



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA AS OF 4TH AUGUST 2018 (12:00 HRS)

Situation Update from Democratic Republic of Congo

- Cumulative cases are: 49
- Total deaths : 27
- News admissions on 3rd August 2018: 20
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina

EVD Preparedness in Uganda

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) issued a press release alerting the country about the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the Democratic Republic of Congo and highlighting the measures that communities should take to prevent importation of EVD in the country.
- WHO has deployed nine officers to Bundibugyo, Kabarole and Kasese for epidemiology and surveillance (7), case management and Infection Prevention and Control (1) and coordination (1) to assess preparedness.
- Ten partners have announced readiness to deploy officers to support preparedness activities including border surveillance, risk assessment, risk communication, health worker trainings and expedited shipment of laboratory samples.
- MoH has assigned a team lead to coordinate and compile a report from all the field teams currently on deployment. This officer will be supported by two officer from the WHO Country Office.
- Surveillance has been enhanced at border crossing and cross-border markets
- All districts have been alerted about the outbreak through the real time event-based information platform (mTrack) and WhatsApp.
- One VHF 500 module kit has been deployed to Kasese district today. This can treat ten EVD patients for ten days.
- UNHCR reported plans to shorten the time spent by refugees at the collection points and transit centres and to monitor for some day until taken to the settlement camps.
- WHO is going to enhance capacity building of responders focusing on case management, surveillance/contact tracing using institutions such as the School of Public Health.



- The districts have started screening of all people entering the country at the border points. They will need more capacity to implement this measure well.
- A cross-border meeting with DRC is planned in Kasese district.
- Prepare Bwera, Kagando, KMC HCIII & Kilembe Hospitals as possible isolation and treatment centers
- Revitalize district task force meeting and prepare a response plan the budget
- An isolation facilities have been identified and being prepared in Kasese and Fort portal Regional Referral Hospital supported by JMEDDIC.
- Village Health Teams are being prepared on EVD prevention, community surveillance and reporting and community engagement.
- MoH has prepared radio messages on EVD prevention for the community. Dissemination will start next week after technical review.

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