

**REPUBLIC OF GUINEA**



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

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**DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL DIVISION**

**INFO ON EBOLA VIRUS HEMORRHAGIC  
FEVER IN GUINEA- CONAKRY**

**MARCH 26 2014**

## Epidemiological situation

Two new suspected cases of viral hemorrhagic fever were reported in Guékédou (01 case) and Kankan (01).

In addition three deaths occurred in Kissidougou (1 death), Macenta (1 death) and Kankan (1 death).

An investigation is underway in Kankan for additional information. Arrangements are made for a quick review of the sample.

The burial of this case was done under the supervision of the health authorities of the Region of Kankan and the Guinean Red Cross.

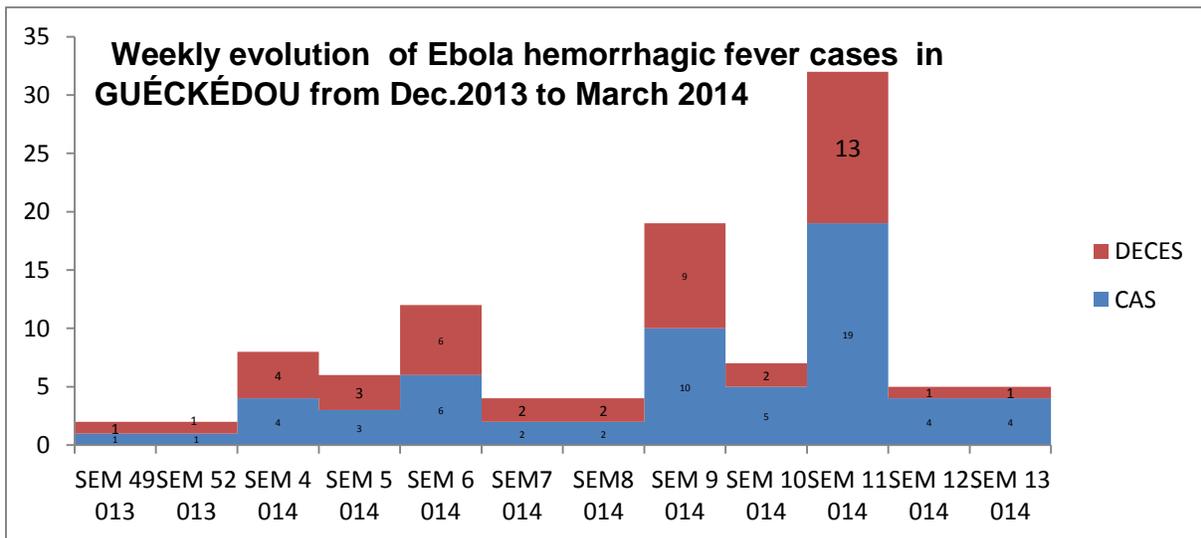
The cumulative suspected cases recorded from January to March 26, 2014, is a total of 88 suspected cases of viral hemorrhagic fever with 63 deaths (including 36 community deaths) a fatality rate of 71.5 %.

These cases and deaths are divided as follows: Guékédou (61 cases / 45 deaths); Macenta (19 cases / 12 deaths) Kissidougou (7 cases / 5 deaths) and Kankan (1 case and 1 death).

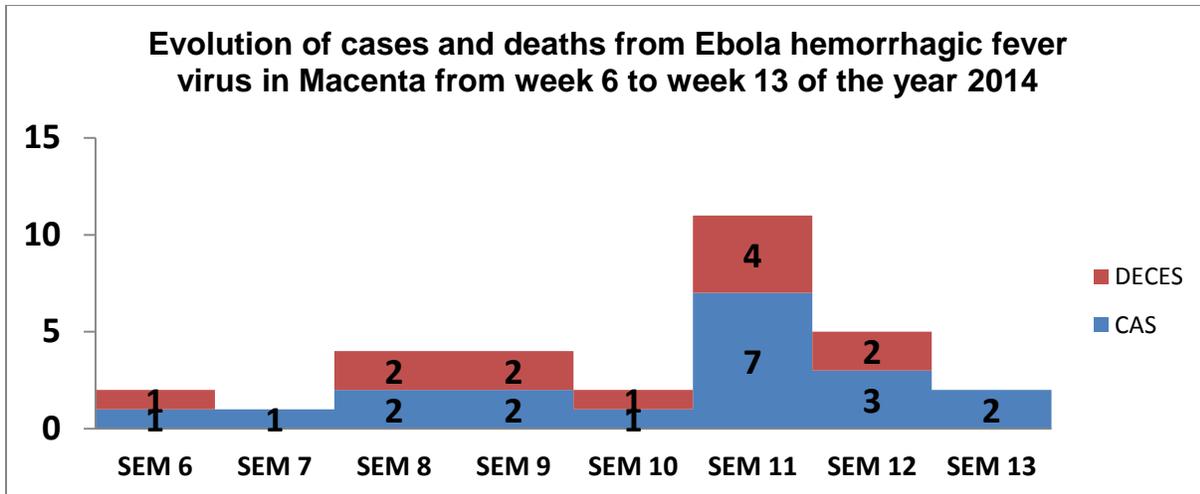
## Laboratory

So far samples of 37 subjects suspected cases were examined and 11 cases were positive in EBOLA Filo virus

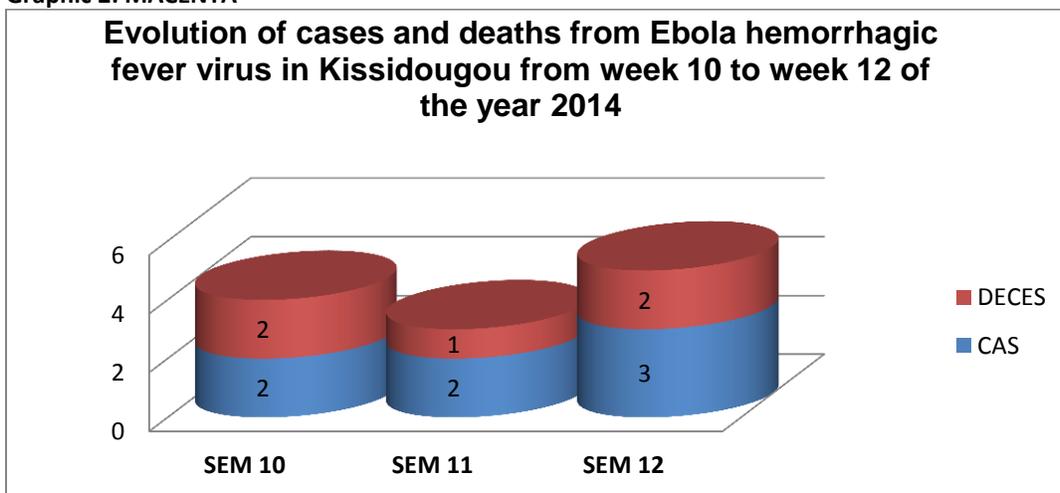
### Graphics on the evolution of suspected viral hemorrhagic fever (Ebola)



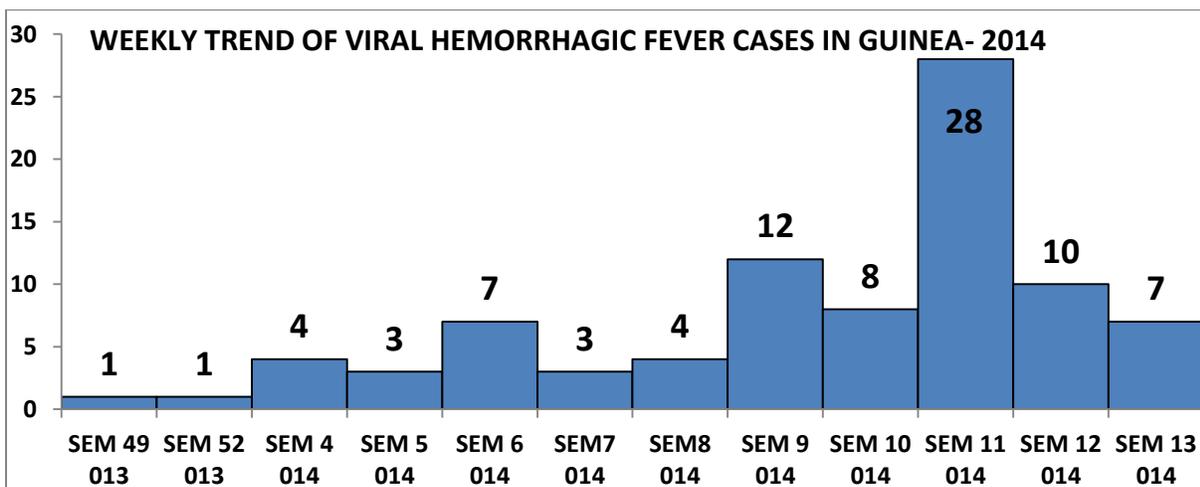
Graphic 1: GUÉCKÉDOU



Graphic 2: MACENTA



Graphic 3: Kissidougou



Graphic 4: GUINEE

### **Ongoing actions**

- ✓ Establishment of patients isolation centers in affected prefectures ;
- ✓ Systematic disinfection of homes of cases and deceased;
- ✓ Response action plan finalization ;
- ✓ Advocacy for greater mobilization of resources;
- ✓ Routing personal protective equipment (PPE) and support kits in the affected areas (first stock of PPE was already available on the field at the date of March 22, 2014. This stock was conveyed by the Minister of Health).
- ✓ Strengthening epidemiological look-out,
- ✓ Virological examination of collected samples

### **Prospect**

- Door to door awareness and hygiene kits distribution in affected villages or neighborhoods ;
- Arrival of WHO and MSF interventions teams ( epidemiologists, prevention and viral hemorrhagic fevers control specialist , logisticians, data managers , communication specialists and anthropologists ) to join the Guinean health authorities for efficient management of the epidemic

## **MINUTES OF THE UEC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARS 25 2014**

A meeting co -chaired by WHO Representative to Guinea and the President of the National Crisis Committee was held on March 25 in WHO conference room.

Representatives of various Embassies (Japan, France UK, Germany, Spain, World Bank, European Union), UNFPA , USAID, Plan GUINEA , WFP, FAO , OCHA, MSF, SENAH , ICRC, GRC , CRS , Armed Forces Health Service , Rusal Alumina , Rio Tinto, Ambroise Paré Clinic , PSI, UMI , the doctor of the UN Dispensary , several officials from the Ministry of Health, the epidemiologist of WHO inter-country Team in West Africa and the technical staff of the WHO Country Office took part in this meeting.

This meeting aimed to provide clear information on the epidemiological situation and the ongoing actions.

The meeting reviewed the status of the epidemic on the field, actions undertaken, and ongoing activities.

### **The following recommendations were made following this meeting:**

- Partners were invited to register on the thematic groups list of their choice before the committee meeting on March 26 at 14 hours.

- Finalize budgeted response plan and submit it to the committee meeting scheduled for March 26, 2014 ;

#### **Other announced support**

- ✓ **UNFPA:** provision of medicines, disinfectants ;
- ✓ **European Union:** expressed, through ECHO, its humanitarian branch, its readiness to accompany Guinea in its response efforts against Ebola.
- ✓ **Plan Guinea :** logistical support for field teams in affected prefectures and the Regional Health Directorate and awareness in schools
- ✓ **WAHO:** Technical and financial support of 50, 000 USD,
- ✓ **PAM:** Logistical support and storage of materials and products donations ,
- ✓ **PAM:** nutritional support to families of suspected cases, to be possibly expanded to the populations of affected communities.
- ✓ **USAID:** Available to examine any request from the Guinean State for CDC Atlanta intervention as part of the management of the response to Ebola.
- ✓ **Guinean Armed Forces:** logistical support for the delivery of drug donations, materials and disinfectants.

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