Multi-agency coordination call Ebola/Guinea (+ neighboring countries)

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\*[More on RCCE Collective Service here: <https://extranet.who.int/goarn/about-rcce-collective-service>]

From OB:

Platform from West Africa 2014-2016:

18/2: From OB: here is the [EBOLA google folder](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1bOOQg7mK2NyoYoL5hzzMO-23gnso7Hwu) created in out [RCCE CS drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1Qi-fnXZTa5O1hsan8Qd_U-r6a9eG2FQ8).

Collective Service/West/Central Africa is also aggregating resources in a Google Drive. All should feel free to contribute. We can work collectively on “curating” so we don’t overwhelm Guinea and preparedness countries with too much info/infodemic.

KG for:

* KOBIE, Aminata Grace - Here is the "principles of community engagement" doc that was approved by the UN "Emergency Response Team" - but not sent by gov counterparts:<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oK2uC_evB1m2mG6hF1Sh-uT3CzjECeSJUvpKl8OelOs/edit?usp=sharing>
* KOBIE, Aminata Grace - See also the DRC "Mode d'emploi" - how to give the briefing for signing the principles doc. (These doc swas joint collab WHO, CARE, Save the Children, IFRC, UNICEF and some others + gov review).<http://bit.ly/3bif7PW>

Sameera/WHO:

not sure if this is the place to consider this but our next global call for COVID 19 RCCE coordination is next tuesday- we might want to consider an update on ebola for their information and a call to engage on information and operations coordination. ESAR is the region making a standing update

Ombretta suggested a one-page briefing note, which can be updated regularly.

KG for Ombretta BAGGIO - this might be info we could include in a one-page "briefing note" - ... here are orgs already speaking, note that resources are being shared... some thing we know, some things we don't know... (so we don't have these questions directed to in-country colleagues) - in short, we can serve as "buffer"

Sameera/WHO:

the note should also include contact persons so we direct people to the right individuals in agencies for information and not overwhelm country teams with random re questions through the grapevine.

KG for: Yvonne KABAGIRE - If you'd be willing to share the "best of" from Guinea 2014-2016 (or elsewhere) we'd be happy to continue compiling, coordinating, sharing....

Several waves of resources available: including most-recent Butembo plan, and Mbandaka/DRC + Kivu/Ituri/DRC. We'll be sure to coordinate across orgs (WHO. UNICEF, IFRC, National Red Cross, CDC, MSF, and others... translators without borders, OIM, OCHA, UNHCR...) - More the merrier.

Update from GOARN RCCE call- ppt by WCAR

Guinea Ebola outbreak

Cumulative of four (4) confirmed cases and four (4) probable cases as of February 21, 2021.

•Five (5) people are hospitalized, including one (1) case confirmed at Nongo treatment site in Conakry and 4 cases in N'Zérékoré (2 suspected cases and 2 confirmed cases).

•Cumulative of five (5) deaths including four (4) probable cases and one (1) confirmed case.

**Coordination:**

At the country level

* Incident management system set up has been set up with a coordination in place including different pillars: case management, IPC, Surveillance, Risk communication & Community Engagement.
* Existence of a RCCE Working Group and a communication sub-commission
* Strategic preparedness and response plan on development

At the regional level

* Bi-weekly meetings of The Regional Health Group in West and Central Africa
* Support to response through the Regional Risk Communication and Community Engagement Group

**WHAT WE ARE DOING TO SUPPORT THE RESPONSE**

* Contact with the lead of the national RCCE Group
* ·Contact will all the neighboring countries to discuss preparedness
* ·Google Drive folder to share relevant documents and guidance

**Next steps**

1. Deployment
2. Community engagement and feedback mechanism
3. Mapping
4. Social science