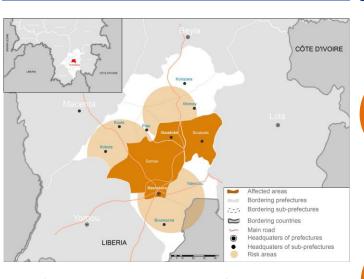
# **Guinea** — Ebola Situation Report

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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 Migration (IOM) in response to this epidemic. These epidemiological data are updated as of 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

## **AFFECTED AREAS**



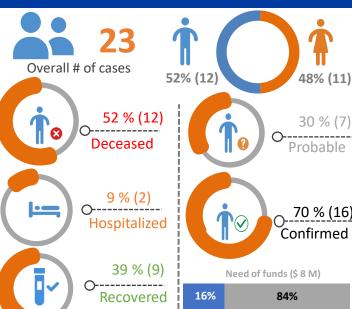
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#### CONTEXT

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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, the Guinean Ministry of Health (MoH) officially declared an outbreak of EVD.



# **KEY FIGURES**



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

## 1. Epidemiological situation as of April 4, 2021

 Cumulatively, 23 cases of EVD had been notified, including 16 confirmed and 7 probable cases; 2 people (1 confirmed and 1 suspected cases) are currently hospitalized at the ETC of N'Zérékoré.

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- There was 1 new suspected case notified in N'Zérékoré. There are 12 EVD deaths recorded in total, including 5 confirmed and 7 probable cases; overall, 5 healthcare workers (HCWs) have been infected by the Ebola virus leading to 2 deaths (1 confirmed and 1 probable cases), and 9 people have recovered from the EVD.
- 97 EVD contacts are being followed up in N'Zérékoré and 5,125 people have been vaccinated.

## 2. EVD Response activities

- Participation in the elaboration of the reinforcement plan for the EVD active surveillance for 42 days of countdown;
- Organisation of a joint mission IOM-ANSS to evaluate the capacities at the PoEs and PHEOCs of the region of N'Zérékoré;
- Holding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ordinary meeting of the One Health Platform of Gouécké which is supported by IOM;
- o Identification of 19 alerts at the 9 PoC of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré

### **IOM'S CROSS-BORDER PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES**

## Liberia

- Carrying out a rapid assessment of PCI in the districts of Grand Bassa, Rivercess, Grand Gedeh and in parts of Montserrado;
- Active case finding in high-risk communities and border health structures with Guinea;
- Community engagement with community leaders continues in high risk districts;
- Training of health control agents in 54 PoEs in neighboring counties

#### Sierra Leone

- IOM has supplied Infection Prevention materials and PPEs to three major PoEs: Freetown international Airport and two ground-crossing PoEs (Gbalamuya border with Guinea and Jendema bordering with Liberia);
- IOM supported the planning for the national simulation exercises for EVD.
- IOM always participates in Incident Management coordination meetings for EVD preparedness/response and co-chairs the PoEs pillar with WHO.





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## IOM'S ROLE IN THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE RESPONSE



## Coordination and cross-border collaboration



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- Start of the joint IOM-ANSS-DRS mission to assess the capacities of PoEs and PHEOCs in the N'Zérékoré region;
- Participation in the fortnightly meeting of technical and financial partners;
- Participation in 24 daily coordination meetings of the EVD response at the national level (ANSS) and in the 2 affected regions (Conakry and N'Zérékoré) to adapt field interventions;
- Participation in the weekly epidemiological information meeting held at ANSS and support for the prefectural coordination of N'Zérékoré to participate.



## Case Management



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- Participation in facilitating the management of 2 patients, including 1 EVD confirmed and 1 suspect case 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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- Holding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ordinary meeting of the One Health Platform of Gouécké which is supported by IOM;
- 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 SitRep on EVD in N'Zérékoré.



- Participation in the elaboration of the reinforcement plan for the EVD active surveillance for 42 days of countdown;
- Organisation of a harmonization and arbitration meeting on interventions at PoEs.
- Visit to the Yalenzou entry point to assess health control capacities;
  - Screening of 172,645 travellers including 83,639 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré municipality.



#### Communication



- Support for the dissemination of awareness-raising messages on EVD in local languages;
- Sensitization of 172,645 travellers including 83,639 women at the 9 PoCs installed at the main exits of Gouécké and N'Zérékoré Centre on EVD preventive measures.

## Joint evaluation mission to assess the capacities of PoEs and PHEOCs of the N'Zérékoré region

To date, two activities have been carried out:

- 1) Arbitration meeting between partners intervening at the PoEs: a) IOM ensures data collection and management for all PoEs; b) IOM has the complete package of activities at the PoEs of Yalenzou, Wolono, Pinè, Doromou, Baala, Gouéla, Thuo, Kpaou and Zenie;
- 2) Assessment of the Yalenzou PoE: the joint IOM-ANSS-DRS mission made a comprehensive assessment of all PoE needs.



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Supporting the community-based surveillance of diseases in Guinea

IOM responds to the new Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in N'Zérékoré, Guinea

<u>Document of the IOM Flash Appeal to raise funds for supporting the EVD response activities in Guinea</u>

