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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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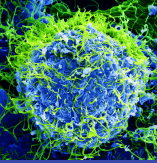
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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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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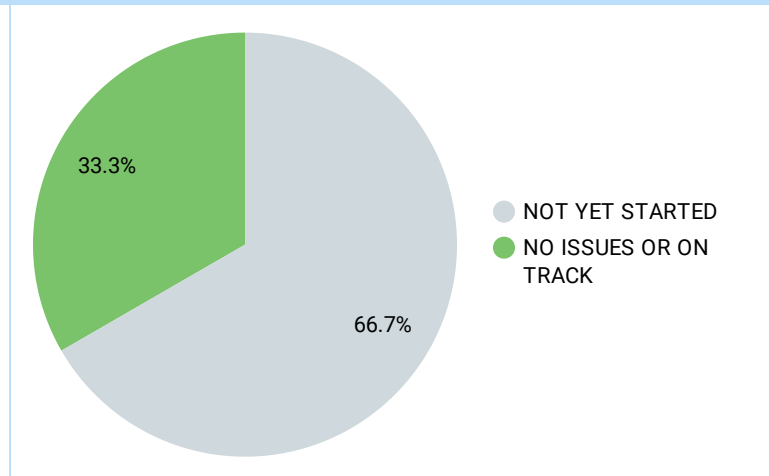
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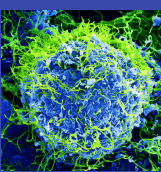
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Progress on Activities

EVD Area ^	Activities	June
Infection prevention and control, including WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct rapid assessment of IPC readiness Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity Monitor compliance with IPC guidelines and SOPs Support coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders 	<p>MTaPS supported the IPC Task Force from June 1st through 9th, 2021, in their one-and-a-half-day site visits to 11 health districts from the six target health regions. Six teams of two people, each made up of one Regional IPC trainer and one IPC Master trainer from the IPC Task Force each, visited the 11 target health facilities, with each health facility visited by one team. The eleven (11) General Hospitals (HG) were evaluated in IPC for EVD using the digital WHO scorecard on tablets.</p> <p>The scores obtained were: HGs of Kaniasso (57%), Tabou (29%), Toulepleu (52%), Blolequin (43%), Tai (50%), Danane (40%), Biankouma (43%), Zouan-Hounien (31%), Madinani (38%), Ouaninou (52%), Koro (38%).</p> <p>The results of these evaluations were presented to health workers in the presence of health facility managers. The gaps listed during the evaluation were shared and improvement plans were developed using a participatory approach. The main gaps identified were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) triage station is established but is not operational at the entrance to facilities; (2) temperature and symptoms of EVD are not properly controlled - ThermoFlash is not in working order; (3) triage forms, registers, and educational materials (posters and symptom posters) are not available; (4) insufficient sorting of medical waste during production and insufficient equipment for collecting and transporting medical waste; (5) employees do not wear and remove PPE in accordance with WHO guidelines; (6) insufficient training of health workers in IPC and EVD standard precautions, additional precautions (practical and theoretical), and especially EVD control in the past six months; (7) insufficient awareness and communication on IPC and EVD within the assessed health facilities
Vaccine support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct rapid situational analysis Develop PPE shortage mitigation strategies 	This activity was postponed to August due to our national counterpart conflict agenda.



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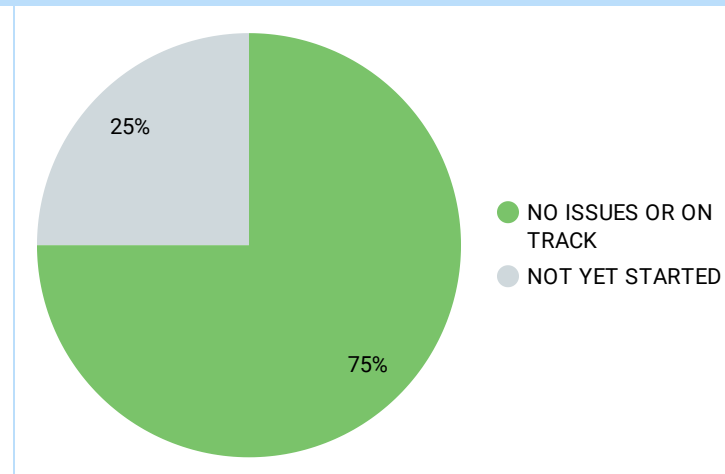
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Progress on Activities

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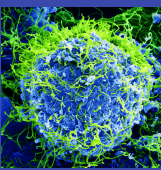
June

Infection prevention and control, including WASH

- Policy, multi-sectoral coordination, and planning
- Conduct rapid assessment of IPC readiness
- Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity
- Monitor compliance with IPC guidelines and SOPs

During the month of June 2021, some of the activities that were delayed in May due to instability were reinitiated. USAID MTaPS Mali project supported the following activities:

1. The organization of the meeting of the IPC subcommittee on June 4th, 2021 in the WHO conference room. Representatives of USAID MTaPS, SDHPS-DGSHP, ANEH, WHO, UNICEF, and NGOs Terre des Hommes, WATERAID, WORLD VISION, and IMC were present. A total of 16 participants attended this meeting including 4 women (25%). The main action points of the meeting were to:
 - a. Share the blank Excel file of the intervention mapping canvas (IPC/ Ebola / WASH) with the members of the IPC subcommittee for their input and validation;
 - b. Entrust the management of the mapping of interventions to the public hygiene and health sub-directorate of the general directorate of health.
 The main suggestion of the meeting was to create an online version of the SCORECARD tool to facilitate data entry and analysis during the Ebola assessment.
2. MTaPS, in collaboration with the Directorate General of Health, developed 16 Ebola IPC training modules and 6 Ebola IPC standard operational procedures. In total, 22 national documents were developed with the technical and financial support of MTaPS Mali.
3. MTaPS supported the implementation of the Ebola baseline assessment with the scorecard tool in 6 of the 7 facilities located on the border with Guinea. The evaluation of the seventh health facility is scheduled for July 5th to 6th, 2021.
4. MTaPS, using the Ebola IPC modules, supported the training of 89 health workers, including 63 men and 26 women, in 6 border health districts in Guinea namely: Kenieba, Kati, Selingue, Kita, Kangaba and Yanfolila. The training of health workers at the last site is scheduled from July 7th to 9th, 2021.



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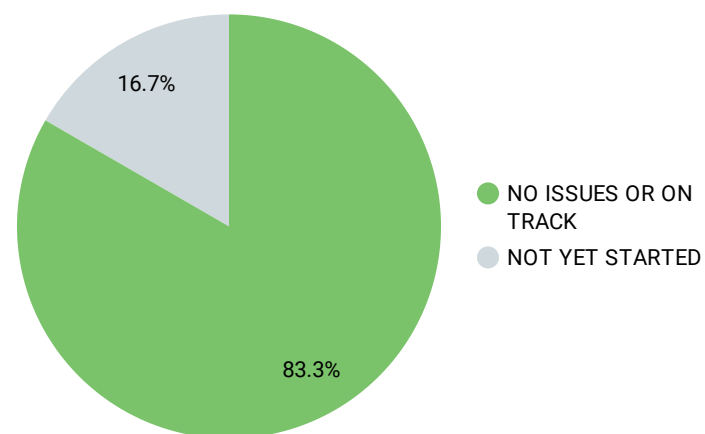
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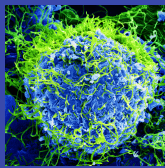
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Progress on Activities

EVD Area ▲	Activities	June
Infection prevention and control, including WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update training strategies and materials Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity Strengthen IPC practices (health and non-health facilities and organizations) Support development/adaptation of policy, frameworks, guiding documents, briefs, SOPs, strategies, tools, or systems 	<p>Working with partners, MTaPS is completing a set of technical materials that include a wide range of Ebola IPC SOPs regarding: isolation, PPE donning/doffing, cleaning, disinfection, vehicle decontamination, household decontamination, handling of needles, chlorine solution preparation, lab specimen handling, safe and dignified burial in the EVD context, and others. MTaPS also drafted respective training materials and job aids for the SOPs, and drafted an Ebola IPC compliance monitoring tool that will be pilot tested before use. In addition, the MTaPS team provided input into several strategic documents such as the national IPC policy and Strategic Plan.</p> <p>A validation workshop with MOH and other members of the national Technical Working Group is scheduled for July 16, though the dates may be adjusted due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Following the MOH validation, the team will proceed with the training of HCWs and RRT as per the approved workplan.</p> <p>Per request of the Ministry, MTaPS has also started drafting a National Ebola IPC Guideline, which is perceived as one of the most critical technical products to enable all other aspects of the Ebola work.</p>
Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), including social and behavior change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop targeted messages for social mobilization and community engagement 	<p>The MTaPS team is working on the development of Ebola risk communication materials for the country leveraging available WHO guidance. This set will also be submitted to the TWG for validation around mid-July.</p>
Surveillance and contact tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training using existing training packages 	<p>Training will start as soon as all materials are validated by the Rwanda TWG. Development of agendas and plans are in progress.</p>



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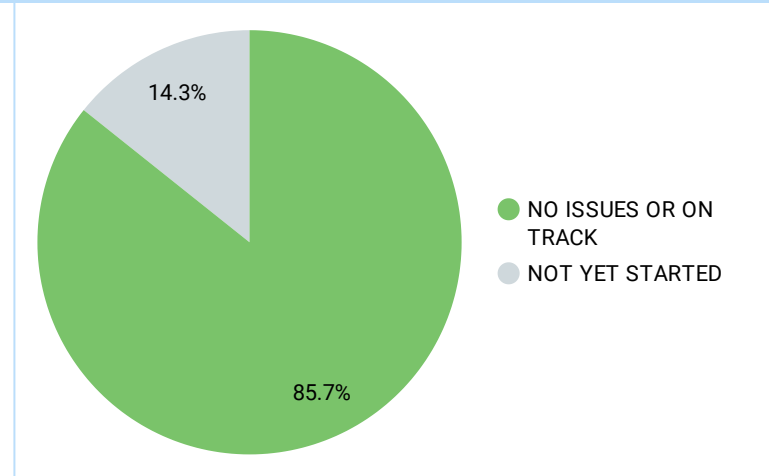
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Progress on Activities

EVD Area ▲

Activities

June

Infection prevention and control, including WASH

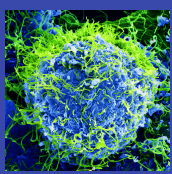
- Support coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders
- Develop adopt/update guidance/SOPs

MTaPS provided technical contributions in one meeting of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) incident management structure (IMS). EVD/IMS organized irregular weekly meetings ahead of the then looming declaration of the end of the Guinea EVD epidemic that was finally issued on June 19, 2021. MTAps continued advocating to have the EVD/IMS prioritize the work of finalizing the 32 SOPs that were updated in May with MTAps technical and financial support. The finalized SOPs are overdue, which is delaying their use for training the district health management teams, and teams in charge of the potential ports of entry and transit sites between Senegal and Guinea.

Surveillance and contact tracing

- Assess and monitor compliance

Activity has not yet started.



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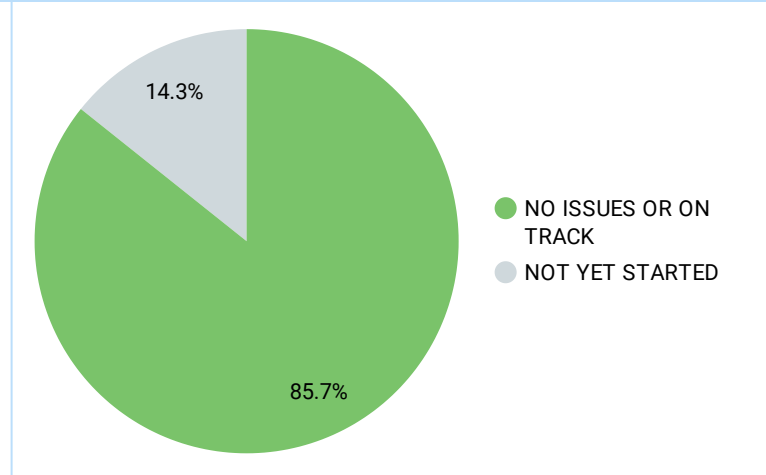
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Progress on Activities

EVD Area ▲	Activities	June
Infection prevention and control, including WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen/update national Ebola response plan Strengthen human and organizational IPC capacity Conduct simulation exercise Conduct rapid situational analysis 	Assessments of 11 border points of entry was undertaken for the South Western region using the WHO methodology. Reports have been written and shared with the individual points of entry. Areas of weakness and improvement have been identified and highlighted to the district based USAID/PEPFAR partner that supports IPC implementation. Due to the current travel restrictions, MTaPS has provided above site catalytic technical assistance to the district based implementing partners to support strengthening the border points through the development of action plans for improvement.
Laboratory strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training using existing training packages 	No activity this month.
Surveillance and contact tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen human and organizational capacity 	Screening and identification activities have not been implemented due to travel restrictions.
Vaccine support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support PV coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders 	This month, MTaPS mapped stakeholders for PV coordination and a stakeholder meeting is being arranged.

INDICATORS

EVD 1: # of policies, legislation, regulations, operational documents, or guidelines for EVD management developed or updated with technical assistance from MTaPS

Country	April	May	June	Total
Mali	0	0	22	22
Rwanda	0	0	0	0
Senegal	1	32	0	33
Uganda	0	0	0	0
Total	1	32	22	55

- Côte d'Ivoire not reporting on this indicator

EVD 2: # of entities implementing EVD guidelines with MTaPS support

		April	May	June	Total
Countries	Côte d'Ivoire	0*	0	0	0
	Mali	0*	0	6	6
	Rwanda	0*	0	0	0
	Senegal	0*	0	0	0
	Uganda	0*	20	0	20
	Total	0*	20	6	26
Entity type	Ebola treatment unit	0*	4	6	10
	Non-ETU health facility	0*	5	0	5
	Point of entry	0*	11	0	11
	Other	0*	0	0	0

* This activity was not carried out during the month

EVD 3: # of persons who received EVD training with MTaPS support

		April	May	June	Total
Countries	Côte d'Ivoire	19	59	0	78
	Mali	0*	0	89	89
	Rwanda	0*	0	0	0
	Senegal	0*	0	0	0
	Uganda	0*	96	0	96
	Total		19	155	89
Sex	Female	5	49	26	80
	Male	14	106	63	183
	Unknown	0	0	0	0
By entity type	Ebola treatment unit	2	20	0	20
	Non-ETU health facility	8	25	89	124
	Point of entry	0	48	0	48
	Other	9	62	0	71
By training type	Non-ToT	0	140	89	229
	ToT	19	15	0	34

* This activity was not carried out during the month

EVD 4: # of MTaPS-supported entities in compliance with EVD IPC guidelines

		April	May	June
Countries	Côte d'Ivoire	0*	5	4
	Mali	0*	0	6
	Rwanda	0*	0	0
	Senegal	0*	0	0
	Uganda	0*	20	0
	Total		0	25

* This activity was not carried out during the month