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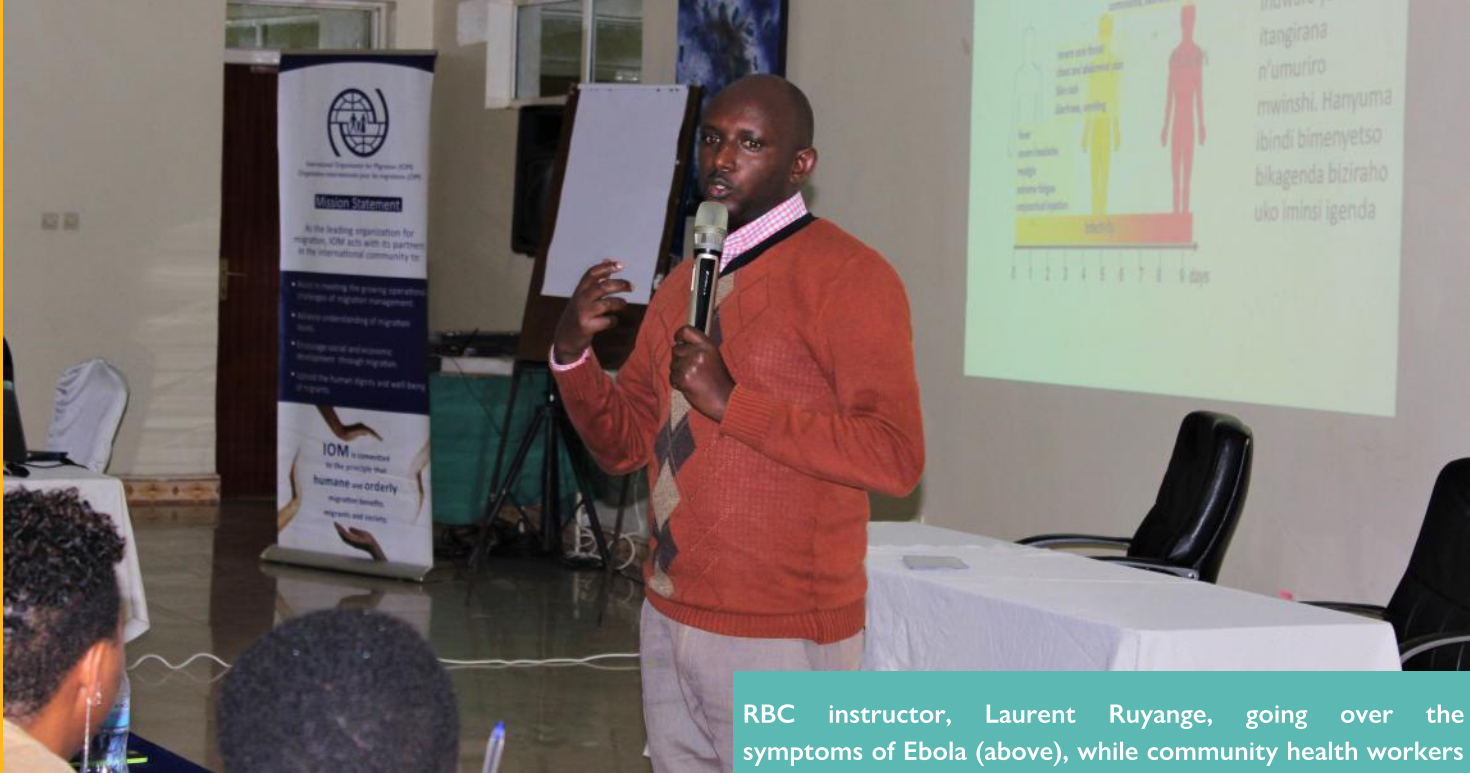
Training of Trainers (ToT) on EVD Preparedness, Surveillance and Response
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IOM Rwanda, in partnership with TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), is managing a European Union funded project entitled 'Secure Cross-border Social, Economic and Commercial Activities in the Great Lakes Region', which aims at strengthening sub regional economic integration, social cohesion of cross-

border communities and at increasing cross-border trade. Through this comprehensive three-year regional action, IOM and TMEA will support in setting up a reliable **Integrated Border Management (IBM)** structure, enhance cross-border trade, improve local community mobility and bilateral dialogue and cooperation.



RBC instructor, Laurent Ruyange, going over the symptoms of Ebola (above), while community health workers (below) write down the information. ©Photos: IOM Rwanda

In line with the **Government of Rwanda's (GoR) National Capacity Building Plan on EVD and IOM's Health, Border, and Mobility Management framework**, IOM Rwanda's **OSBP** project has tailored its IBM approach in Migration and Health to support the GoR in EVD Preparedness, Surveillance and Response.

On the 30th September 2019, **IOM Rwanda** and the **Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC)** jointly organized a **Training of Trainers (ToT)** on EVD Preparedness, Surveillance and Response, for **48** Community and Environment Health Officers from the Western and Central provinces.

As a result of this ToT, a new pool of community health trainers that were up-skilled during the session




will cascade the training to Rusizi border authorities and communities.

During the training, participants have acquired knowledge in:


- EVD preparedness and surveillance **measures**;
- How to **treat** a suspected or confirmed case of EVD;
- How to **communicate** on EVD outbreaks and possible cases via existing community structures;
- The **roles and responsibilities** of District Hospitals in EVD response mechanisms;
- The **procedures of specific referral** of possible identified EVD cases and;
- EVD **symptoms, treatment and prevention measures** that they will **cascade to** community members.





"Thanks to today's training, I am aware of the symptoms and prevention methods of EVD and I now feel empowered to share the information with my community." - Claudine Uwiragiye, Acting in Charge of Community Health, Kirehe Health Centre.

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"I feel confident enough to take the knowledge I acquired on EVD Preparedness, Surveillance & Response and use it to teach other healthcare workers in our community." - Jean Paul Rubagumya, Community and Environmental Health Officer, Kirehe Health Centre.

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