



IOM's newly trained team of HHBM field monitors outside of the Kambia District Ebola Response Center (DERC) after completing training on IPC and EVD specific modules on 3 June 2015. Over the past 2 weeks the newly recruited monitors have been trained by IOM senior monitors from Lungi International Airport. The new team's deployment to the Kambia-Guinea border has had an immediate and positive impact on the health screening process and traveler safety.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- A total of 12 confirmed cases were reported from 3 districts in the week to 31 May, compared with 3 cases from 2 districts the previous week.
- 8 cases were reported from a densely populated area of the Kaffu Bullom chiefdom in Port Loko. All but one of the cases were registered contacts of previous cases within quarantined houses in the chiefdom, and are the third generation of cases in the locale that can be linked back to a single case imported from the district of Kambia, which lies just to the north of Port Loko on the border with Guinea.
- Kambia reported its first case for over 2 weeks on 31 May. The case was identified after a post-mortem test of a community death and was not a known contact of a previous case. Epidemiological investigations have not been able to establish an epidemiological link to a previous case, and it is suspected that an active chain of transmission may have gone undetected in the community. Community engagement has continued to be challenging in Kambia, with UNICEF reporting a large number of incidents of resistance to response measures in the district.
- The remaining 3 cases were reported from the capital, Freetown. At this time, none of the 3 cases can be linked to previous chains of transmission, although investigations are at an early stage. One of the cases was a stillborn child who tested PCR-positive for EVD on delivery; the mother tested PCR-negative for EVD. Serological tests have detected antibodies against EVD in the mother, indicative of a prior infection or exposure. The case underlines the need for close monitoring of pregnancy and child birth among female EVD survivors.
- There are 10 operational Ebola treatment centers (ETCs) in Sierra Leone after two closed in the Western Area Rural district to 31 May.

Weekly Highlights

- As of 6 June, IOM's National Ebola Training Academy in partnership with WHO, COMAHS, RSLAF and MOHS has trained 7,726 health care workers and frontline responders in Freetown (6,702 at the Academy) and via mobile trainings (1024 trained) on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) modules.
- On 2-3 June one IPC mobile training was held in Kono for 45 traditional birth assistants. From 1-3 June another training was delivered to 18 IOM health screeners and 4 Port Health officials in Kambia.
- IOM has been requested by the Ebola Response Consortium to send 2 IOM trainers each to 4 Government hospitals in Freetown to train a total of 2000 hospital personnel on IPC over the coming weeks.
- IOM welcomed USAID/OFDA's Health Advisor/ Programme Officer on a field visit of USAID/OFDA-supported IOM Kambia projects and new IOM Kambia sub-office on 02 June 2015. IOM Mobile IPC Training, Health and Humanitarian Border Management (HHBM) and the Emergency Interim Care Kit projects were all showcased.

IOM to support satellite training at 4 Freetown hospitals

IOM has been requested by the Ebola Response Consortium (ERC is a consortium of NGOs supporting 22 government hospitals nationwide) in partnership with the Ministry of Health to send 8 IOM trainers to 4 different hospitals in Freetown (2 at each facility). In principle, these 8 IOM staff would observe 1 week of training (3 days Clinical and 2 days IPC) and then start delivering the training following this one-week observation period.

Breakdown of hospital support:

- Ola During Children’s Hospital (400 personnel to be trained with 50 trained per week) – 8 weeks of support to Ola During. (ERC Partner = Welbodi Partnership)
- 34 Military (400 personnel to be trained with 50 trained per week) – 8 weeks of support to 34. (ERC Partner = King’s College Sierra Leone Partnership)
- Connaught Hospital (800 personnel to be trained with 50 trained/week) – 16 weeks of support to Connaught. However, Connaught personnel will also be trained at the Faculty of Nursing thus significantly reducing training time once training reopens from 01 July at the Faculty. (ERC Partner = King’s College Sierra Leone Partnership)
- Princess Christian’s Maternity Hospital (400 personnel to be trained with 50 trained/week) – 8 weeks of support to PCMH. (ERC Partner = Welbodi Partnership)

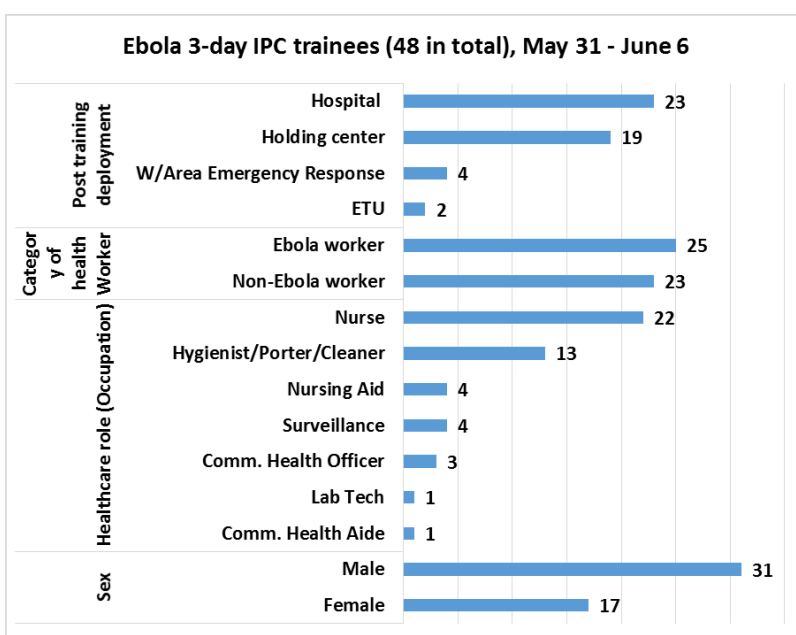
Training Academy operational highlights

Over the past week **one 3-day Ebola basic Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training** took place. In **total 48 health care personnel were trained** from the Gloucester Hospital, the Tombo Community Health Center, MSF, US CDC, the Police Training School (PTS), and the National Ebola

Response Centre (NERC). **One 3-day basic IPC course for infectious diseases (including Ebola)** was conducted for 70 Defence School of Nursing students who received lectures combined with practical skills stations (i.e. chlorine preparation, hand washing, gloves removal, PPE on/off, Environmental cleaning/decontamination and waste management) and group discussions on the following modules: the definition of key terms and the goals of IPC; disease transmission chains; understanding Ebola and other common infectious diseases; standard precautions.

IOM has received a request to train all 300 Defence School of Nursing students over the coming weeks. The school is a part of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces’ (RSLAF) training facilities.

One 3-day Ebola clinical IPC plus 2-day simulated patient care course was held for 20 trainees from the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Connaught Hospital and Newton Community Care Center.



Cumulative Training Academy/Mobile Training operational data for 01 December 2014– 06 June 2015 (weekly number 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	22 (1)	574 (20)	355	929
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	60 (2)	5,397 (118)	50	5,447
Mobile Training 3 day IPC/PPE/Clinical Decontamination/2 day modified IPC	29 (2)	1024 (67)	0	1024
1 day clinical pilot	1	33	24	57
Total	120 (5)	7,197 (205)	529	7,726

IOM welcomes USAID/OFDA representative on monitoring of IOM Kambia programmes

Mr. Saad El-Din Hassan, USAID/OFDA Health Advisor/ Programme Officer in Sierra Leone, conducted a field visit of USAID/OFDA-supported IOM Kambia projects on 02 June 2015. IOM Mobile Infection Prevention and Control Training, Health and Humanitarian Border Management (HHBM) and Emergency Interim Care Kit projects were all showcased in addition to the new IOM Kambia sub-office.

The tour started with an observation of mobile training delivery. The two-day Ministry of Health-US CDC-WHO IPC training on health screening for 18 newly recruited IOM monitors and 4 Port Health personnel consisted of modules on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) transmission, proper usage of non-contact thermometers, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) orientation and EVD case definition.

Upon successful completion of the training, IOM monitors will deploy to the main Sierra Leone/Guinea border crossing at Gbalamuya to support Port Health personnel through monitoring/continued development of the health screening process, health screening stock management/resupply, IPC infrastructure development and Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) data collection on travelers. Following IPC Training, the visit moved on to the new IOM Kambia sub-office which was set

up over the past two weeks. IOM extended an invitation to Mr. Hassan for the official sub-office opening ceremony to be scheduled in the near future and Mr. Hassan expressed satisfaction at the rapid operationalizing IOM programming in Kambia district.

Ben Potter, HHBM Project Manager, provided a comprehensive tour of the exit and entry health screening process on the main Category A international border crossing point

between Sierra Leone and Guinea. Prior to recent IOM deployment to the exit and entry screening areas at the Category A border crossing, the health screening process was somewhat haphazard and inconsistent with travelers displaying a tendency to avoid health screening. IOM deployment of newly recruited monitors, trained by IOM senior monitors who are usually based at Lungi International Airport, over

the past 2 weeks had an immediate impact on the health screening process in ensuring that all travelers conducted hand washing, were sufficiently health-screened and sensitized on EVD. IOM plans to establish the Flow Monitoring Point system shortly in order to capture vital traveler data on such categories as point of origin/destination, gender, age and contact information.

Finally, Katrina Hann, Emergency Interim Care Kits Project Manager, showcased a Training of Trainers (ToT) for local NGO ABC Development, IOM field monitor, and ACF social mobilizers on Care Kit contents, home care principles and EVD awareness. ABC Development is current working alongside IOM partner ACF in managing the Community Events Based Surveillance (CEBS) System for Kambia District throughout all 880 communities where

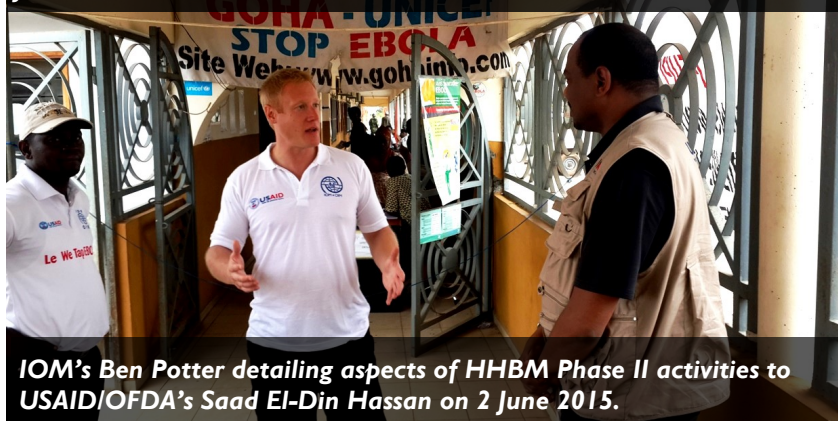
ACF social mobilizers are active. Upon successful completion of the ToT, ABC Development will facilitate a cascade training approach with Community Health Monitors (CHMs) to ensure they are well-informed on the objective of care kit delivery. With EVD prevalence rates in decline, ABC Development will pre-position kits with trained CHMs throughout Kambia as a disaster risk reduction measure in the event of possible EVD or other infectious disease flare-up.



IOM's HHBM Project Manager Ben Potter and Emergency Coordinator Jonathan Baker led USAID/OFDA's Health Officer Saad El-Din Hassan on a tour of USAID/OFDA programming on 2 June 2015.



IOM trainer John Bua leads a 3 day training for the newly recruited team of HHBM field monitors on IPC and EVD specific modules on 2 June 2015.



IOM's Ben Potter detailing aspects of HHBM Phase II activities to USAID/OFDA's Saad El-Din Hassan on 2 June 2015.

IOM and ACF conduct ToT in Kambia

A Training of Trainers was held on the proper use and distribution of emergency care kits for 24 participants from IOM, ACF, ABC Development and the District Health Management Team on 2 June. The training will now be cascaded at the community level after IOM, ACF and ABC Development field monitors are posted to local communities which will inform the Community Event Based Surveillance (CEBS) strategy. Priority will be given to hard to reach areas during the rainy season.

On the 3-4 June, IOM field monitors ran through data collection pilot exercises using paper based forms and showed a high degree of success.



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presented to their community and the Paramount Chief with 135 people in attendance.

The chiefdom-based social mobilizers and social mobilization pillar rapid response team visited 21 schools across 13 chiefdoms to monitor adherence to Infection Prevention and Control protocols. A total of 14,033 students were reached with sensitization on hygiene promotion and hand washing.

The social mobilization teams held their monthly review meeting on 4 June in Makeni. Partners collaborating in the district- Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Oxfam and CARE- were invited to share lessons learned, strengthen field coordination, and map existing community-based groups who have been supported with training on social mobilization. WHO, UNICEF and the District Health Management Team presented a brief guide on the role of social mobilizers and their participation in the national measles and polio vaccination campaign.

WHI holds final community engagement meeting

IOM and World Hope International concluded their community engagement meetings with the final meeting held on 1 June in Bombali Shebra chiefdom at the Pate Bana Marank community. 10 trained burial liaison officers were

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