CRISIS LANGUAGE MAP
Language map of N’Zérékoré Prefecture - Ebola Outbreak

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 Prefecture............pop. 393,210
N’Zérékoré Region.............pop. 1,963,582

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.

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.

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Sources: 2014 Guinea Population Census.