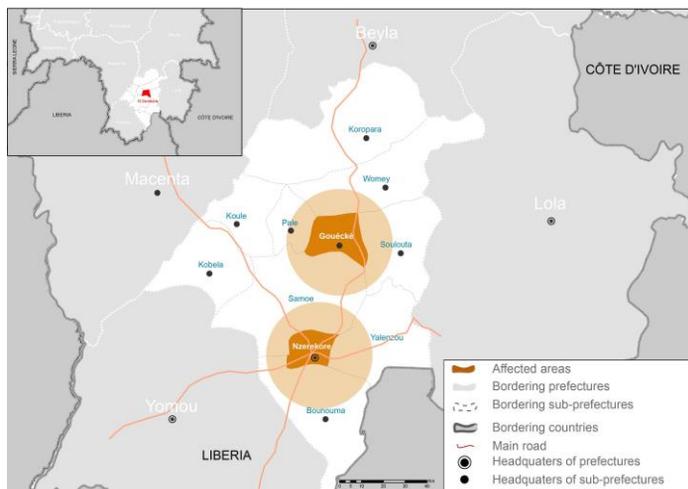


This situation report presents the latest updates on the reappearance of the Ebola virus Disease (EVD) notified since February 2021 in Guinea. The document contains the latest epidemiological data, the actions put in place by the national authorities and the humanitarian community actors to fight the spread of the EVD outbreak and provides recommendations on the way forward. Finally, the report describes the actions carried out by the International Organization for Migrations (IOM) in response to this epidemic. These epidemiological data are updated as of 12th March, 2021.

AFFECTED AREAS



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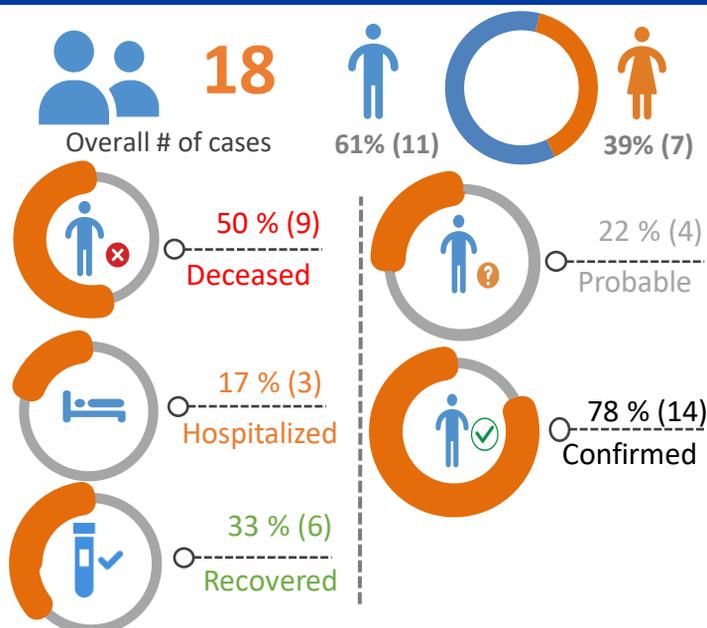
CONTEXT

Since February 2021, Guinea has been facing the reappearance of the Ebola epidemic. For the first time since 2016, cases of haemorrhagic fever caused by the virus have been recorded in the county of N'Zérékoré, located in the south-east of the country, leading to several deaths. The first victim, identified in the sub-county of Gouécké, was a nurse who died at the end of January 2021. All the other cases are people who attended the funeral on February 1, 2021. On 14th February, 2021, the Guinean Ministry of Health (MoH) declared officially an outbreak of EVD.



Training of Health control agents at one of the PoCs in Gouécké, N'Zérékoré © OIM 2021

KEY FIGURES



HIGHLIGHTS

Epidemiological situation as of March 12, 2021

- Cumulatively, 18 cases of EVD had been notified, including 14 confirmed and 4 probable cases; 7 people (3 confirmed and 4 suspected) are currently hospitalized at the ETC of N'Zérékoré.
- Moreover, 2 new suspected cases had been notified in N'Zérékoré. There are 9 EVD deaths in total, including 5 confirmed and 4 probable cases; overall, 6 people recovered from the EVD.
- In N'Zérékoré, 366 contacts were being followed up.

EVD Response activities

- Organisation of a meeting at the MoH, Conakry, to harmonise the humanitarian partners' interventions in responding to the EVD ;
- Reactivation of the Community One Health Platform of Gouécké ;
- Start of writing the regional EVD response plan in N'Zérékoré ;
- Organisation of the 1st regional coordination meeting of the "Points of Entry and Cross-border collaboration" pillar.



IOM ROLE IN THE EBOLA RESPONSE

Coordination

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- Participation in the meeting held at the MoH premises, Conakry, to harmonise the humanitarian partners' interventions in responding to the EVD;
- Activation of the Incident Management System (IMS) of the N'Zérékoré PHEOC;
- Provision of additional equipment for the PHEOC of N'Zérékoré;
- Participation in 24 daily coordination meetings of the EVD response held at the national level (ANSS in French) and in the two affected regions (Conakry and N'Zérékoré).

Case Management

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- Participation in facilitating the management of 7 cases of EVD, including 3 confirmed and 4 suspect cases at the ETC of N'Zérékoré;
- Support for maintaining security of the CT-Epi of N'Zérékoré by 11 "USAGE" agents ;
- Participation in realizing 5 dignified and secured burials of 5 community deaths by the joint team of the Civil Protection and the Guinean Red Cross to prevent the community spread of the EVD through dead body contamination.

Surveillance and Contact tracing

366

- Seven alerts on EVD recorded from the PoEs/health PoCs;
- Daily dissemination of the EVD contact list to PoEs for actively tracing mobile and migrant contacts;
- Participation in the active tracing of EVD cases in the health facilities of Conakry City;
- Support for writing 7 SitRep on EVD in N'Zérékoré.

Points of Entry

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- Organisation of the 1st regional coordination meeting of the "Points of Entry and Cross-border collaboration" pillar;
- Holding of an exchange meeting with IOM colleagues in DRC on the EVD contact tracing mechanism at PoE and PoC;
- Support to the monitoring of EVD contacts at air and ground-crossing PoEs by providing the list of active contacts;
- Support to the writing of health control tools at PoCs at the ANSS;
- Screening of 58,078 travellers including 28,924 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouéké and N'Zérékoré City.

Communication

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- Participation in a working session for developing EVD-related messages at ANSS;
- Participation in the weekly meeting of communication actors on health risks in the context of the joint fight against EVD and COVID-19;
- Support for the dissemination of awareness-raising messages on EVD in local languages;
- Sensitization of 58,078 travellers, including 28,924 women, at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouéké and N'Zérékoré City on EVD preventive measures.

Other response activities

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- Contribution to the security of the ETC of N'Zérékoré through the 11 "USAGE" agents deployed.

N'Zérékoré on 11th March, 2021: Reactivation of the Community One Health Platform of Gouéké. The objective was to strengthen the collaborative action between the livestock, environment, human health and community leaders for an efficient local management of health emergencies. For this reason, the meeting was facilitated by the executives of the County authorities of Health, Livestock and the Environment, and was attended by 12 members, including the Sub-county head, the head of the health centre, the forestry department representative, the local head of the livestock department, the body washermen, religious leaders, hunters and representatives of women and the youth. In addition, it provided an opportunity to : 1) *Remind on the functioning of the Community One Health platform*; 2) *Remind attendants on the priority zoonoses, with emphasis on the EVD*; 3) *Put in place 4 groups which will be key for the community alerts, people sensitization on public health measures and management of possible reticence*.

The reactivation of this community One Health platform was made possible with the support from IOM through the PreLine project, funded by the USA's Department of State.



Reactivation of the Community One Health Platform of Gouéké, N'Zérékoré © IOM 2021

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