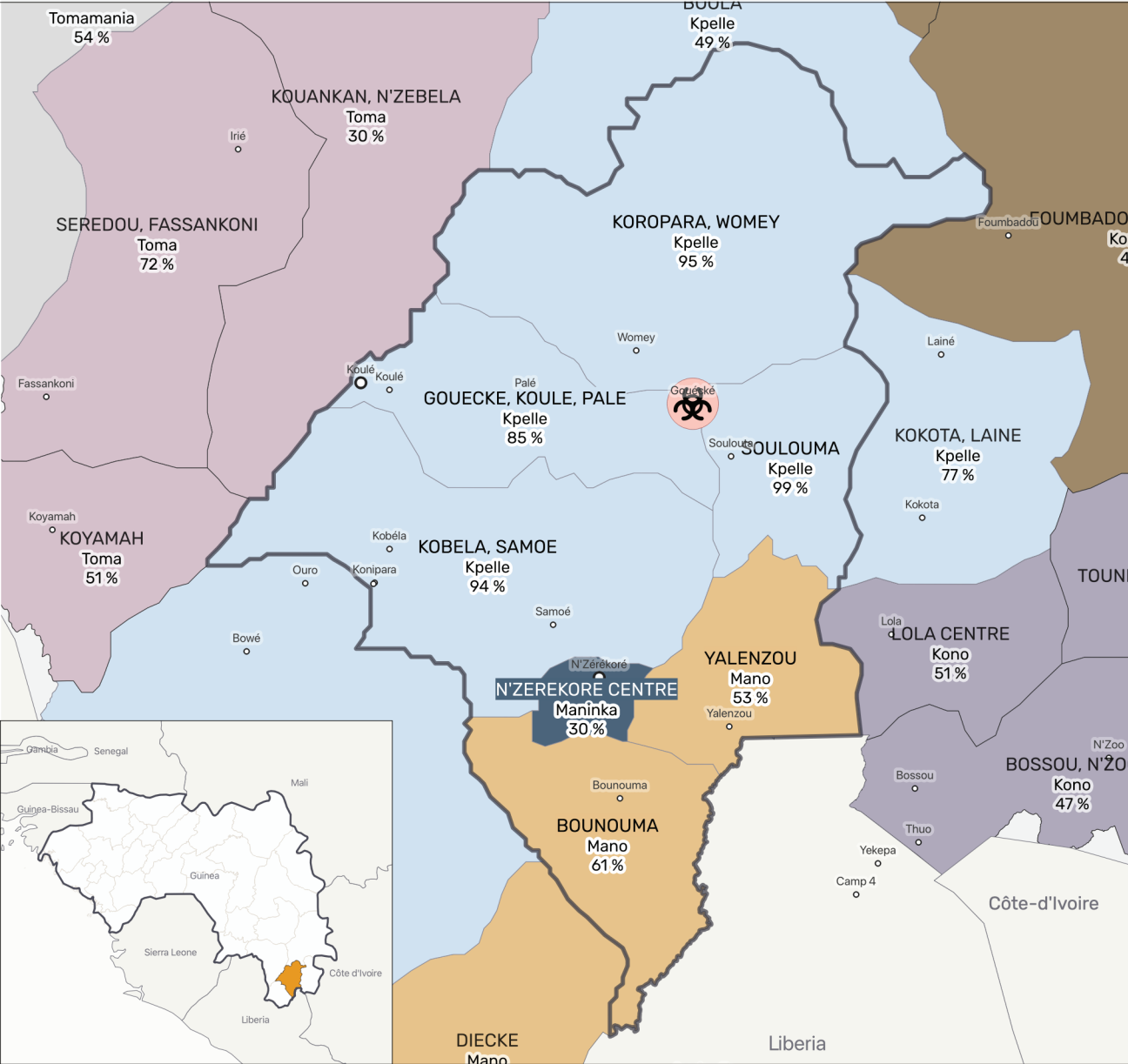


CRISIS LANGUAGE MAP

Language map of N'Zérékoré Prefecture – Ebola Outbreak

4 March 2021



People living in the northern part of N'Zérékoré Prefecture mainly speak Kpelle (85%-99%).

Kpelle is one of the six national languages of Guinea, spoken by 4% of the population nationwide.

N'Zérékoré Centre is the most linguistically diverse sub-prefecture of N'Zérékoré.

The most common first language there is Maninka, spoken by 30% of the population, closely followed by Konyanka Maninka (28%) and Kpelle (22%).

The two southernmost sub-prefectures, Yalenzou and Bounouma, are largely Mano-speaking. Over half the population in both sub-prefectures speak Mano as their first language.

Kpelle is the second most commonly spoken language in these areas (45% in Yalenzou and 39% in Bounouma), followed by Konyanka Maninka.

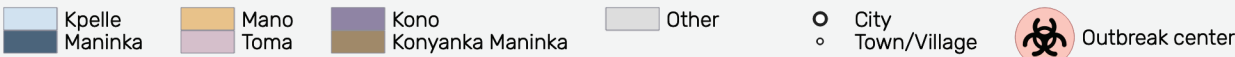
N'Zérékoré Prefecture.....pop. 393,210
N'Zérékoré Region.....pop. 1,663,582

On February 14, 2021 the Guinean Ministry of Health declared an outbreak of Ebola virus disease in N'Zérékoré Prefecture, a rural region of southeast Guinea. People in the affected communities need access to information and opportunities to voice their questions and concerns in the languages and formats they are most comfortable with.

According to the 2014 census of Guinea, the country has 22 major languages. French is the country's official language, but is used almost exclusively as a second language. Six indigenous languages have the status of national languages: Pular, Maninka, Susu, Kissi, Kpelle and Toma. Of these, Kpelle and Maninka are the most widely spoken in N'Zérékoré Prefecture. However, significant sections of the population speak other languages. Ensuring effective two-way communication therefore entails provision for both listening and information relay in the minority as well as the majority languages for the area.

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Most common first language



SUB-PREFECTURE NAME
Main language
Percentage of population

Datum: WGS 1984. Coordinate system: EPSG 3857 Pseudo-Mercator