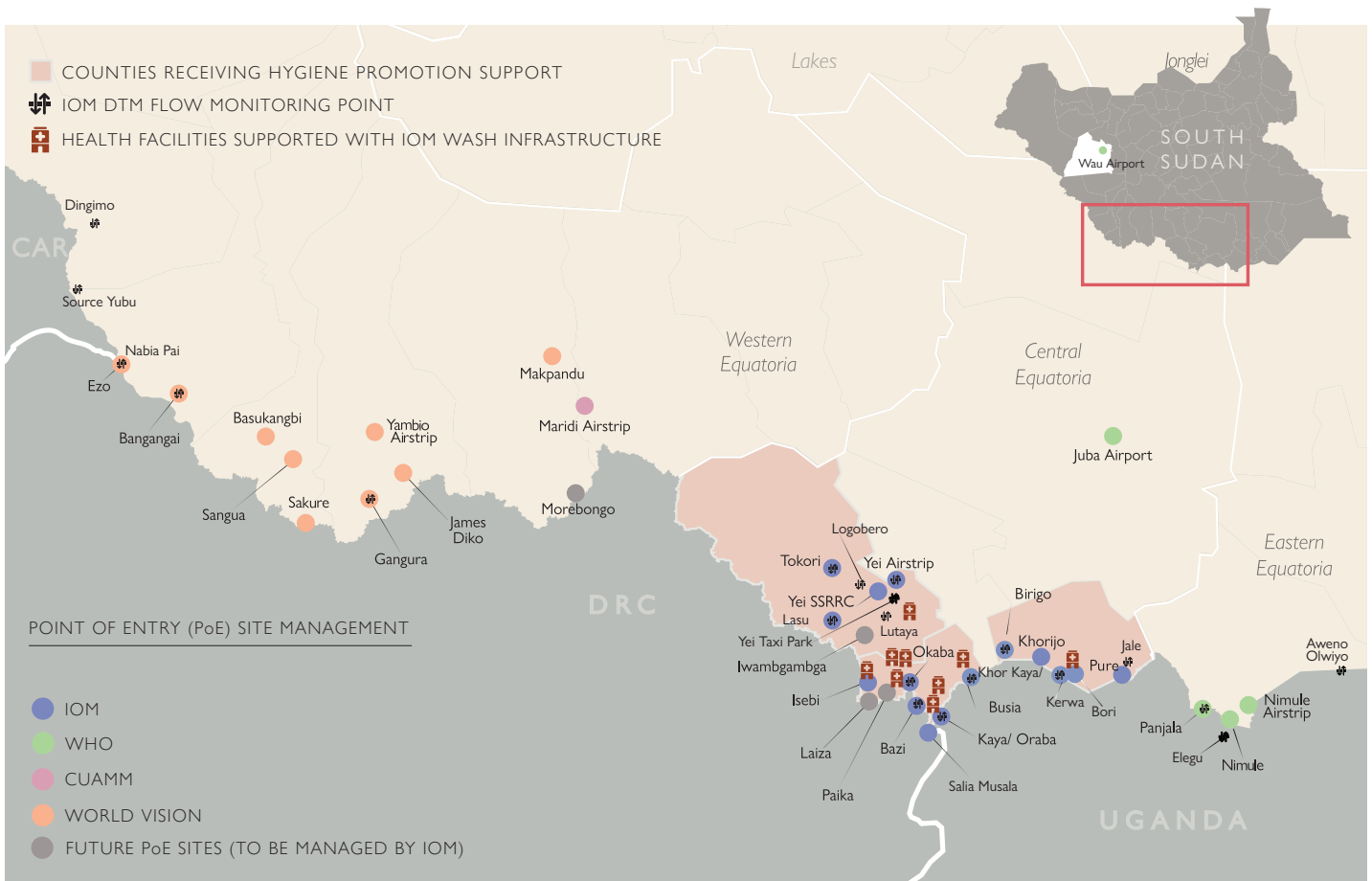


# IOM SOUTH SUDAN

## JULY 2019 | EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS REPORT



**TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SCREENED:**

**102,953** (In July 2019)  
**583,398** (Since Sept 2018)



**SUSPECTED/ CONFIRMED EVD CASES:**

**0**



**NON-EVD FEVER CASES DETECTED & REFERRED:**

**230** (In July 2019)  
**1,251** (Since Sept 2018)



**INDIVIDUALS REACHED WITH HYGIENE PROMOTION:**

**35,225** (In July 2019)  
**225,816** (Since Sept 2018)



**NUMBER OF HEALTH FACILITIES SUPPORTED:**

**9**

### MONTHLY OVERVIEW

#### HEALTH

- A new PoE screening site was established and operationalized - Isebi PoE in Lujulu Payam, Morobo County. Currently, IOM is operating 15 active PoE sites, namely: Yei airstrip, Yei SSRRC, Tokori, Lasu, Kaya, Bazi, Salia Musala, Okaba, Khor Kaya (along Busia Uganda Border) and Isebi in Morobo County; Pure, Kerwa, Khorijo, Birigo in Lainya County; and Bori.
- IOM supported and participated in the high-level delegation meeting in Yei Town, during which the Yei Airstrip PoE screening site was visited by the delegation members on 15 July 2019.
- MOH and WHO conducted the second round of vaccination and 29 frontline PoE screening team members from 5 IOM-supported PoEs (Lasu, Isebi, Kaya, Bazi and Okaba) were vaccinated. The vaccination did not reach other PoEs due to limited vaccine supply.

#### DTM

- DTM continued to survey travelers on arrival from countries affected by EVD or at risk of EVD transmission at 15 FMPs on the borders with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and the Central African Republic and at key mobility hubs in Yei Town. The six additional FMPs operated in cooperation with DTM Uganda on the Ugandan side of the border temporarily halted operations as a result of administrative impediments.

#### WASH

- The IOM team established a new PoE in Isebi, Lujulu county at the border of South Sudan with DRC where a total of 17 volunteers were enlisted to conduct screening of in-bound travellers and to provide ebola virus disease (EVD) risk communication to travelers and community around the PoE.
- The WASH team repaired Four previously non-functional boreholes located close to Isebi, Khor Kaya, Kerwa PoE sites and at Wudabi Primary Health Care Centre to provide safe clean drinking water to travelers and community around the PoEs. The team also conducted water Quality tests for 10 nearby boreholes to PoE sites in Kaya, Pure, Khorijo, Kerwa and Tokori as well as of samples from the water yard at Yei civil hospital.
- The IOM EVD team participated in preparations to receive the high level delegation visit to Yei which comprised of high ranking government officials, donor representatives and various heads of UN agencies including the IOM South Sudan chief of Mission. During this visit IOM team welcomed the delegation at the airport and explained IOM's EVD activities in the state
- IOM team conducted second round IPC/WASH Assessments at 4 Health facilities namely; Kerwa PHCC, Geri PHCU, Tore PHCC and Kirikwa PHCU in the Counties of Kajokeji, Lujule, Tore and Ootoga respectively in Yei.



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## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### HEALTH

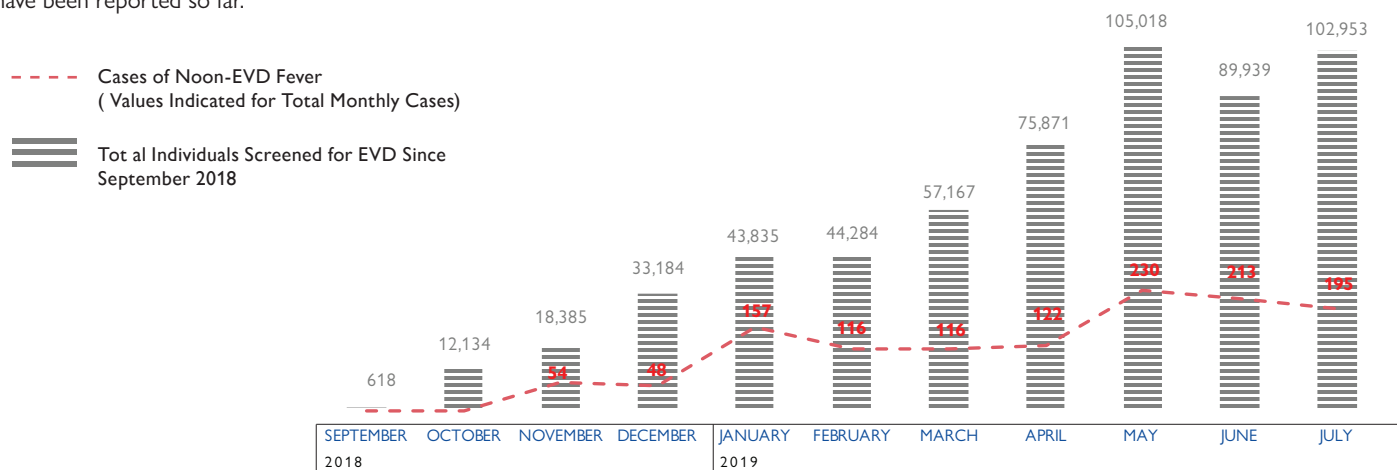
#### Individuals Screened for EVD at PoE Sites

|                                 | Bazi   | Birigo | Bori   | Kaya    | Kerwa  | Khorijo | Khor Kaya | Lasu  | Okaba  | Pure   | Salia Musala | Tokori | Yei Airport | Yei SSRRC | Isebi |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Individuals screened this month | 7,012  | 4,798  | 3,770  | 17,391  | 9,740  | 11,064  | 10,544    | 747   | 7,941  | 12,470 | 16,486       | 328    | 25          | 119       | 512   |
| Cumulative screenings           | 43,804 | 22,938 | 10,555 | 124,336 | 40,664 | 80,102  | 51,826    | 1,829 | 55,439 | 80,491 | 63,649       | 5,368  | 913         | 972       | 512   |
| Number of months operational    | 7      | 4      | 3      | 11      | 4      | 8       | 5         | 4     | 10     | 8      | 6            | 9      | 11          | 11        | 1     |

During the reporting month of July, a new PoE site was operationalized in Isebi in Lujulu Payam, Morobo County. IOM now supports and operates 15 active PoE screening sites in the Yei River State and in June alone, screened 102,953 inbound travelers to South Sudan for EVD symptoms and exposure. Compared to previous month, July recorded a 14.46% increase in EVD total number of people screened. Aside from the addition of a new PoE site, the increase can be attributed to several factors in some PoEs. Kaya continues to register the highest number of traveler screened and the extension of screening operations in Kaya PoE until 21:00 has contributed to an average increase of 94 inbound travelers screened daily. As observed in Salia Musala, the seasonal tobacco business is a possible reason for the increase as business people are crossing the border to purchase tobacco. Distribution of non-food items (NFI) in Pure and Khorijo has also resulted in increase in travelers screened in both PoEs for the reporting month of July.

A total of 195 travelers were recorded to have non-EVD fever cases with 31.8% of cases returning to normal temperature after subsequent temperature measurements during secondary screening. All other cases were referred to the nearest health facility of their respective PoEs for further assessment and management with majority of the cases diagnosed and treated for malaria (81.2%; n=133).

Since the start of EVD screening activities in September 2018, IOM has cumulatively screened 583,398 individuals for EVD symptoms. No alert cases have been reported so far.



### WASH

During the reporting period, IOM continued hygiene promotion activities in and around all the 17 locations (Yei SSRRC screening point, Pure, Morobo, Khorijo, Kaya, Gimunu, Tokori, Marakonye, Lasu, Attende, Salia-Musala, Busia (Kor-Kaya), Kerwa, Bori, Bazi, Birigo, Izebi). Hygiene promotion sessions at schools, markets and water points, reaching approximately 35,225 (9,373 Women, 10,044 men 7,845 boys and 7,963 girls)

### DTM

DTM continued surveying people on arrival to South Sudan from DRC, Uganda and CAR at 15 Flow Monitoring Points. The six additional FMPs operated in cooperation with DTM Uganda on the Ugandan side of the border suffered an interruption in operations due to administrative impediments. While data collection progressively resumed in the second half of July, flows from Uganda are underrepresented in the data.

Based on data submitted by Monday 5 August, 16,845 individuals were surveyed in July on arrival to South Sudan, down from 25,746 in June. The main regions of departure were Ituri (66.4%) and Haut-Uele (12.0%) in DRC, while the main reported counties of destination were Morobo (67.9%), Yei (7.4%) and Kajo-Keji (6.8%). Most respondents reported South Sudanese nationality (88.9%), followed by Congolese (5.4%). Access to healthcare (37.9% of respondents) and economic reasons (18.5% of respondents) were the main reported reasons for travel. 75.9% of respondents reported an intended duration of stay in South Sudan of one week or less.

#### Origin of Entrants to South Sudan

| Country & Locations of Origin | Number of Individuals Surveyed This Month | Trends Compared to Previous Month |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| COD Ituri                     | 11,188 (66.4%)                            | ▲                                 |
| COD Haut-Uele                 | 2,015 (12.0%)                             | ▲                                 |
| UGA Moyo                      | 1,246 (7.4%)                              | ▼                                 |
| UGA Yumbe                     | 742 (4.4%)                                | ▼                                 |
| UGA Other                     | 700 (4.2%)                                | ▼                                 |
| CAF Haut-Mbomou               | 372 (2.2%)                                | ▲                                 |
| UGA Koboko                    | 364 (2.2%)                                | ▼                                 |
| COD Kongo-Central             | 175 (1.0%)                                | ▼                                 |
| Other Other                   | 43 (0.3%)                                 | ▲                                 |

Operational factors, including delayed submission by some FMPs, may affect trends on a week-by-week basis. Figures with; ▲ upward trend, ▼ downward trend, ▬ no change, ! no data from previous month. For a more detailed breakdown, please contact [southsudanDTM@iom.int](mailto:southsudanDTM@iom.int).

## ASSESSMENTS AND OUTCOMES

### DTM

DTM participated in a joint IOM-UNICEF mission to Tore and Rasul (Yei County) to assess the PoEs identified as part of the previous interagency mission in the area. In total, five entry routes were identified with estimated arrivals from DRC between 4-5 people per week and 4-5 people per day per route. Low cross-border movement is due to the lack of large settlements on the DRC side, which is occupied by the Garamba Forest. As a result of the low flows, DTM will not set up additional FMPs, though it will expand its Mobility Tracking operations in order to monitor the number of IDPs and returnees living in this area at regular intervals.

In addition, DTM carried out an assessment of potential FMP locations at the border between Kajo Keji (Central Equatoria) and Uganda. Bori (reported incoming flows of around 110 persons per day) and Ambaya (reported incoming flows of around 200 persons per day) were selected for future FMPs.

### WASH / HEALTH

IOM Participated in an inter-agency rapid needs assessment mission to Wudabi where they conducted assessment for access to the proposed PoE sites at Laiza, Paika and Senema. The team was unable to reach these exact locations due to insecurity but conducted IPC/WASH assessment at Geri PHCU and repaired a hand pump at Geri PHCU instead of Wudabi PHCC during this mission.

Per result of the assessment, the Geri health facility lacks enough qualified personnel despite having drugs kept at the county administrative block.



*IOM team from Juba and Yei town doing monitoring visit to Bori PoE.  
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## COORDINATION NOTES

- IOM continues to actively participate in the national level coordination meetings such as SAG, NTF and TWG meetings including the IPC/WASH, Border Health and Points of Entry (BH & PoE) joint with Epi & Surveillance, Risk Communications Social Mobilization and Access and Security Technical Working Groups (TWGs). IOM also attends weekly Yei STF meetings as well as the monthly coordination meetings in Morobo and Kajo-Keji counties.
- IOM conducts regular monitoring and supportive supervision at all the PoE sites.
- Upon request, DTM delivered a presentation to the NTF to inform partners involved in the EVD response about key findings from Flow Monitoring

## PLANS FOR AUGUST

### HEALTH

- Continue with monitoring and supportive supervision of existing PoEs and ensure functionalities as per the SOP.
- Conduct refresher training for PoEs screening team members based on the identified gaps.
- Assess and map new PoEs, and establish screening desk based on the identified priorities as per the agreed up on the criteria for establishing new PoEs.
- Continue as Co-lead for BH & PoE TWG at national level and provide technical support for partners implementing PoE screening activities.
- Participate at national and state level coordination meetings and

### WASH

- Completion of Water quality tests for boreholes in Isebi and Wudabi
- Completion of IPC/WASH Assessments for IOM supported Health Facilities near PoEs
- Refresher Training of Health and Hygiene promoters in Yei
- PSEA training of volunteers in Yei, Morobo and Kajokeji
- Continue with Health and Hygiene Promotion and EVD risk communication in all 15 PoEs, 9 supported Health facilities and surrounding communities

- Provision of IPC/WASH facilities at the 15 IOM PoEs, 9 Health Facilities, Public offices
- Training of frontline Health workers at Health facilities provided with IPC/WASH support

### DTM

Continue Flow Monitoring data collection at 15 FMPs within South Sudan, in addition to the six operated in cooperation with DTM Uganda, and activate three new FMPs at selected PoEs.

## SECURITY & ACCESS ISSUES

### HEALTH

- Remote monitoring is done for Lasu and Tokori PoE sites due to security/access issues. Poor mobile network makes communication with the team on the ground more challenging.
- Access challenge in some areas in Lujulu remains.

### WASH

- Road Access to Morobo, Khorijo and Bori is being limited by worsening condition of the roads due to onset of rains.
- There were several security incidents along roads leading out of Yei town which further restricted access to Lasu and Tokori PoEs