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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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**a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

- Cumulative cases: 305
- Confirmed cases : 270
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 189
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 60
- Areas affected : Two provinces
  - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
  - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated
- Security concerns limiting contact tracing.

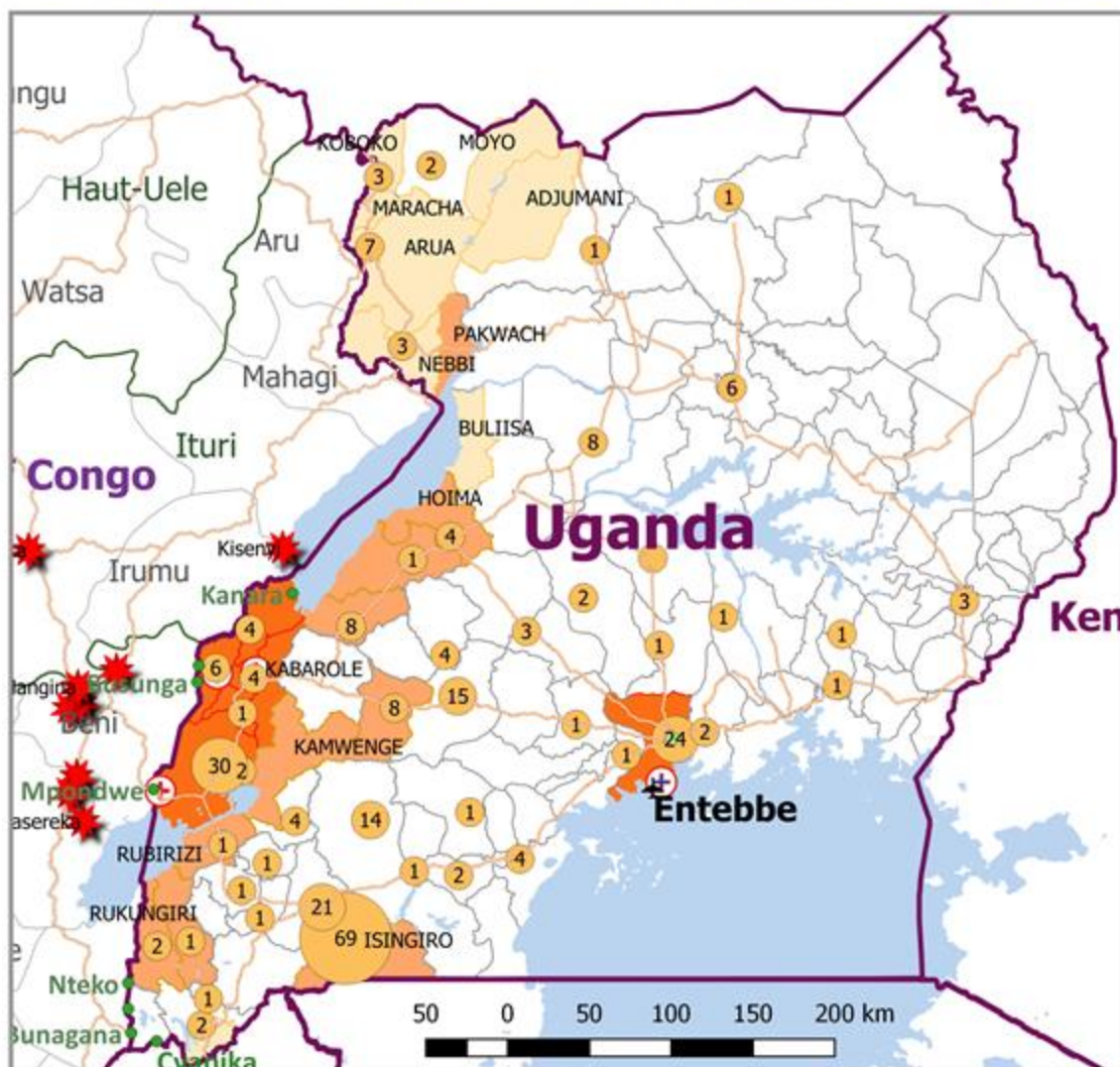
**b) EVD SITUATIONAL UPDATE IN UGANDA**

- **There is NO confirmed EVD case in Uganda.**
- Active case search continues in all communities, health facilities and on formal and informal border crossing in all districts especially in the high risk ones.
- Alert cases continue to be picked, isolated, treated and blood samples picked for testing by the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). The alerts are highlighted in the specific district reports below **under the Surveillance section.**
- Vaccination of frontline health workers has started today 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 to cover the five high-risk districts of Bundibugyo, Kaseses, Bunyangabu, Kabarole and Ntoroko.



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## EVD High risk districts and VHF Alerts since May 2018



### Legend

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>District Classification</b> | <b>ETUs</b>            | <b>Water</b>           |
| □ Other districts              | ⊕ ETU in preparation   | ■ Water                |
| ■ High risk                    | ⊕ Ready ETU            | <b>Key Towns</b>       |
| ■ Moderate risk                | ● Border Crossing      | ✈ Airport              |
| ■ Low risk                     | ▭ International Border | ◆ Capital              |
| ★ EVD sites in DRC             | — Roads                | <b>Alerts Location</b> |
|                                |                        | ● EVD alerts           |

### **c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)**

#### **COORDINATION**

##### **Kabarole District**

- A meeting at DHO's office noted that at least 50% of the trained team health workers are now ready for work. The meeting also called for training on personal of the Uganda police or Uganda People's Defence Forces who may be called to serve when need arises.

##### **Bundibugyo District**

There was a District Task Force (DTF) meeting in which the WHO team explained issues about the EVD vaccination that has started today.

#### **SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES**

##### **Kabarole District**

- Three (3) new alert cases were reported:
  - BA, a 31 year old male from Bundimulinga Bundibugyo, presented with muscle pains, fever, hemoptysis and epistaxis for 5 days and temp of 38.2°C.
  - TJ, a 43 year old female from Hakibale Kabarole district, presented with history of vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue, abdominal pain, anorexia, bloody stools and bloody vomiting for 3 days.
  - ML, a 36 year old female from Bukiika Bunyangabu, presented with bloody diarrhoea, Haematuria, difficulty in swallowing, anorexia, intense fatigue, with associated neurological symptoms, jaundice and retrosternal chest pain and muscle pains for 7 days.
  - None of the patients has history of travel to DRC, attending a burial or contact with a known EVD case. Samples were collected and sent to Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI).



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- The District Health Team (DHT) and WHO conducted active case search in Kidubuli HC III and Kataraka HC IV. Nine health care workers were supervised and mentored on surveillance in a dialogue session.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- No alert case reported
- Visited Rwimi HC III where eight (8) health care workers were trained on EVD Case definition, surveillance, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and community engagement.
- Two (2) secondary schools (Rwimi and Wisdom High Secondary Schools) were also visited and sensitized on EVD with emphasis on community case definition, reporting and vigilance. A total of 350 students, 25 teachers, and 36 VHTs were in attendance.

### **Ntoroko District**

- No alert case reported
- WHO and the DHT conducted supportive supervision and data collection at Kayanja I and Kayanja II border Points of Entry (PoEs) where correct temperature screening was emphasised. Continuous vigilance and prompt reporting of alert cases to the health facility and the district surveillance were also highlighted.

### **Kasese District**

- The DHT and WHO team visited Bugoye HCIII and Kisamba, Nyangongo and Mama Centenary HC IIs and re-oriented health workers (15) and VHTs (3) on EVD Preparedness and readiness as well as on IPC. VHTs were encouraged to intensify active case search in their communities. However, the facilities lack IPC guidelines, hand hygiene facilities and other basic PPEs such as gum boots, heavy duty gloves, aprons, disposable gowns, masks and goggles and water.

### **Bundibugyo District**



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- The DHT/WHO team conducted supportive supervision at Ntandi, Bupomboli and Kasulenje HC IIs on EVD surveillance and reporting. Five (5) health workers and two VHTs were in attendance.
- Data from the patient register at Bupomboli HC II indicated they had seen and not reported one (1) case of epistaxis. This was pointed out as very dangerous and the staff were urged to inform the Rapid Response Team about any bleeding cases for comprehensive assessment.
- The team interacted with three Police Officers at Kibale Police Station on EVD. They were encouraged to report any rumours and alerts they come across in the course of their work.
- The team also met and discussed with fifteen (15) community members on EVD. They were given posters with key EVD messages for sharing with others.

### **Hoima and Kikuube Districts**

- No EVD alert or suspected cases were detected in both districts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as at 18:00 hours.
- At all PoE i.e: Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso, 91 new arrivals from DRC including 9 and 3 are from Tchomia and Kasenyi respectively were screened as at 18:00 hours on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. No alert cases detected.
- The Ebola Treatment Unit at Kasonga is ready to admit patients. However, electrical installation, additional tents for psychosocial support and Laundry, and marram for ambulance decontamination area are still required.
- The 24/7 toll free phone line is not yet installed to receive EVD reports from health facilities and community.

## CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

- UNHCR delivered 7 ambulance out of the expected 11. Of these, 3 are already deployed and 4 are to be dispatched to be deployed to the field this week.
- UNHCR deployed Public Health surge capacity for the Ebola preparedness activities across the refugee hosting districts.

### **Kabarole District**

- The 30 year old female with confirmed Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) is clinically fine and laboratory results indicate a reduced viral load. Another sample will be collected and tested to confirm her status before discharge on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- Conducted IPC mentorship for seven (7) staff at Nyamiseke HC II on EVD transmission, EVD risk factors, Case Definition, and the role of health workers in IPC. They were also taken through a practical session on hand washing, waste segregation, mixing of chlorine and cleaning/disinfecting of surfaces.

### **Ntoroko District**

- No alert case in isolation on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **Bundibugyo District**

- No alert case in isolation on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- There was an alert case at Busunga PoE and the patient was referred to Nyahuka health Centre IV. She did not meet the EVD alert case definition.

### **Kasese District**

- There was IPC mentorship at Kagando Hospital for 22 departmental in-charges. This hospital receives more than 10 patients daily from Congo and there is no isolation room. An isolation tent is



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urgently needed. Twelve (12) and ten (10) health workers were also mentored at Nyabirongo and Kinyamaseke HC IIIs respectively.

- All Health care workers expressed readiness for the EVD vaccine.

### Kikuube and Kyegegwa District

- UNHCR deployed a Waste management specialists has been deployed to Kyangwali (Kikuube) and Kyaka II (Kyegegwa district) priority settlements providing assessment and trainings for waste management as a contribution to the Infection Prevention and Control activities.

### RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

EVD RCSM BUDGETS FOR CATEGORY 1 DISTRICTS			
S/n	District	Actual Amount to partner (UGX)	Comments
1	Buliisa	46,291,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, sub county structures and distribution
2	Bunyangabu	39,802,000.00	Orientation of various groups such as LCs, Police, teachers, health workers and distribution of IEC materials
3	Hoima	38,851,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc
4	Kabarole	64,022,000.00	Orientation of various groups such as LCs, Police, UWA, VHTs and radio talkshows
5	Kagadi	36,250,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc
6	Kasese	34,954,500.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc
7	Kamwenge	28,070,000.00	Orient health workers, VHTs, teachers and conduct radio talkshows on EVD prevention
8	Kikuube	30,793,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc



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9	Kyegegwa	28,550,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc
10	Ntoroko	56,959,600.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc
11	Pakwach	46,291,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, teachers, sub county structures and distribution of IEC materials etc
12	Rubirizi	29,935,000.00	Funds to orient VHTs, sub county structures and distribution
13	Wakiso	59,894,000.00	Orient health workers, VHTs, teachers and conduct radio talkshows on EVD prevention
	<b>Total</b>	<b>540,663,100.00</b>	

UNICEF will in the next weeks process funds to the districts of Kampala, Kisoro, Rukungiri, Kyenjojo, Kanungu and Kabale

### Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- UNICEF support towards EVD radio talk shows ended on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. There is need for an extension support of radio talk shows considering their role in social mobilisation.

### Kabarole

- URCS volunteers conducted Community Engagement in seven (7) sub-counties using house to house strategy and managed to visit 235 households reaching 561 people with EVD messages. More than 200 posters were distributed to the various public places visited. The volunteers also conducted hand washing demonstrations.

### Kasese District

- Save the Children supported volunteers to conduct two (2) community dialogues in Mpondwe Rubiriha and Kitholu.





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- Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) volunteers supported by UNICEF conducted house-to-house mobilization in Kyambogo 1, Nyakahya, Kyabikere, Kisabu, Ighomba, Kiguthi, Kabwe and Kituti in Karambi, Kitholu and Mpondwe sub-counties.

## **CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES**

Health workers supported by URCS volunteers continued to do temperature screening at all PoEs in all districts.



## VACCINATION

- A team from WCO conducted and completed refresher vaccination training for the vaccination team in the region. Thirty four (34) vaccination team members constituting 3 teams successfully completed the training.

## LOGISTICAL

- All the logistics for the 3 vaccination teams have been packed and ready for the teams to commence vaccination of front line health care workers.
- There is need for more triple package boxes for Kabarole district for the safe transport of samples to UVRI.
- Hand sanitizers (litre plastic 70% alcohol Suraya) are also needed.

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