



IOM Sierra Leone Head of Mission Mr. Sanusi Savage with Ambassador Haja Dr. Saran Daraba Kaba of the Mano River Union upon concluding a Cooperation Agreement © IOM / N Bishop 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- **IOM concluded a Cooperation Agreement with the Mano River Union on 8 January.**
- **A 2 week long IOM Community Sensitization exercise that will target coastal slums in the Freetown area began 09 January.** 30 Sierra Leoneans have been recruited and given basic IPC/PPE training at the Academy as well as a day of training on messaging. Door to door sensitization will be conducted and the latest approved messages from the UN will be used during the exercise.
- **The National Training Academy is continuing with the 3+2 day clinical IPC simulated patient training and conducted 2 courses of 3 day IPC/PPE training.** As well the IPC/PPE course has been upgraded to include skill stations to enhance the practical component. Finally a meeting with the African Union and US CDC was held on 10 January to discuss the training needs of 87 Kenyans health care professionals who have just arrived.
- **Lungi International Airport took delivery of 2 ambulances that are dedicated 24 hours, one solely for transporting Ebola patients and the other for non-Ebola emergencies.** Each has been allocated with a Sierra Leonean Army driver. Additionally 10 doctors have now arrived at the airport to man the front gate 24 hours a day. This will ensure all airport staff are captured on entering the airport and processed through the health screening system.
- **The first shipment of IOM Emergency Interim Care Kits was dispatched to partner warehouses in Freetown, Port Loko and Bombali on 10 January.** GOAL's Interim Care team continues their work in the Western Area to supply ORS to suspected Ebola cases. IOM is proud to support this initiative in the form of supplying in-kind ORS for distribution through USAID.

National Ebola Training Academy

Operational Highlights

- 3+2 day clinical IPC simulated patient training
- 2 courses of 3 day IPC/PPE
- Upgrade of the IPC/PPE course to include skill stations
- Meeting with AU and CDC to discuss the training needs of 87 Kenyans who have just arrived.

Curriculum Development

- WHO is currently seeking their HQ's approval for the required changes to the basic IPC module. These changes should harmonise the IPC/PPE component in both courses.
- Ongoing collaboration with CDC to provide a 2 day epidemiology training for AU volunteers- non-clinicians; public health, epidemiologists, pharmacists, humanitarians, and lab technicians. 2/3 of the AU members will deploy to the field to support ETUs, holding centres, case investigations, contact tracing, and outbreak investigations.

Governance Development

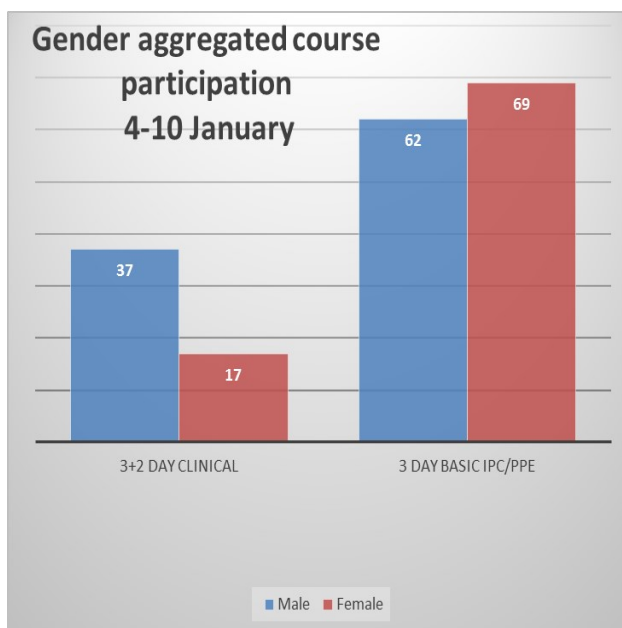
- Project manager and Training Coordinator met with King's College
- Identification of board members that will eventually govern the Academy is underway

The Week Ahead

- Continuation of the 3 day basic IPC/PPE in both locations with further upgrades
- Planning for a new group of AU volunteers 3+2 clinical training for 50
- 1+2 clinical course of PIH
- Collaboration with CDC to facilitate a 2 day epidemiology session to augment the training of the non-clinicians.
- Launch of a new mode of delivering IPC/PPE session- 7 new projectors and complementing equipment to be delivered to both training facilities



US CDC trainer lectures to Nigerian health care professionals © IOM / N Bishop2015



Cumulative Training Academy operational data for 01 December 2014– 11 January 2015 (weekly number in brackets)			
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 (1)	19 (25)	116 (29)
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 (2)	1382 (131)	11
Total	24	1583	214

Distribution of Emergency Interim Care Packages for suspected Ebola cases



IOM held a series of meetings with implementation partners, ACF and Oxfam, with the support of CDC on 04 and 07 January 2105, to discuss the information,

education and communication (IEC) materials and training package for the project trainers. A draft IEC leaflet was created with field testing planned for 10 January 2015. IOM has liaised with the Social Mobilization Pillar and the MOHS Health Education Department to have all IEC materials reviewed in the coming week. The first dispatch of kits to partner warehouses is slated for 10 January 2015. IOM, ACF and Oxfam met with GOAL on 07 January 2015 to join their sessions on lessons-learned in implementation of their distribution program and how best the two programmes can learn from each other.



An ACF team member will shadow GOAL Interim Care Man-

ager, Alimamy Koroma, before hand-off to ensure a smooth transition of services.

A pregnant mother and her five year old daughter were amongst the beneficiaries that received ORS on 09 January 2015. In a community on the East side of Freetown, Magazine Wharf, the woman's husband tested positive for Ebola the previous day. He called 117 to request that his wife and daughter receive a kit. After confirmation of Ebola-like symptoms by a District Surveillance Officer, GOAL's team of Ebola survivors delivered an interim care package, including ORS, for the mother and child to the caregiver identified by the household members. The house was planned for immediate quarantine, although other persons in the household had fled already. The mother and daughter have access to ORS until an ambulance arrives to transfer them to a holding center.



Distribution of Emergency Care Kits in Magazine Wharf, Freetown (Top and bottom) © IOM 2015

Health and Humanitarian Border Management

As the result of a senior officials meeting held on 2 January 2015 on Airport Screening and Security a number of steps to strengthen Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been implemented.

IOM has been working with the CDC, Airport Authorities, NERC and British Army on SOPs, a management action flowchart and staff information posters have now been finalized and implemented.

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.

IOM has developed, with British Military Intelligence's assistance-



Lungi International Airport Front Gate and Inspection team © IOM 2015

a dynamic map plotting airport employees addresses against known quarantined areas – this information is updated daily and IOM assists the airport in investigating the intelligence and implementing the ‘stay at home for 21 days with full pay’ SOP (or until the quarantine is lifted).

Enhanced screening and documentation of airport employee temperatures at the airport front gate and on entry to the terminal remains a work in progress. Yet progress has been made in the screening of airport health workers has improved and is running for 24 hours a day. As well chlorine levels in hand washing stations have greatly improved after the retraining of janitorial staff and senior IOM monitors.

Additional trained screening staff will be added to allow around the clock airport entry checks, including trained health workers to assist in evaluation of travelers and employees.

IOM is also 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 suspected cases needing further evaluation at nearby healthcare facilities. Finally, Kaffu Bullom was placed under quarantine during the past week to assist with controlling Ebola transmission in the district – no public transport and non-essential movement are allowed.



New ambulance with Army driver © IOM 2015

News Headlines (click links for story/video):

[Sierra Leone declares first Ebola-free district](#), The Guardian, 10 January

Pujehun, in the south east, has had no cases for 42 days after early decision to clamp down on public gatherings

[First Ebola clinic for pregnant women in Sierra Leone](#), Malay Mail, 11 January

Medicins Sans Frontiers (MSF) has opened the first care centre in the current Ebola epidemic for pregnant women in Freetown

[Sierra Leone President to visit areas hard-hit by Ebola on Friday](#), Voice of America, 8 January

[Ebola: Sierra Leone now worst affected country](#), Famagusta Gazette, 12 January

[Ebola virus continues to fuel Sierra Leone's economic freefall](#), CBC, 11 January

[Beating Ebola](#), Bruce Aylward, WHO on TEDx Place des Nations, 30 December 2014

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