

#### **ADVANCING PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES, GUINEA REBUILDING RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS: STRENGTHENING SURVEILLANCE AND OUALITY OF HEALTH CARE**

The Ebola epidemic severely impacted Guinea's public health system and left over 1,200 survivors, many of whom continue to have medical problems related to the virus. From 2016–2018, the USAID-funded Advancing Partners & Communities (APC) project, in collaboration with Guinea's Ministry of Health, supported surveillance of Ebola survivors and their immediate contacts, rehabilitated and equipped health facilities in the regions hardest hit by Ebola, enhanced health system capacity for managing Ebola survivor care, and worked to reduce stigma and discrimination against survivors. The health care system in six key regions is now better prepared to manage a future outbreak and to respond to the health conditions of survivors.

# **SURVEILLANCE**

### SENTINEL SITES

community-based sentinel surveillance sites established in 6 regions

98% of sentinel sites reporting weekly data on survivor health events via cell phone



#### SEMEN TESTING



87% of survivors on average participated in quarterly semen collection and testing campaigns

87%

# SURVIVOR EXPERIENCE

### HEALTH

Survivors surveyed:



**BASELINE** 

**BASELINE:** 30% experienced stigma

**ENDLINE:** 7% experienced stigma

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reported minimal signs of depression suggesting that most survivors are able to fully function in their daily lives

5% of survivors reported going to a health facility when sick at endline, suggesting solid confidence in the health system

of survivors reported being satisfied 7% of survivors reported at endline with health care services at endline

### NETWORKING

participants from Guinea attended 4 regional conferences co-organized by APC to address Ebola survivors' issues



**49% 566%** 



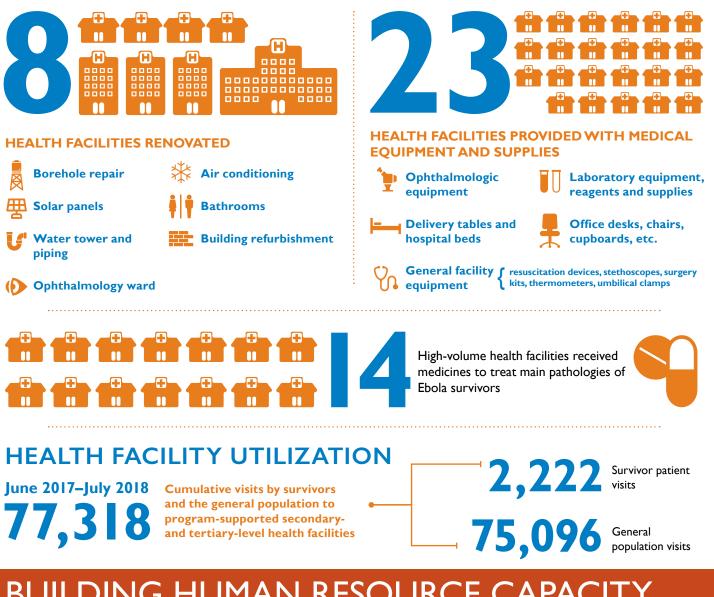
Survivors reported satisfaction with the work done by national network of Ebola survivors (RENASEG)

#### Capacity-building support to RENASEG

- Organizational capacity assessments
- General assembly meetings
- Office space and equipment
- Strategic and operational plans
- Official legal recognition
- Identified new sources of funding

## STRENGTHENING HEALTH FACILITIES

### **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**



# BUILDING HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY

Health care providers trained on clinical care for Ebola survivors

#### **CURRICULUM COVERED:**







**Psychiatric** 5m symptoms





**Gyno-obstetrical** 

Stigma reduction

symptoms

Referrals







ALMOST community members reached through 26.000 sensitization campaigns

20

biologists trained on semen collection for **Ebola survivors** 

community and religious leaders trained on

reduction of stigma against Ebola survivors

national Ebola survivor network leaders from Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone trained on advocacy, resource mobilization, and communication through regional capacity building workshop