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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 31

### **a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

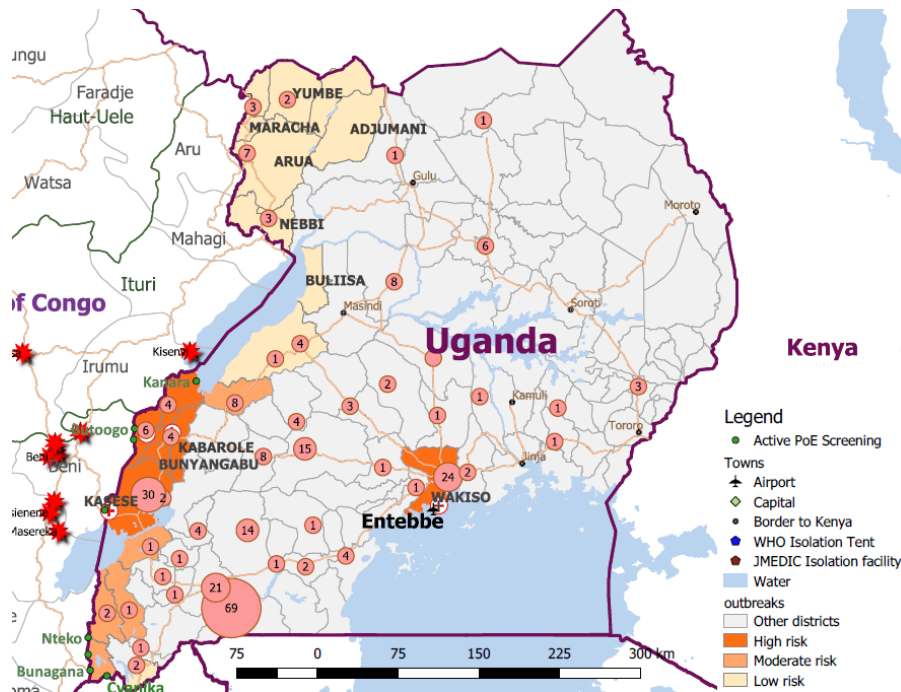
- Cumulative cases: 177
- Confirmed cases : 142
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 113
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 11
- Areas affected : Two provinces
  - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
  - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
  - “Ebola in Tchomia: 108 contacts , health and front line workers vaccinated”. Security concerns limiting contact tracing.

### **b) EVD SITUATIONAL UPDATE IN UGANDA**

- **Uganda does not yet have a confirmed nor suspected case of Ebola**
- **As of 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, there are two patients in ETU being monitored in Kasese waiting for lab results. The 3<sup>rd</sup> patient was discharged after her EVD result was negative.**
- **Active case search ongoing in all the districts**



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

#### COORDINATION

#### SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

##### Kasese District

- Rweshama port on Lake George has been identified as a potential entry point for EVD by illegal traders from DRC. This is the collecting center for Congolese caught by Uganda’s Marine Guards while conducting patrols on the lake to prevent smuggling. The marine officers, immigration officials, police and prison staff are at high risk of EVD during periods of detention for unscreened entrants. This information will be shared with authorities in Rukungiri district.

##### Hoima and Kikuube District

- No EVD alert or suspected case reported in both Hoima and Kikuube districts on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 as at 18:00 hours.
- The District surveillance team visited 03 (100%) all females aged 18, 16 years, and 8 months, contacts of an EVD case of Kasenyi village, Tchomia zone of Ituri province in DRC that entered Uganda on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 through Sebagoro POE. The contacts are normal with no symptoms, currently residing in their home (Kavule block 108) in Kyangwali refugee settlement. Daily monitoring will continue up to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



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- Point of Entry (POE) Screening continue to take place at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso ports with a total of 69 new arrivals from DRC screened for EVD as at 18:00 hours Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018, no alert or suspected case detected at POE.

## CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

### Kasese District

- The monthly simulation exercise was held which was however aborted because the health workers in ETU were not satisfied with their remuneration. They even threatened to stop working in ETU until they receive their lunch allowance of UGX 20,000 daily. This problem has been highlighted in all districts and threatens preparedness efforts.

## RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

### Kasese District

- There is increased community vigilance and reporting of a left case as a result on heightened community engagement activities. More time is going to be put in assessing such cases which is good for preparedness.
- EVD radio messages and discussion programmes continue in all districts supported by UNICEF and Uganda Red Cross.

## LOGISTICS

## CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES

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