



IOM Staff with Head of Mission Mr Sanusi Savage (center left) launching a new partnership announcement © IOM 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- Under IOM guidance during the month of December the National Training Academy successfully ran 21 courses with over 1600 national and international students trained:** In 2015 training will resume at the Nursing College location in combination with the stadium site. Courses continue to be revised in order to meet ongoing training needs and discrepancies in past modules. 3 doctors and 4 hygienists from the airport medical staff will also attend trainings at the stadium.
- In an effort to further strengthen airport screening and security, Chief Executive Officer of the National Ebola Response Centre, Major Alfred Paolo Conteh (Retired), met with government officials and international partners at Lungi International Airport to review current procedures:** “We will do everything we can to ensure that travelers and airport employees are safe from the threat of Ebola,” Major Conteh said. A recent increase in Ebola cases in Port Loko District, notably in the Kaffu Bullom Chiefdom near the airport, has led to increased scrutiny of airport procedures.
- IOM held coordination meetings with implementation partners, ACF and Oxfam, on 31 December 2014:** The Emergency Interim Care Kits team continued to work on procurement of items for the kits themselves. Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) has been procured, with the first shipment scheduled to arrive during the second week of January 2015. The procurement of the remaining items for the kits is underway.



US health professional undergoing training on PPE and at the Mock ETC at the Training Academy © IOM 2014

National Ebola Training Academy

“IOM is here training doctors and nurses for the good of Sierra Leone to help people fight Ebola so that Ebola will fail...”

—Gibril Kamara, Ebola survivor and Training Academy simulated patient trainer

Training Academy operational data for 01-31 December 2014

Course Name	Number of courses run	Total number of National students	Total number of International Students
3 day Ebola clinician IPC 2 day simulated patient	3	19	116
1 day Ebola clinical IPC 2 day simulated patent	2	26	17
1 day clinical augmentation	2	25	41
3 day basic IPC/PPE	14	1382	11
Total	21	1452	185

Operational Highlights:

- A 2 day internal training of trainers (ToT) was held with clinical case study working groups and a revision of the basic IPC /PPE course for non-clinicians occurred.
- A 3 day adapted clinical for 23 candidates to be deployed to the ASPEN Ebola Training Center (ETC) was conducted.
- MoH workers/trainers have accepted payment for the pay period of 1 December to 15 December.

Curriculum Development:

- A 2 day ToT exposed the changes in and discrepancies between the new 3+2 clinical and the 3 day basic IPC. Amendments and retraining were carried out during the ToT
- The Training Coordinator will meet with WHO on Monday, 3 January to review IPC slides for final revisions
- Collaboration with CDC to provide a 2 day epidemiology training for AU Nigerian- non-clinicians; public health, epidemiologists, pharmacists, humanitarians, and lab technicians

The Week Ahead:

- Reconvene training at the nursing faculty for 2015
- Continuation of the 3 day basic IPC/PPE in both locations with skills station augmentations
- Planning for AU volunteers 3+2 clinical training (post deployment)
- Coordination with CDC to facilitate a 2 day epidemiology session to augment the training of non-clinicians.

Distribution of Emergency Interim Care Packages for suspected Ebola cases

IOM held coordination meetings with implementation partners, ACF and Oxfam, on 31 December 2014. Discussions centred around programme, logistics, procurement, partnership, and coordination issues. A meeting with CDC on the IEC materials is planned for 05 January 2015. Partnership MOUs are being reviewed for final signatures. IOM attended the National Case Management Pillar meeting on 30 December 2014 and 02 January 2015. In addition, IOM held a meeting with the co-chair of the National Case Management Pillar, Dr Alie

Wurie, on 31 December 2014 to ensure coordination with surveillance activities. Finally, the Emergency Interim Care Kits team continued to work on procurement of items for the kits themselves. ORS has been procured, with the first shipment scheduled to arrive during the second week of January 2015. The procurement of the remaining items for the kits is underway.

Katrina Hann, Project Manager, will make field visits to both Bombali and Port Loko Districts in the coming week to coordinate prepositioning of care kits on the ground.



Airport Health Screening Project Manager, Ben Potter, giving a briefing to government and international officials © IOM 2015

Health and Humanitarian Border Management

Officials Meet on Airport Screening and Security – 2 January 2015

In an effort to further strengthen airport screening and security, Chief Executive Officer of the National Ebola Response Centre, Major Alfred Paolo Conteh (Retired), met with government and international officials at Lungi International Airport to review the current processes for preventing any ill persons from entering the airport. “We will do everything we can to ensure that travelers and airport employees are safe from the threat of Ebola,” Major Conteh said.

Recent increases in Ebola cases in Port Loko District, especially in the Kaffu Bullom Chiefdom near the airport, have increased attention on proper screening at the airport. During the briefing officials were informed of a case of Ebola detected in the community and confirmed by laboratory testing on 2 January 2015. This patient had worked at the airport in mid-December, but has not worked since that time. One contact of the patient is also an airport employee, but has not worked since 25 December 2014.

While there was no transmission risk with this patient and the contact, efforts to enhance the prevention of any future events are being implemented.

“Screening must occur around the clock, by trained professionals, to detect and evaluate any suspicion of Ebola in a worker or traveler,” said Minister of Health and Sanitation Dr. Abu Bakar Fofanah.

Officials from IOM, the British Military, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, WHO, and Lungi International Airport discussed the current state of the airport’s screening and security, and suggested additional areas to strengthen.

The presenters outlined an action plan which included:

- ◆ Implementation of Standard Operating Procedures for traveler and employee screening and health monitoring
- ◆ Improved monitoring of disease hotspots in the community around the airport with efforts to communicate to employees on ways to prevent infection and transmission of disease
- ◆ Enhanced screening and documentation of airport employee temperatures at the airport front gate and on entry to the terminal
- ◆ Additional trained screening staff to allow around the clock airport entry checks, including trained health workers to assist in evaluation of travelers and employees
- ◆ Supporting Ebola prevention and control work in Kaffu Bullom Chiefdom, including surveillance, quarantine, contact tracing, and availability of dedicated ambulances to assist the airport with any suspect cases needing further evaluation at nearby healthcare facilities.

“Through collaboration among our government and international partners, we will take these additional steps for ensuring safe and secure air travel in Sierra Leone.”

—NERC CEO Major Alfred Conteh

News Headlines (click links for more):

[Italian Doctor cured of Ebola may return to Sierra Leone](#), Deutsche Welle, 2 January

[Sierra Leone announces new and extended Anti-Ebola Measures](#), Voice of America, 5 January

[How Ebola Roared Back](#), New York Times, 31 December

[Ebola Outbreak will end in 2015– UN’s Anthony Banbury](#), BBC, 2 January

[The Path of the Ebola Outbreak](#), NY Times Video, 28 December

A look at how the disease spread far beyond Meliandou, Guinea in just a few months.

[Ebola’s Patient Zero](#), PBS Frontline Video, 28 December

In rural Guinea, a 1-year-old boy named Emile contracted a mysterious illness that spread terror and confusion. An exclusive video by the PBS series “Frontline” in association with The New York Times.

IOM’s partners on the Ebola Emergency Response in Sierra Leone include:



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