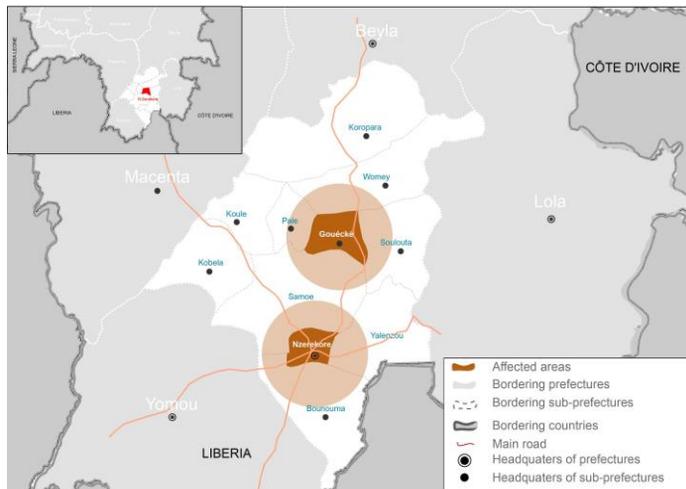


This situation report presents the latest updates on the reappearance of the Ebola virus Disease (EVD) notified since February 2021 in Guinea. The document contains the latest epidemiological data, the actions put in place by the national authorities and the humanitarian community actors to fight the 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 19th March, 2021.

AFFECTED AREAS



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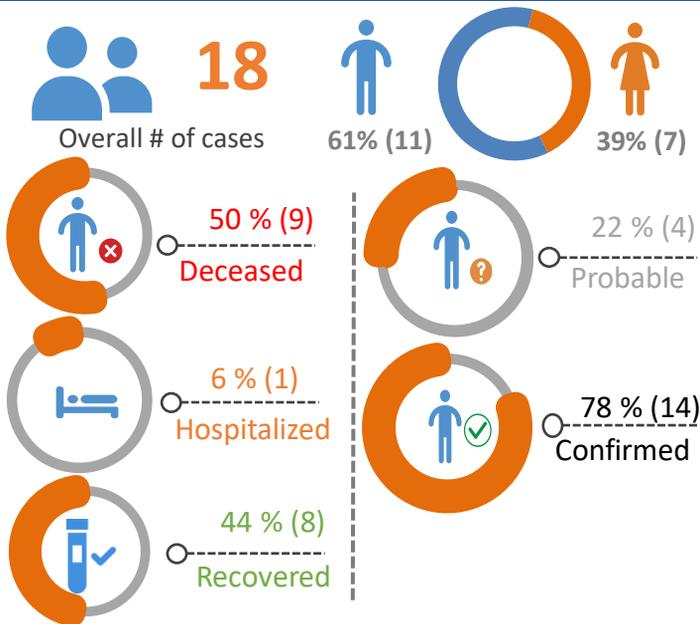
CONTEXT

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 part 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 other cases are from 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.



Interception of a Dead body at the PoC of Boma in N'Zérékoré © OIM 2021

KEY FIGURES



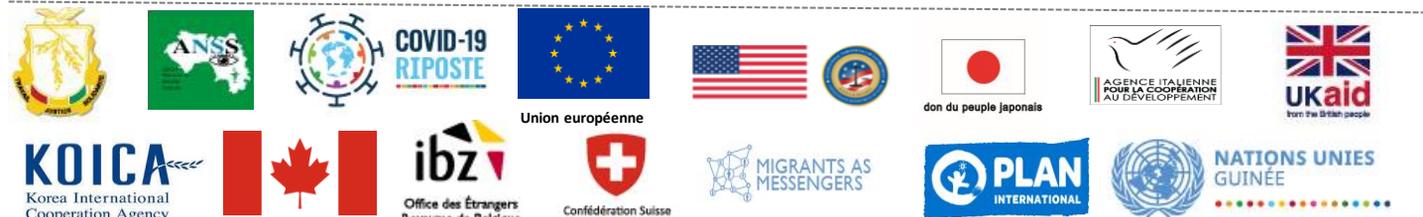
HIGHLIGHTS

Epidemiological situation as of March 19, 2021

- Cumulatively, 18 cases of EVD had been notified, including 14 confirmed and 4 probable cases; 5 people (1 confirmed and 4 suspected) are currently hospitalized at the ETC of N'Zérékoré.
- Moreover, 2 new suspected cases have been notified in N'Zérékoré. There are 9 EVD deaths recorded in total, including 5 confirmed and 4 probable cases; overall, 5 healthcare workers (HCW) have been infected by the Ebola virus leading to 2 deaths (1 confirmed and 1 probable case), and 8 people have recovered from the EVD.
- In N'Zérékoré, 366 contacts are being followed up and 3865 people have been vaccinated.

EVD Response activities

- Hospitalisation of an EVD suspected case following an alert from a Health Screening Point;
- Training of 18 health control agents on DTM and health control activities;
- Finalization of health control guideline development process for PoEs and PoCs.



IOM'S ROLE IN THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE RESPONSE

Coordination

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- Participation in the regional health group meeting under the leadership of WHO, which focused on EVD in Guinea;
- Logistics support for the real-time functioning of the PHEOC of N'Zérékoré: fuel for the power generator, phone call credits and internet connection fees and air conditioning of the meeting room;
- Participation in 22 daily coordination meetings of the EVD response at the national level (ANSS) and in the 2 affected regions (Conakry and N'Zérékoré);
- Participation in the weekly epidemiological information meeting held at ANSS.

Case Management

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- Participation in facilitating the management of 5 cases of EVD, including 1 confirmed and 4 suspect cases at the ETC of N'Zérékoré;
- Support for maintaining security at the CT-Epi of N'Zérékoré by 11 "USAGE" agents ;
- Participation in realizing 3 dignified and safe burials of 3 community deaths by the joint team of the Civil Protection and the Guinean Red Cross to prevent the community spread of the EVD through contamination from a dead body.

Surveillance and Contact tracing

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- Identification of 19 alerts at the 9 PoCs of N'Zérékoré of which 14 were validated;
- Participation in the meeting for developing EVD surveillance tools ;
- Daily dissemination of the list of Ebola contacts to the PoEs for active finding of mobile and migrant EVD contacts ;
- Support the elaboration of 7 regional SitReps on EVD in N'Zérékoré.

Points of Entry and Cross-border coll.

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- Screening of 104,022 travellers including 49,140 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré City;
- Organization of a "Points of Entry and Cross-Border Collaboration" pillar meeting;
- Support for the follow-up of EVD contacts at the air and ground crossing PoEs;
- Support for finalizing the development of health control guideline for the PoEs and PoCs at ANSS;
- Training of 18 health control agents deployed at the PoCs in N'Zérékoré on DTM and health control activities.

Communication

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- Support for the dissemination of awareness-raising messages on EVD in local languages;
- Sensitization of 104,022 travellers including 49,140 women, at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré City on EVD preventive measures.

An EVD suspected case identified at a health screening point!

The Point of Control (PoC) of Nakoyakpala of the urban municipality of N'Zérékoré, located at the exit towards Yomou, identified a suspected case of EVD on Thursday March 18, 2021. It is one of the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré City by IOM as part of its support for the response to this public health emergency.

He is a 60-year-old man, whose first temperature reading was 38.7°C. The health control agents called the toll-free number of the health district for support. When the investigation team arrived, his temperature reached 40°C.

The alert was validated and the suspected case was transferred to the Epidemic treatment centre (CT-Epi in French).



Health control activities at one of the PoCs of Gouécké, N'Zérékoré © OIM 2021

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