right) at the Lungi sub-office on 25 June 2015.**

### Community based trainings begin in Kambia

On Friday, 26 June, IOM in partnership with ACF, ABC Development and the District Health Management Teams kicked off community-based training simultaneously in 5 separate communities for 155 community members and community health monitors in Samu Chiefdom, Kambia district. Eventually care kits will be prepositioned in 880 communities.

Total Interim Care Kits Distributed 15 December 2014 - 27 June 2015							
Partner	District	Distributed		Prepositioned		TOTAL	
		QTY current week	Cumulative Total	QTY current week	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Total	Targeted
ACF	WA	3	106	0	160	160	200
	Kambia	0	0	45	45	45	45
	Moyamba	0	0	92	1200	1200	1200
Oxfam	WA	0	359	0	0	359	359
IOM	WA	3	54	0	76	76	100
	Kambia	0	0	0	0	0	2546
PIH	Port Loko	0	309	0	502	502	500
WBA	Kono	13	250	0	500	500	500
MedAir	WA	0	530	NA	NA	530	550
WHI	Bombali	0	0	0	500	500	500
<b>Cumulative Totals</b>							
		<b>88</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>6500</b>

### Major News Headlines (click links for story):

[Three lessons government must learn from the Ebola crisis](#), Financial Times, 25 June

[Ebola set back in Sierra Leone as capital reports new cases](#), Business Day Live, 25 June

[Ebola cases reported in Guinea as people travel, fears increase with election campaigns](#), AP, 24 June

[Ebola leads to unexpected rise in Malaria deaths](#), Forbes, 24 June

[Ebola hit Sierra Leone quarantines 31 health workers](#), Times Live, 25 June

[One of Sierra Leone's toughest slums beats Ebola](#), Infection Control Today, 23 June

[Sierra Leone poised to lift the ban on pregnant girls being educated](#), Guardian, 24 June

[Concerns rise over Ebola crisis' effect on Sierra Leone's justice system](#), VOA, 22 June

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