

GLOBAL COMMUNITIES ALERT Monthly REPORT

October 2015

1. COUNTY-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

1.1 Bong

Major cross-border surveillance activities this reporting period include a post-Ebola awareness workshop conducted with elementary and junior high students in border public schools as well as the monitoring and supervision of community focal persons/gCHVs 40 bordering communities and three major border checkpoints (BCPs) along the Liberia-Guinea border in Bong County. The awareness workshop at Victoria Tolbert Yancy Junior High School in Jorwah tested 82 students' knowledge by asking questions on major signs and symptoms of EVD, using CEBS posters flash cards.

Global Communities also informed local leaders, Joint Security and screeners/gCHVs about the scale down plan of support to border surveillance. With the help of the district authorities and Towns Chiefs, Global Communities began the scale down of ALERT in terms of gCHVs monitoring and supervision. Inventory on assets distributed to community focal persons/gCHVs was also taken to determine items to be returned before final incentive payments can be made. By the end of October there will be no incentive payments for local leaders and gCHVs' at border communities and BCPs.

The joint team explained to communities and leaders that cross border surveillance activities, sponsored by OFDA have finally come to an end as of October 31. Assets given by Global Communities are being returned for auditing purposes but some materials such as hygiene kits, ledgers, themoflash, battery and soap will be used by community focal person to continue surveillance in their communities.

The Bong Team attended the regular Community Health Development Coordination meeting on October 13 where partners discussed reports, past activities and plans for the period ahead. A major issue and point of discussion was the transitioning of gCHV support from NGOs to government. In addition, William Dorbor, Global Communities' Senior Wash Engineer, conducted a three-day WASH Entrepreneur Training. 45 participants, all Natural Leaders, attended the training.

1.2 Gbarpolu

During the reporting period, the Gbarpolu team, along with MIA, monitored/supervised community focal persons and Town Chiefs to ensure quality registration and screening of travelers and visitors are captured in their ledger. In total, 2,292 travelers were screened. The team monitored and recorded GPS coordinates of six newly CLTS triggered communities and also held regular meetings with Kungbor authorities regarding interest in CLTS activities. Global Communities support for CEBS in Gbarpolu will stop by the end of November.

1.3 Grand Cape Mount

The Grand Cape Mount team conducted regular monitoring of border communities, focal persons and triages to ensure that traveler records are being taken correctly in line with best practice, including screening of all guests entering into communities from neighboring countries

and other parts of Liberia. 68,267 travelers passed through the Bo Waterside triage while 4,429 were recording entering Tewor and Porkpa Districts. Global Communities has stopped financial support for the nine triages while IOM will take over support to some of these triages to the extent that they can. Finally, the team monitored eight CLTS triggered communities and attended a WASH Joint Supervision with all WASH partners in the county with focus on Infection Prevention and Control. Global Communities support for CEBS in Grand Cape Mount will stop by the end of November.

1.4 Lofa

The Lofa team monitored 139 border communities to ensure that gCHVs are well-equipped and keeping track of all travelers. In addition, three district-level meetings were held in Zorzor and Voinjama Districts with two cluster-level meetings in Kolahun and Foya to continue EVD prevention awareness. A new strategy was put into place to deal with border issues during the Guinea election. CLTS was also a discussion point at these meetings with many stakeholders pledging their support to see continued triggering and ODF verification.

During the final week of the month, one Cluster and two district-level meetings were held in Voinjama Health District. The agenda focused on the new confirmed cases in Guinea with all Local Authorities pledging their full support to adhere to IPC protocols. Local Authorities also agreed to reinforce the District Task Force meeting in all districts.

40 highly progressing communities was monitored this in all districts and four new communities were triggered in Salayea and Foya Districts. It is expected that the entire district of Vahun will be declared ODF in the coming month making it the first completely ODF district in Liberia. Five ODF request letter were served in Kolahun and Foya Districts (two and three respectively) and one received from Zorzor District. During the final week of the moth, ODF verification began for the 40 highly progressing communities.

1.5 Nimba

The ALERT Team during the month continued its monitoring of border communities and BCPs within the Sanniquellie-mah and Gbehlay-Geh Health District. A total of 25 informal crossing points and three BCPs were monitored with a total of 65 referrals reported from all communities. On October 22, the ALERT team conducted four clustered community-level meetings on surveillance in Sanniquellie-mah and Gbehlay-Geh Health Districts within four locations: Gampa, Makinto 1, Baintonwin and Sehtontuo. The objective of these meetings is to increase surveillance with focus on priority reportable diseases and to promote CLTS as a means of disease prevention.

During the month under review, the ALERT Team monitored eight CLTS triggered communities in Sanniquellie-mah and two in Gbehlay- Geh. To date, communities in Nimba have completed 122 latrines, 37 dish racks and 37 clothes lines. On the October 30, four new communities were triggered in Sanniquellie-mah District and an additional community self-triggered. All have proposed ODF dates of the end of December.

2. CASE MANAGEMENT DATA

2.1 Burial/Disinfection Team Support

Current Burial/Disinfection Team Support					
County	Burial	Disinfection	County	Burial	Disinfection
Bomi	0	0	Lofa	0	0
Bong	0	0	Margibi	0	0
Disco Hill	5	2	Maryland	0	0
Gbarpolu	0	0	Montserrado	9	0
Grand Bassa	0	0	Nimba	0	0
Grand Cape Mount	0	0	Rivercess	0	0
Grand Gedeh	0	0	River Gee	0	0
Grand Kru	0	0	Sinoe	0	0
Total				14	2

Currently, there are 14 burial teams and two disinfection teams mobilized in Montserrado and Disco Hill as national scale down is nearly complete. Global Communities will continue support to the remaining nine teams in Montserrado through October when all activities will focus on swab collection as the main pillar of dead body management.

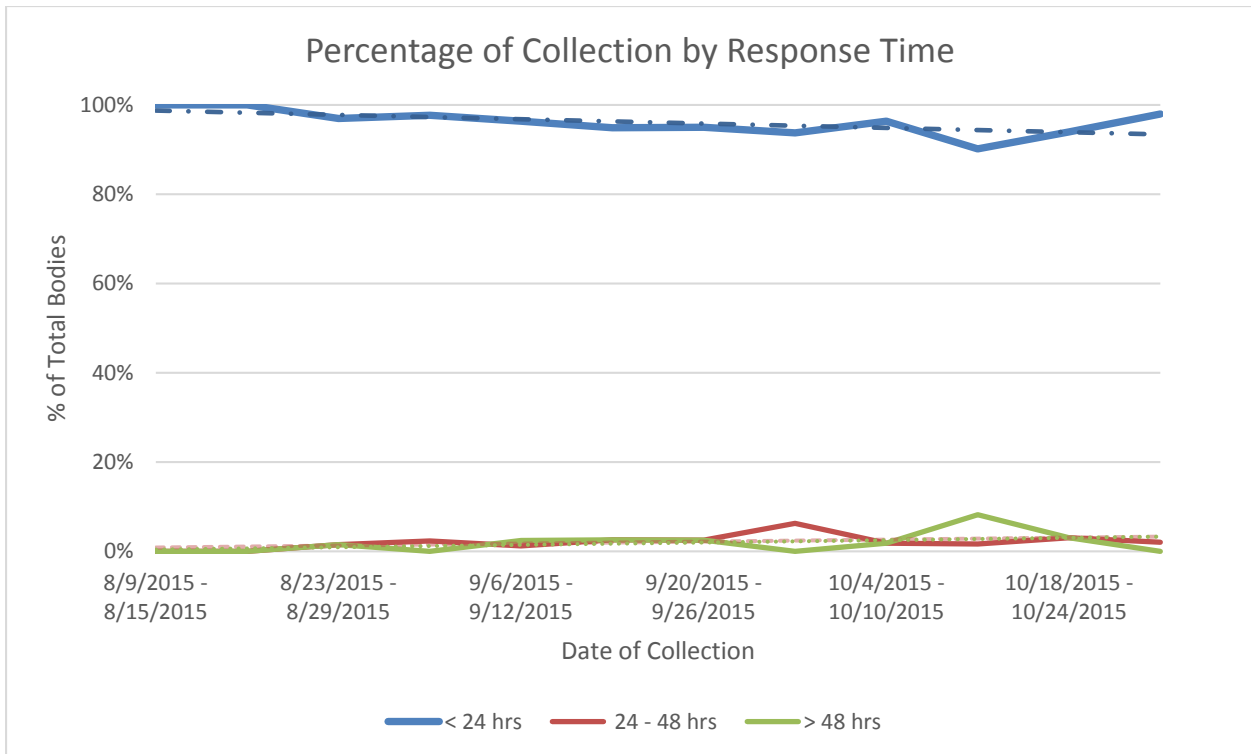
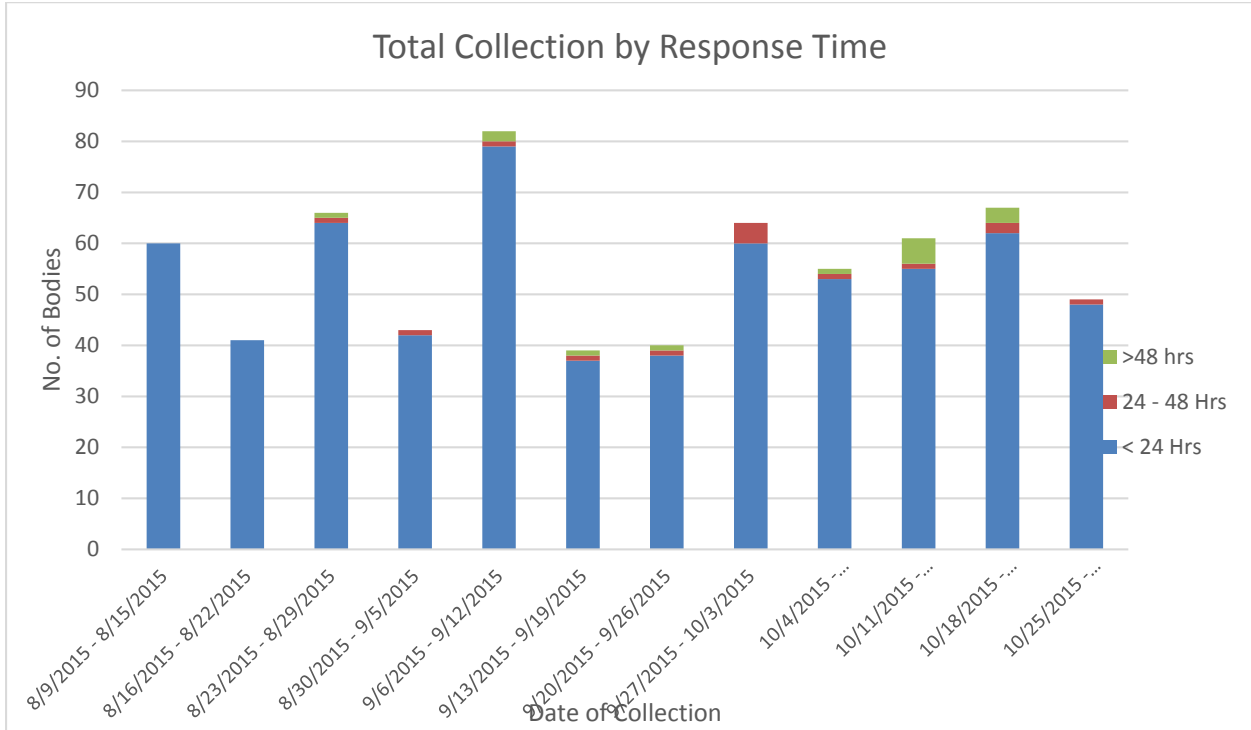
2.2 Dead Body Management

2.2.1 Overall Statistics

Total Burials Reported October 2015			
County	Total	County	Total
Bomi	0 reported	Margibi	17
Bong	0 reported	Maryland	0 reported
Gbarpolu	1	Montserrado	253
Grand Bassa	2	Nimba	0 reported
Grand Cape Mount	11	Rivercess	0 reported
Grand Gedeh	0 reported	River Gee	0 reported
Grand Kru	3	Sinoe	0 reported
Lofa	0 reported	Grand Total	287

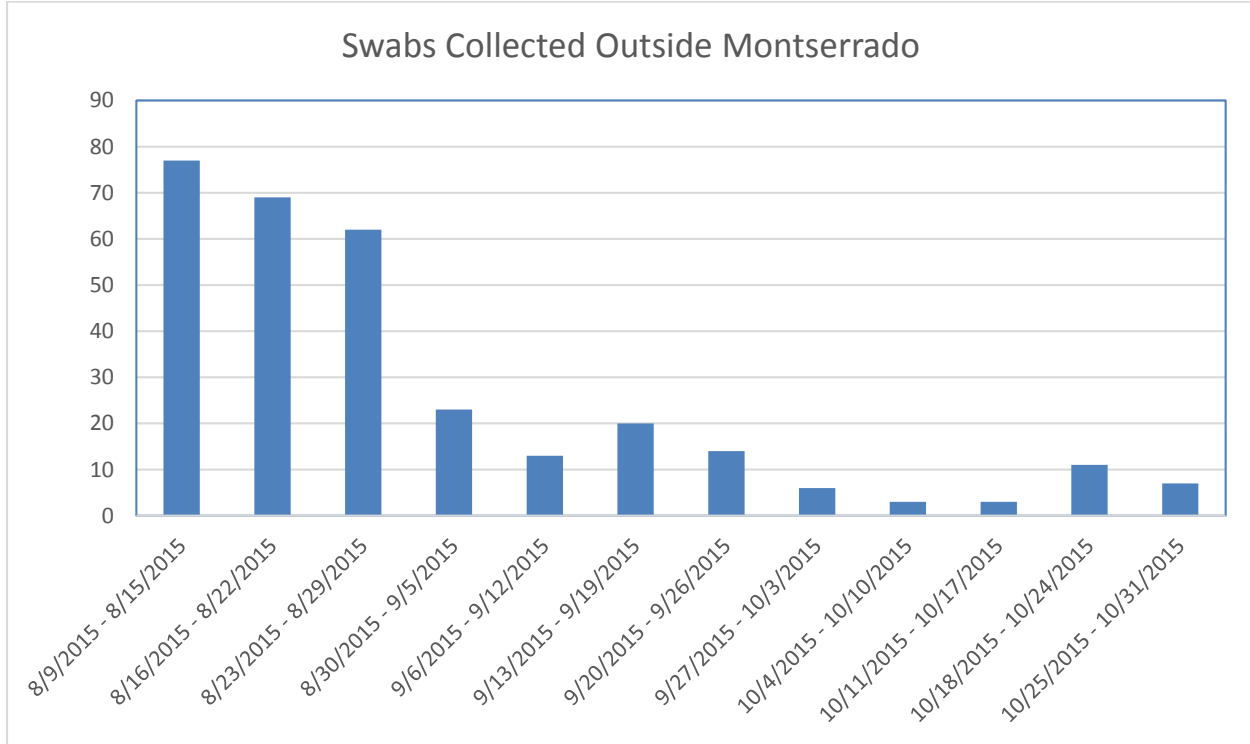
Note that numbers coming in from counties where burial teams have already been demobilized represent swabs collected. As burial teams are all phased out by the end of November, DBM data will then only reflect swab collection numbers.

2.2.2 Montserrat County DBM Statistics



During the month of October, Global Communities supported 253 burials in Montserrat County compared to 236 in September. 238 (94%) were conducted within 24 hours of death, six (2.5%) between 24-48 hours and nine (3.5%) after 48 hours of death.

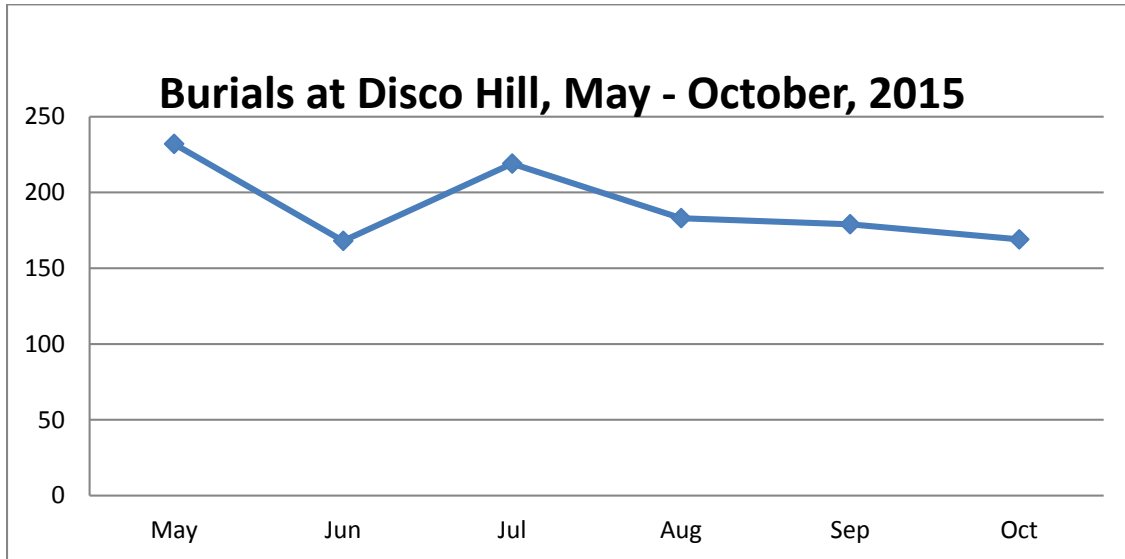
2.2.3 Non-Montserrat County DBM Statistics



During the month of October, Global Communities supported swab collection for 34 bodies outside of Montserrat County.

2.3 Safe Burial Site

Date	# Buried	By Religion		By Sex			By Point of Origin		
		CH	M	F	M	Unreported	ETU	Community	Hospital
Total	2119	1786	333	780	1174	165	119	736	1264
Percent	100%	84%	16%	37%	56%	8%	5%	35%	60%



Global Communities conducted 169 safe burials at Disco Hill in October (5.5 per day) compared to 179 in September (6 per day) bringing the total to 2,119. On average, Global Communities has conducted 191 burials per month since May. The roof is being put on the waiting hall at Disco Hill and the team has brought in a water engineer to assess the water drainage situation and make suggestions and a plan to deal with runoff.