



Ebola Preparedness in Tanzania

Weekly Update

7th September 2018

Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

- Capacity building for national and sub-national Rapid Response Teams underway
- Surveillance at Points of Entry strengthened
- Public information and Health alerts intensified
- Partner Coordination strengthened

Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

Capacity Building for Rapid Response Teams

- National Rapid Response Team trained on Ebola Virus Disease preparedness and response
- Cascade training on the same for subnational Rapid Response Teams is on-going
- Training of courier service personnel on specimen management and transportation
- Medical Stores Department has prepositioned essential supplies and commodities



Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

Coordination

- Weekly taskforce Coordination meeting held to review status of preparedness against contingency plan
- Stakeholder mapping completed
- Extremely productive meeting between WR, WHO team and WFP Representative to leverage resources and expertise for preparedness activities

Surveillance at Points of Entry

- Monitoring of cross-border movements and traveler's entry screening using thermos-scanners and screening forms.
- Orientation of Port Health Officers for effective Ebola Virus Disease screening
- WHO experts and senior MOH delegation visiting 3 regions bordering DRC: Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza for readiness assessment and verification

Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

Public Awareness and Community Engagement

- Health alerts sent out to Local Government, Ministries of Home Affairs, Defense, Transport and Aviation authorities
- Emergency risk communication guideline and two key protocols developed
- Public Information and education materials developed and distributed
- Media Awareness Training held on 3 September on its role during public health emergency

High-Level Government Commitment and Engagements

- Minister of Health, Hon Ummu Mwalimu, held a press briefing to raise public awareness on the risk and protective measures on Sept 3, 2018
- High level MOH/WHO technical support mission led by the Chief Medical Officer Professor, M B Kambi, visited three high priority regions (Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza) to assess the level of preparedness across all 11 intervention areas on the Ebola preparedness checklist

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- **Capacity building**- on surveillance & contact tracing; case management & IPC; laboratory; risk communication & community engagement
- **Development of tools**-Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), training guides, job aides and education materials including SBCC guide (print and electronic)
- **Intensify public awareness and community engagement** through Media and Risk communication training
- Awareness**- Multi-partnership Ebola awareness march scheduled for 22 September
- **Support EVD operational readiness capacity building for Zanzibar**

Partners' contributions

- **WHO is deploying Ebola experts to support Ebola Virus**
- Disease preparedness actions including capacity building of Rapid Response Teams and development of tools
- WHO has provided **Ebola Personal Protection Kits** and **Hand-held scanners**
- CDC has provided 25 **Rapid Diagnostic Kits** for Ebola Virus Disease
- WFP has agreed to provide support for **rapid movement of samples to be tested at designated centres**, rapid movement of population of affected community; and the provision of tents

Overall Progress in Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness

Overall Progress: MOH and WHO High-level Field Mission to Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza - I



- ❑ High-level Field Mission receiving briefing on Laboratory Preparedness for sample collection at Bugando Referral Hospital in Mwanza
- ❑ Inspecting holding area at Kabanga, at the border with Burundi

Overall Progress: MOH and WHO High-level Field Mission to Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza – II



- ❑ WHO AT MTUKULA Point of Entry checking Walk-Through Thermal Scanner calibration
- ❑ CMO and MOH staff joined by WHO inspecting preparedness activities at Mwanza Airport Port Health

Overall Progress: MOH and WHO High-level Field Mission to Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza – III



- MOH with WHO staff visiting port authority in Kigoma



- CMO engaging community on EVD awareness on a stop over from Kigoma to Kagera

Overall Progress: MOH and WHO High-level Field Mission to Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza – IV



- ❑ Visit to Bugando Isolation/ Holding area
- ❑ Modified PHC Meeting Kigoma: With Chief Medical Officer, WHO Team Lead and Risk Communication Consultant

Media Briefing and Training for Journalists on Reporting Ebola Virus Disease - I



- ❑ High-level media briefing: WHO Representative, Dr. Adiele Onyeze and Minister of Health, and CMO at press briefing on Sept 3, 2018
- ❑ MOH and WHO training of Media personnel from TV, Radio, Print and Online Media platforms, on Ebola reporting Sept 3, 2018

Media Briefing and Training for Journalists on Reporting Ebola Virus Disease - II



- ❑ Minister of Health, WHO Representative and CMO with WHO Ebola Preparedness Experts and MOH staff
- ❑ MOH-WHO media training sessions for journalists from TV, Radio, Print and Online Media platforms

WHO Ebola Preparedness Experts Deployed to Tanzania

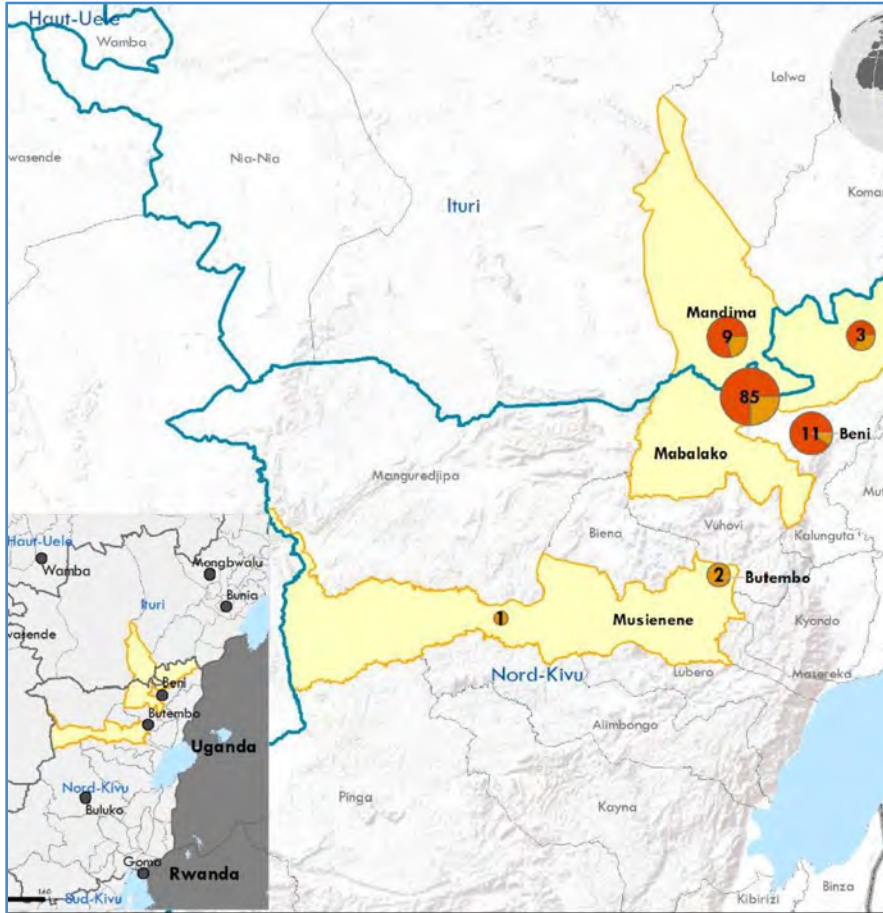


- ❑ Minister of Health, WHO Representative and CMO with the WHO Ebola Preparedness Experts during the media briefing and training for Journalists in Dar es Salaam, Sept 3, 2018
- ❑ WHO Ebola Preparedness Experts group photo at the WHO Country Office

Status of Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo

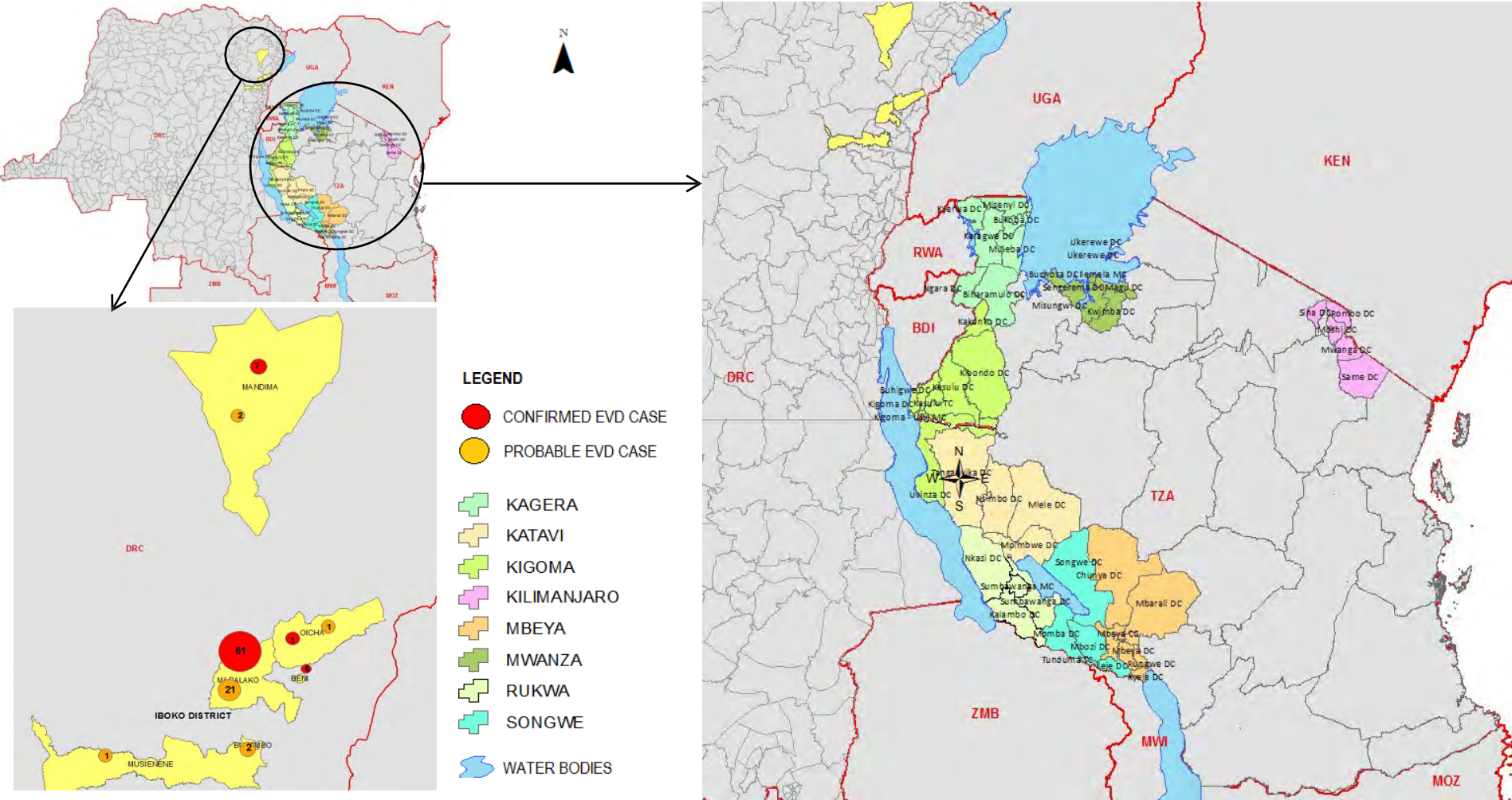
Status of Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as of 7 September 2018)

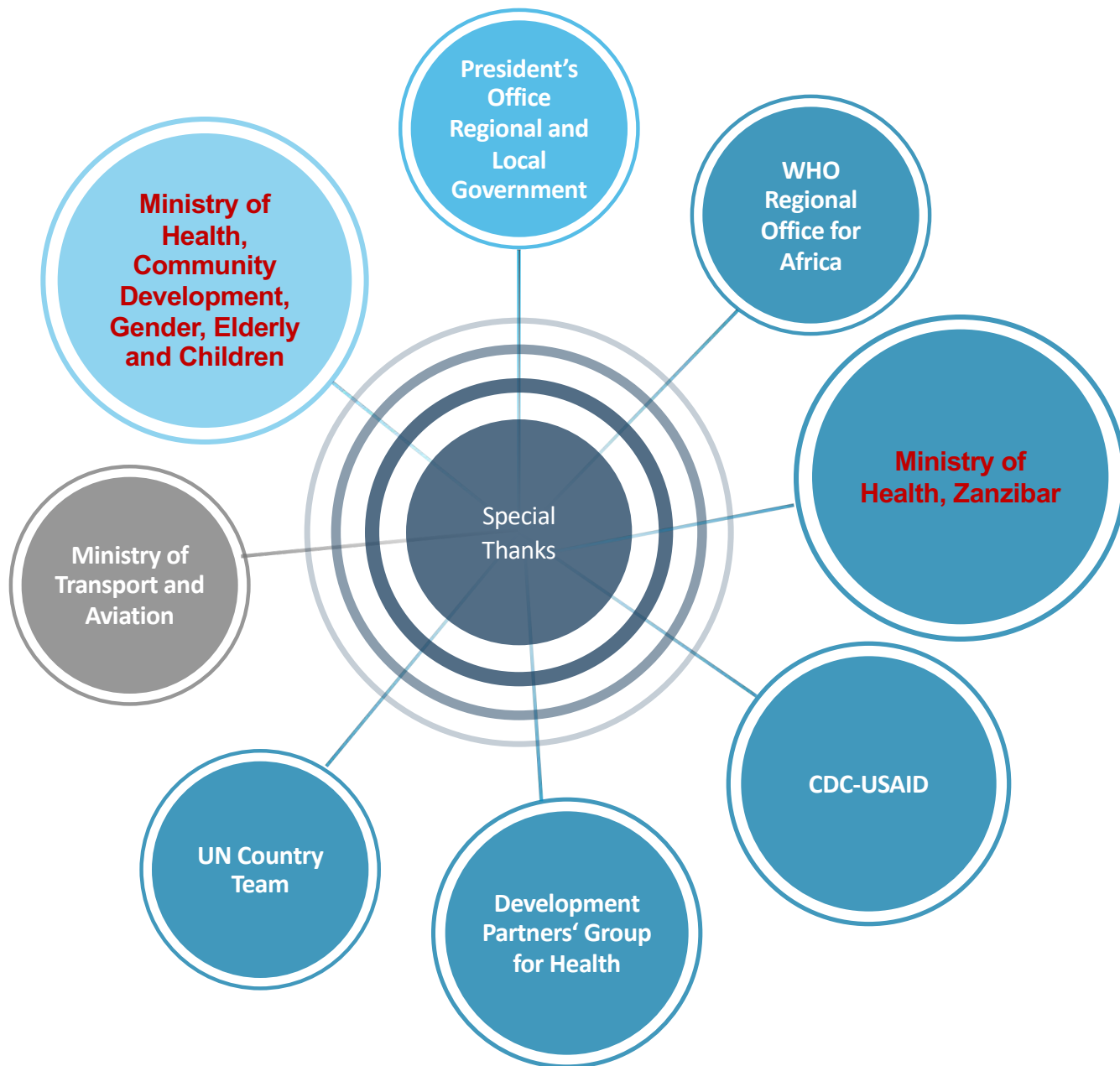
131 confirmed and probable EVD cases, including 90 deaths reported



- ❑ 13 new cases reported, 12 confirmed and 1 probable. An additional 9 suspected
- ❑ 7 new deaths reported amongst confirmed cases in ETC
- ❑ 17 Health care workers have been affected including 2 death
- ❑ Over 2265 contacts are under follow-up
- ❑ To date 6830 participants have been vaccinated
- ❑ 194 experts deployed to DRC
- ❑ Major Challenges: community resistance and insecurity in affected area

Map of Tanzania showing the 8 Regions bordering DRC prioritized for intensified preparedness





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