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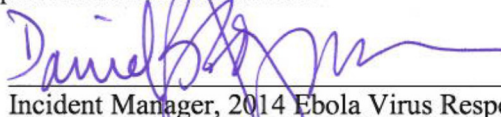
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Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established under 5 CFR 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, the CDC requests that the following collection of information, "Assessment of Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) Relating to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Prevention and Medical Care in Guinea," be processed in accordance with Section 1320.13 Emergency Processing. The CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because delays in information collection will likely delay achieving the international goal of zero new EVD cases in 2015.

This information collection is essential to CDC's mission to achieve zero new cases in Guinea, a nation of 11 million inhabitants in 34 prefectures. The data from this collection will be used to design more effective communication strategies. Despite dissemination of basic EVD prevention messages through radio, billboards, community meetings, and other means, resistance to EVD prevention and control measures continues in many communities. Some believe that EVD is transmitted by witchcraft, "outsiders," or health workers. Some lack of understanding or confidence in control measures. Reports of potential resistance include hiding of ill and deceased persons, unsafe burial practices, and violence against health workers. This KAP will be nationally representative using random sampling methods to address local perceptions of health education activities; reasons for resistance to prevention and control efforts; or stigma and discrimination faced by EVD cases, survivors, or contacts. For this reason, the CDC Director stressed after his March 2015 Guinea visit that a national assessment of EVD knowledge and attitudes was critical to the West African nation-by-nation efforts to get to zero cases.

CDC will work with well-established African organizations specializing in household health surveys and health promotion. The government of Guinea considers it is an essential issue of equity that all Guineans have a chance to provide information to this activity; therefore, all eight regions will be included in the assessment. This information will be shared with Guinea's Ministry of Health and health officials of prefectures of Guinea Sierra Leone and Liberia, the US Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, the World Health Organization, and numerous nongovernmental organizations for health promotion uses.

The CDC is requesting OMB approval by May 8, 2015. The CDC is requesting a 60-day approval to allow for scheduling adjustments as needed. The upcoming 5-month rainy season makes many unpaved roads impassable, hinders locating and recruitment of household members, harms mobile tablets used to collect information collection, and limits the number of suitable outdoor venues needed for privacy because no interviews will take place within the household.


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