

# MULTICOUNTY MPOX SITUATION REPORT #4

## PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR AFRICA



REPORTING PERIOD: 17/09/2024 – 30/09/2024



IOM staff walk through the Mpx treatment centre while coordinating efforts with local health officials in the Nyrigongo district, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Photo: IOM/Antoine Lemonnier

### APPEAL STATUS



**USD - 27.8 MILLION**  
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED

**USD 1,050,000 (4%)**  
RECEIVED



**2,860,000**  
PEOPLE TARGETED

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) continues to support the following activities to prevent, detect, and respond to the Mpx outbreak with a focus on key populations in Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) camps, at Points of Entry (PoE) and Exit, and cross-border communities, and key congregation points along mobility corridors. During the reporting period, IOM's key achievements included:
- o IOM continues to take the lead on the PoE sub-pillar under the Mpx Continental Preparedness and Response Plan for Africa coordination structure.
  - o Formulation of continental PoE Technical Working Group (TWG) which includes Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), IOM, and it will be extended to other partners.
  - o IOM in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), National Programme for Border Hygiene (PNHF), and the Ministry of Health (MoH) visited four high risk PoEs bordering Burundi and Rwanda (Ruzizi 1, Ruzizi 2, Kamanyola, and Uvira) to provide support supervision to strengthen PoE activities and mitigate cross-border infection.
  - o Deployment of two technical health experts to DRC and Burundi to support the Mpx response. Both DRC and Burundi account for the majority of newly reported Mpx cases.
  - o A total of 44 PoEs in eight countries were supported with Mpx preparedness and response measures including PoE assessment and supervision, surveillance, screening, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), and capacity building.
  - o IOM is integrating Mpx awareness messaging into existing outreach to vulnerable groups such as pregnant women and lactating women at cross-border health centres in the DRC.
  - o Over 179,000 health screenings were supported in two countries (DRC and Guinea).
  - o Over 1,080 border officials and Community Health Workers (CHWs) were trained to detect and respond to Mpx in three countries (Burundi, Kenya and Uganda).
  - o Over 1,360 people were reached with Mpx awareness messages in Mozambique.
  - o IOM is less than four per cent funded and is seeking more funding to support critical activities (surveillance at PoEs, IDP camps, and mobility corridors; RCCE; IPC, and procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs)) to mitigate the spread among high-risk populations.

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of 1 October 2024, the WHO reported 6,754 confirmed cases globally, including 32 deaths reported in 15 African countries since the beginning of this year<sup>1</sup>. The majority of Mpox cases are from the following three countries: DRC (5,610), Burundi (853) and Nigeria (78).

During the reporting period, over 6,170 total cases of Mpox (including both suspected and laboratory confirmed cases) were newly reported in 14 countries, increasing the number of total cases by 21 per cent since 15 September 2024. Over the past two weeks, the number of total cases in the DRC and Burundi increased by 19 per cent and 41 percent, respectively. As of 2 October 2024, Uganda confirmed 40 additional cases during the reporting period, and a total of 51 confirmed cases were recorded<sup>2</sup>. Rwanda reported two additional cases from the previous situation report and 29 confirmed Marburg were reported as of 1 October 2024.<sup>3</sup>

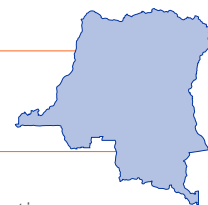
## IOM RESPONSE

IOM is urgently appealing for USD 27,828,300 to support the Mpox Continental [Preparedness and Response Plan for Africa](#) to respond to the health needs of migrants, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), highly mobile populations, and cross-border communities through IOM's multi-country [Mpox preparedness and response plan](#).

IOM's funding received to date is USD 1,050,000 from the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Government of the Republic of Korea, and the U.S. Agency for International Development and internal resource mobilization, with a remaining funding gap of USD 26.7 million (96%).

## EAST, HORN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION

### Democratic Republic of the Congo



IOM supported joint supervision at prioritized PoEs led by the MoH and the IOM Senior Emergency Health Response Specialist. During the supervision, IOM supported the launch of an Mpox awareness raising campaign in South Kivu including at priority PoEs bordering neighboring countries. IOM supported community-based surveillance and data management at three PoEs in South Kivu. During the reporting period, IOM conducted over 176,886 health screenings of travellers (50% male and 50% female) at three priority PoEs (34% Kamanyola, 31% Ruzizi, 35% Kavimvira), and no alerts were flagged for secondary screening.

IOM also conducted RCCE activities for travellers at the same

PoEs focused on awareness raising of prevention measures and good health seeking behaviors. At Kamanyola PoE, IOM supported efforts to clean and disinfect vehicles used for the transportation of suspected cases to reduce the risk of disease spread.

Additionally, IOM's Sexual and Reproductive Health Officer supported health workers and CHWs in providing Mpox awareness sessions and conducted monitoring of RCCE activities at health centres for 10 pregnant women and six mothers during their consultations at health centres in cross-border areas.

1 [WHO 2022-24 Mpox \(Monkeypox\) Outbreak: Global Trends \(WHO\)](#) (accessed 3 October 2024).

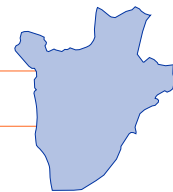
2 Ministry of Health Uganda. 2024. Mpox Outbreak in Uganda Situation Update - 1 October 2024.

3 Ministry of Health Rwanda X. Available at [Ministry of Health | Rwanda on X](#): "Update Virusi ya Marburg - 01.10.2024"



A nurse conducting a health screening in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Photo: IOM/Antoine Lemonnier

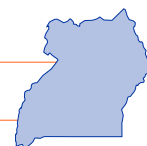
## Burundi



During the reporting period, IOM in partnership with the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (COUPS), implemented several field activities. IOM supported a disease surveillance training which trained 35 border health officials and 40 CHWs at three prioritized PoEs (Gatumba, Vugizo, Rumonge). IOM organized a workshop and developed two Standard Operating Procedures on Mpox cross-border surveillance at PoEs which will be endorsed by the MoH and COUPS in October. Additionally, IOM conducted two meetings: (1) with the MoH and border officials to discuss Mpox preparedness measures at the PoEs, and (2) with community members to explore their perceptions of Mpox. Through these meetings, IOM developed recommendations for the Mpox response and community engagement plan.

IOM deployed a health specialist to provide technical support to respond to the Mpox outbreak. IOM continued to actively engage in Mpox coordination platforms led by COUPS and WHO to support Mpox response activities including surveillance and RCCE at prioritized PoEs.

## Uganda

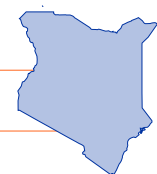


IOM supported three surveillance trainings during the reporting period and trained 73 border officials (both health and non-health personnel), over 300 CHWs from three PoEs bordering DRC, and 51 health workers in Kasese district bordering DRC.

IOM actively engaged in coordination meetings to discuss the Mpox response as well as the Marburg outbreak with the MoH and partners and played a key role in the coordination of PoEs activities.

Considering the increasing Mpox cases and Marburg outbreak in Rwanda, IOM urgently conducted a capacity assessment at three prioritized PoEs to respond to both Mpox and Marburg outbreaks simultaneously. IOM continued to enhance capacity at 17 PoEs to conduct disease screenings, isolation of suspected cases, IPC measures, and providing Mpox messages to travellers.

## Kenya

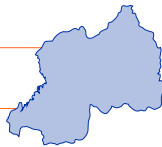


During the reporting period, IOM Kenya together with WHO and the MoH trained over 400 border officials (both health and non-health personnel) working at key PoEs on the early detection of cases, case management of ill travellers, and best practices on IPC. Since the Mpox interventions began in Kenya, IOM trained a total of over 930 border officials at 11 key PoEs (including two airports and three counties bordering Tanzania and Uganda) that were identified as high-risk areas in the national response plan.

Additionally, IOM is preparing an Mpox awareness campaign with key messages and community engagement for identified high-risk areas with limited access to health services.



## Rwanda



An infectious disease outbreak specialist deployed through IOM Surge programme continued to provide technical assistance to country team. IOM actively participated in TWGs under the MoH, contributed to planning activities at prioritized PoEs, and ensured the inclusion of IDPs, migrants, highly mobile populations, and cross-border communities into the plan. IOM also engaged donors to support the national preparedness and response plan in the context of the Mpox and Marburg outbreaks.

## Malawi



IOM health and DTM teams coordinated a meeting with the MoH to discuss data collection indicators to track key mobility dynamics and population flows. During the meeting, IOM requested to support capacity building to assess flow monitoring at prioritized PoEs and conduct community event-based surveillance.



IOM organized and conducted a surveillance training for CHWs at key PoEs in Burundi. Photo: IOM

## Mozambique



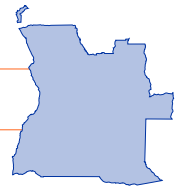
During the reporting period, IOM trained 108 CHWs in nine districts across Northern Mozambique and reached over 1,360 individuals (45% IDPs and 55% cross-border community members) with Mpox awareness messages. IOM finalized the training agenda and materials to conduct Mpox simulation exercise at three key PoEs for the detection, management, and referral of suspected cases, this training will begin the first week of October.

## South Sudan



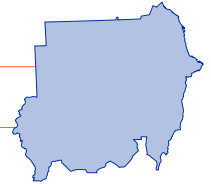
IOM continued to participate in daily coordination meetings led by the Public Health Emergency Operation Center and actively engaged in the coordination of PoE activities including surveillance, capacity building of health officials, and RCCE activities. IOM will conduct a training for health workers to identify Mpox suspected cases as well as plan an Mpox awareness raising campaign at PoEs during the next reporting period.

## Angola



IOM is working closely with the MoH and WHO and continues to monitor the situation to support IDPs, migrants, highly mobile populations, and cross-border communities.

## Sudan



IOM has supported Primary Health Care for crisis-affected IDPs, refugees, other migrants, and host communities at two PoEs (Argeen and Gallabat) and is planning to conduct Mpox RCCE activities targeting migrants, IDPs and refugees as there have now been suspected cases of Mpox in refugee camps in Gedaref and South Darfur.

## South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe



IOM continued to participate in the coordination platforms and provided technical support focused on the response at PoEs and cross-border coordination.

## EHSA regional coordination and support

IOM deployed a senior emergency health response specialist to the DRC who provided technical support to PoE activities and launched the first PoE TWG meeting on 30 September 2024. IOM led the PoE TWG in partnership with Africa CDC and drafted TWG Terms of Reference and planned activities to support Member States to enhance PoE interventions. A regional health specialist was deployed to Burundi, the second highest reported Mpox cases, to support the Mpox response. The Regional Office communications team coordinated with IOM DRC to deploy a media and communications officer to support the Mpox response publicity activities.

The Regional Thematic Specialist for Health provided a session on IOM's response to the Mpox outbreak in the context of migration to online participants and advocated for the inclusion of mobility dynamics in public health intervention.

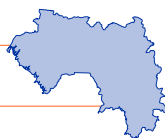
Biweekly coordination meetings with affected and high-risk countries are ongoing to identify gaps and challenges to provide better support and coordination among the Country Offices, Regional Office, and Headquarters.



IOM staff facilitated a meeting with community members in Burundi to discuss Mpox perceptions. Photo: IOM

## WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGION

### Guinea



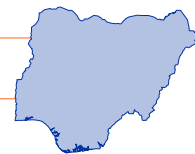
IOM continued to support the screening of travellers at two PoEs (Kpaou and Zénié) in Macenta, Guinea. IOM will expand screening support to additional 12 PoEs in October. IOM assisted the National Agency for Health Security (ANSS) of the MoH in the provision of PPEs as well as IPC supplies worth USD 28,000 to enhance PoE capacities. During the reporting period, a total of 2,207 screenings were conducted, and no alerts were identified.

IOM continued to participate in weekly coordination meetings led by ANSS and the RCCE TWG in WCA region.



IOM Guinea Chief of Mission donated IPC materials to ANSS. Photo: IOM

### Nigeria



IOM continued to participate in weekly Mpox coordination meetings led by the Nigerian Center for Disease Control and Prevention and contributed to developing the national Mpox research and policy agenda.

### Regional coordination and support

Regional Office WCA has been actively participating in the regional TWGs on RCCE, Surveillance & Modelling, as well as Preparedness and Response. In addition, IOM has been engaging with donors from the informal working group on Migration and appealed for funding to support the Mpox Continental efforts at PoEs. Emphasis has been made on the importance of preparedness in the West and Central African Region to effectively respond to the current outbreak and mitigate its impact.

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