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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Program Name:		USAID Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) Program
Reporting Period:		April 1-30, 2021
Activity Start Date and End Date:		September 20, 2018 – September 19, 2023
Name of Prime Implementing Partner:		Management Sciences for Health
Contract Number:		7200AA18C00074
MTaPS Partners:	Core Partners:	Boston University, FHI360, Overseas Strategic Consulting, Results for Development, International Law Institute-Africa Centre for Legal Excellence, NEPAD
	Global Expert Partners:	Brandeis University, Celsian Consulting, Deloitte USA, Duke-National University of Singapore, El Instituto de Evaluacion Technologica en Salud, IC Consultants, MedSource, IQVIA, University of Washington
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	Collaborators:	International Pharmaceutical Federation, Howard University, University of Notre Dame, WHO, World Bank

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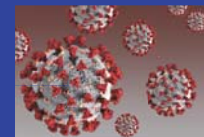
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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

EVD	Ebola virus disease
HCW	health care workers
HCWM	health care waste management
IPC	infection prevention and control
MOH	Ministry of Health
MTaPS	Medicines Technologies and Pharmaceutical Services Program
PPE	personal protective equipment
SOP	standard operating procedure
TA	technical assistance
ToT	training of trainers
TWG	technical working group
WHO	World Health Organization



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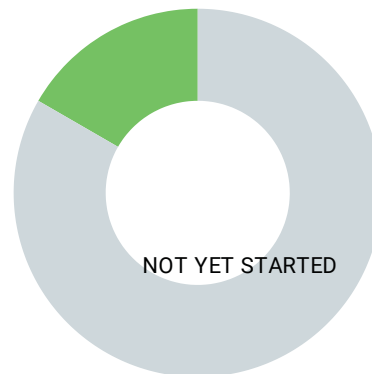
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### Technical Area ▲

Infection Prevention and Control

Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning

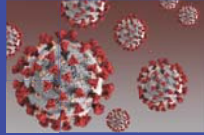
Surge capacity

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## Progress on Activities

Action Area* (Technical area) ▲	Activity Description	April
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor compliance with IPC guidelines and SOPs</li> </ul>	This activity has not yet started.
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct rapid assessment of IPC readiness</li> </ul>	This activity has not yet started.
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity</li> </ul>	<p>MTaPS supported the IPC Task Force to organize a one-day refresher training workshop for master trainers on IPC for Ebola virus disease (EVD), on March 31, 2021, at MSH office in Abidjan. The training provided by the National IPC Focal Point, focused on nine topics (1- Types of PPE in the context of an Ebola outbreak; 2 - Case definitions and triage; 3 - Errors in the use of PPE; 4 - EVD response plan in health facilities and at community level; 5 - Collection and transport of blood samples from a suspected or confirmed case of Ebola; 6 - Preparation of health facilities for EVD; 7- How to safely and with dignity bury people who have died of suspected or confirmed Ebola virus disease; 8 - Humanized care for a patient with EVD; 9 - IPC in the EVD epidemic). This training included nine IPC masters trainers (six males and three females).</p> <p>Following the refresher master training workshop on IPC for EVD in Abidjan, MTAps provided support to the IPC Task Force for the training of regional trainers from the six health regions of the western Ivorian border, in IPC for EVD from April 15-16, 2021, during a two-day workshop in Man. This training was conducted by two master trainers from the IPC Task Force, and focused on 10 topics: Introduction to IPC; Introduction to EVD; Hand hygiene; Additional precautions; Decontamination of surfaces, materials and equipment; Injections safety; PPE; Triage, isolation and notification procedure in the context of EVD; IPC scorecard for use during EVD outbreaks; Demonstration of wearing and removal of PPE. A total of 10 people (two female and eight male) were trained in IPC for EVD.</p>
Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders</li> </ul>	This activity has not yet started.
Surge capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop PPE shortage mitigation strategies</li> </ul>	This activity has not yet started.
Surge capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct rapid situational analysis</li> </ul>	This activity has not yet started.



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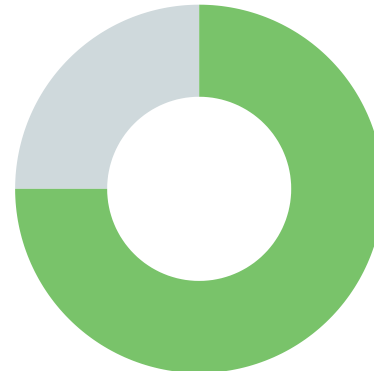
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### Technical Area ▲

Infection Prevention and Control

Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning

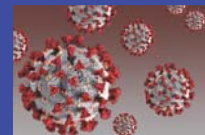
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## Progress on Activities

Action Area* (Technical area)	Activity Description	April
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity</li> </ul>	<p>MTaPS supported the Directorate General of Health in developing the terms of reference for the Ebola IPC training module and protocol review workshop. The Ebola IPC training modules and protocols review workshop is scheduled for May 17-19, 2021. The training of participants from seven health districts (Kita, Kenieba, Sagabari, Kati, Kangaba, Selingue, and Yanfolila) are planned from May 23 to June 5, 2021.</p>
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor compliance with IPC guidelines and SOPs</li> </ul>	<p>This activity has not yet begun.</p>
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct rapid assessment of IPC readiness</li> </ul>	<p>MTaPS supported the Directorate General of Health in developing the terms of reference for the Ebola IPC assessment and training mission. The evaluation mission and the IPC Ebola training in seven health districts (Kita, Kenieba, Sagabari, Kati, Kangaba, Selingue, and Yanfolila) are planned from May 23 to June 5, 2021.</p>
Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	<p>During the month of April 2021, the MTAaPS team held working sessions with the General Health team to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present the Ebola IPC activities of the MTAaPS workplan</li> <li>Plan the implementation dates of the IPC Ebola activities for the period of May to June 2021.</li> </ol> <p>MTaPS supported the organization of a virtual coordination meeting of the IPC subcommittee on April 2, 2021, attended by representatives from the Directorate General of Health, WATERAID, UNICEF, IRC.</p> <p>MTaPS also conducted a literature review of Ebola IPC training modules, Ebola IPC SOPs and Ebola IPC assessment tools at the national and WHO levels. This literature review will facilitate the revision of the IPC Ebola training and assessment kits at the national level.</p>



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### Technical Area ▲

Community engagement, social mobilization, and communication

Infection Prevention and Control

Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning

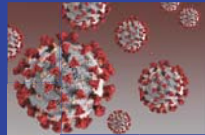
Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)

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## Progress on Activities

Action Area* (Technical area)	Activity Description	April
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen IPC practices (health and non-health facilities and organizations)</li> </ul>	This activity has not started yet.
Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training using existing training packages</li> </ul>	This activity has not started yet.
Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	The technical review of the existing plans, strategies and guidelines has started. The MTaPS team has also assembled a collection of respective WHO guides and plans that will be used in the revision process, and is planning a review of the existing EVD infrastructure at health facilities and PoE to enable the development of strategic documents.
Community engagement, social mobilization, and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop targeted messages for social mobilization and community engagement</li> </ul>	MTaPS is conducting a situation analysis to define gaps and identify documents to be developed.
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity</li> </ul>	This activity has not started yet.
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and update training strategies and materials</li> </ul>	MTaPS has recruited two Rwandan Ebola virus disease experts as consultants. These consultants who conducted a series of meetings and consultations with national partners, the Ministry of Health (MOH), Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC), and the Rwanda Food and Drug Administration (FDA), to review plans and existing technical documentation and define gaps in technical documents more precisely. Specifically the team determined that a number of existing Ebola virus disease (EVD) documents, such as the EVD contingency plan, the national infection prevention control (IPC)/EVD strategic plan, the national IPC policy, and some EVD standard operating procedures (SOPs) (waste management, sorting, identification, transportation, spill management, hand hygiene, decontamination, cleaning, disinfection, safe burials, linen management, chlorine making, personal protective equipment [PPE] donning/doffing, environmental cleaning) exist, but need to be either reviewed or revised to be formally approved. Some documents have yet to be drafted, such as EVD messages and dissemination SOPs, stakeholder analysis, governance and coordination structure for EVD and IPC, EVD guidelines, EVD training manual, EVD reporting tool and data management SOPs, job aides/checklists, point of entry (PoE) preparedness status, etc. MTaPS is supporting developing the list of documents and is preparing to support necessary training.



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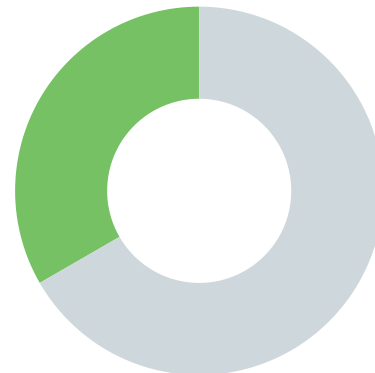


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### Technical Area ▲

Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning

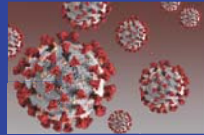
Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)

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## Progress on Activities

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Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess and monitor compliance</li></ul>	Activity has not yet started.
Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop adopt/update guidance/ SOPs</li></ul>	Activity has not yet started.
Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders</li></ul>	The MOH appointed the Incident Manager (IM) on April 15 who started establishing the Incident Management Structure (IMS) and convening coordination meetings from April 24. The IM plans three meetings per week, including two virtual meetings. MTaPS participated in the meetings. MTaPS provided input to the development of the incident action plan (IAP) of the operational period from April 30-May 30, 2021.



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### Technical Area ▲

Infection Prevention and Control

PV for Vaccines and Therapeutics

Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning

Safe patient sample collection, handling and referral

Screening, Identification and Notification (SIN)

Surge capacity

Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)

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## Progress on Activities

Action Area* (Technical area) ▲	Activity Description	April
Infection Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity</li> </ul>	
PV for Vaccines and Therapeutics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support PV coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders</li> </ul>	
Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen/update national Ebola response plan</li> </ul>	<p>MTaPS completed the process of recruitment of seven consultants to support the implementation of the field activities. The consultants include two experts in EVD Preparedness and Response. These will lead a team of five health care workers with related expertises (clinical, laboratory and pharmacy) to implement the activities in 32 high-risk districts. The granular activities have not yet started.</p>
Safe patient sample collection, handling and referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training using existing training packages</li> </ul>	
Screening, Identification and Notification (SIN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen human and organizational capacity</li> </ul>	
Surge capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct simulation exercise</li> </ul>	
Travel and Ports of entry (Border health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct rapid situational analysis</li> </ul>	