



IOM staff with simulated patient trainer and Ebola survivor, Mr. Gibril Kamara at the National Training Academy © IOM 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

- **IOM and airport partners agree on significant steps forward in the Exit/Entry Health Screening Process:** Ben Potter, Project Manager delivered a comprehensive presentation to Government officials and airport authorities on 29 December. The presentation emphasized some of the lessons learned, major achievements and areas of improvement in airport health screening to date as evaluated by the IOM Health and Humanitarian Border Management (HHBM) project.
- **Training Academy staff continue to revise PPE sessions in the basic IPC/PPE training for hygienists/cleaners:** The 3 day basic IPC/PPE training course for hygienists/cleaners will continue to be enhanced. The 3-day adapted clinical training is scheduled for 30 nurses deploying to the Aspen Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC); while 50 African Union (AU) volunteers will participate in the 3+2 clinical training.
- **Procurement of Emergency Interim Care Packages continues:** IOM held a meeting with the co-chair of the National Case Management Pillar, Dr Alie Wurie, on 24 December 2014 to ensure that implementation plans are in-line with national policies. The Emergency Interim Care Kits project team continued to work on procurement of kit items.



IOM Staff at the mock ETC (left) and assisting medical practitioners with PPE training at the Training Academy (right) © IOM

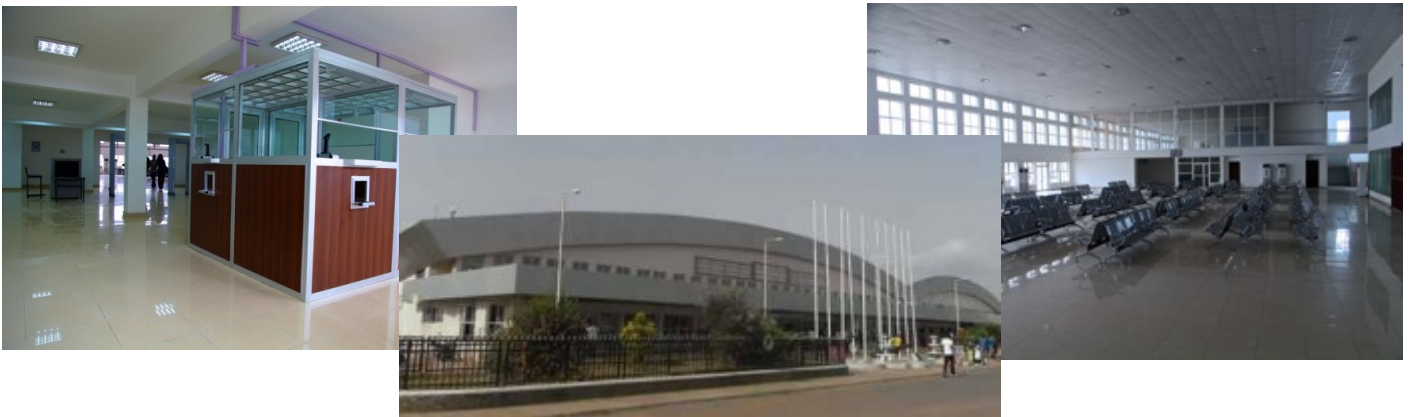
National Ebola Training Academy

Operational Data			
Course Name	Number of courses run	Total number of National Trainees	Total number of International Trainees
2 day simulated patient 1 day clinical	1	10	10
3 day basic IPC/PPE	7	567	125
1 day clinical augmentation	2	50	18
3 day Ebola clinician IPC + 2 day simulated patient	3	12	137
Total	13	639	290
Operational Highlights			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of the 3 day basic IPC/PPE for non-clinicians 3 day adapted clinical for Partners in Health (PIH) workers Meeting with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the African Union (AU) in preparation for training of 50 AU volunteers already deployed 			
Curriculum Development			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing collaboration with WHO to revise the 3 day IPC/PPE to reflect changes in PPE donning and doffing sessions. Collaboration with CDC to provide a 2 day epidemiology training for non-clinicians; public health, epidemiologists, pharmacists, humanitarians, and lab technicians. 			
Governance Development			
Development of Terms of Reference for governance board members is underway.			
Week Ahead			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of the PPE procedures in the basic IPC/PPE training for hygienists/cleaners Continuation of the 3 day basic IPC/PPE for hygienists/cleaners 3 day adapted clinical for 30 nurses to be deployed to Aspen ETC Planning for 50 AU volunteers 3+2 clinical training (post deployment) All staff meeting – definition of training teams, material distribution, admin/finance, and ToTs 			

Distribution of Emergency Interim Care Packages for suspected Ebola cases

IOM held coordination meetings with implementing partners on 22-23 December 2014. Discussions centred around programme, logistics, procurement, partnership, and coordination issues. IOM attended the National Case Management Pillar meeting on 23 December 2014. In addition, IOM held a meeting with the co-chair of the National Case Management Pillar, Dr Alie Wurie, on 24 December 2014 to ensure that implementation plans are in-line with national policies. A follow-up meeting is planned for 29 December 2014. Finally, the Emergency Interim Care Kits team continued to work on procurement of critical kit items.

Project Manager, Katrina Hann explained, “This project aims to supply ORS to people who might be suffering from Ebola and cannot access immediate care through strengthening community-based health mechanisms to work in parallel with the National Ebola Response. Along with our partners, ACF [*Action Contre la Faim*] and Oxfam, we aim to bring basic support to persons in need and their families. We are supplementing the provision of ORS with basic infection control items in line with national guidelines, supported by strong peer-to-peer learning on their use. In this way, we hope to support better outcomes for people suffering from Ebola in our three target districts.”



Passport screening (L), Lungi International Airport terminal building (C), Boarding gate area (R) © IOM 2014

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Primary airport screening referred a passenger to secondary screening for displaying Ebola-like symptoms on the afternoon of 29 December. Following medical evaluation, doctors advised that the passenger should be denied boarding and monitored for 24 hours. The passenger was subsequently released on 30 December after being found negative for Ebola. Although primary screening officials rapidly responded, the incident revealed some procedural shortcomings in secondary screening. The upcoming airport Emergency Simulation Exercise on 15 January aims to enhance the capacity of screening personnel through various practical scenarios including a secondary screening scenario enacted by an EVD survivor.

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Holiday Greeting from Mr. Sanusi Savage, IOM Head of Mission, Sierra Leone

As we approach the end of 2014, I would like to offer a message of hope and solidarity to all my fellow Sierra Leoneans. Together we will defeat this terrible tragedy.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all IOM staff, national and international partners and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for their tremendous effort on the Ebola Emergency Response. I wish all of you an enjoyable and restful holiday season and a prosperous New Year in 2015.

It has been a pleasure working with you throughout 2014 as IOM has witnessed a rapid transformation during the course of the emergency with new staff arrivals and new projects.

The National Ebola Training Academy located at both Siaka Stevens Stadium and the Faculty of Nursing and in collaboration with the World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces officially came under IOM management on December 01. The Academy is responsible for training frontline practitioners including clinicians and hygienists who are already working in or that will be assigned to Ebola Treatment Centers around the country.

The IOM Health and Humanitarian Border Management project to monitor the Exit and Entry Health Screening (EEHS) SOP at Lungi International Airport has achieved 100% coverage across all UN and commercial flights into Sierra Leone. The project team is also developing a training curriculum for FNA personnel, a pocket guide on the EEHS SOP and training for 100 Immigration, Police and Health personnel.

We have recently launched the distribution of Emergency Interim Care Packages project and related messaging by community-based teams to suspected Ebola cases undergoing temporary quarantine at home due to lack of Ebola treatment facility bed space in the Western Area, Port Loko, and Bombali. Interim care kits contain ORS, water



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purification tablets, soap, gloves, a tablespoon, chlorine granules, aprons, buckets, and EVD awareness pamphlets.

It is our hope that these projects can bend the curve of transmission and alleviate the suffering of the people of Sierra Leone by speeding the end of the epidemic. In 2015 IOM Sierra Leone will redouble its efforts in combination with partners and Government on the Emergency Response through improved programming and expanded project activities.

Together we can contain and eliminate Ebola from our communities and restore our country back to health and prosperity!

A very happy holiday season to you and yours!

With my best wishes,

Sanusi Savage
Head of Mission, IOM Sierra Leone

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