



Ebola Preparedness in Tanzania

Weekly Update

31 August 2018

Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

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

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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

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
- The Medical Stores Department has prepositioned essential supplies and commodities

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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
- Public Information and education materials developed

High-Level Government Commitment and Engagements

- Minister of Health, Hon Ummy Mwalimu held a press briefing on 21st August 2018 to raise public awareness on the risk and protective measures
- Minister of Health visited two high risk regions: Kigoma and Mwanza for readiness assessment

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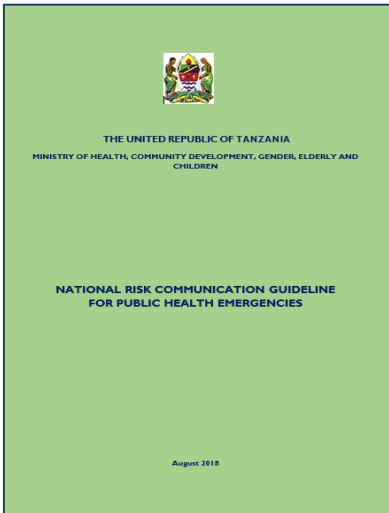
- **Capacity building**- on surveillance & contact tracing; case management & IPC; laboratory; risk communication & community engagement
- **Development of tools**-Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), training guides, job aides and education materials (print and electronic)
- **Intensify public awareness and community engagement** through media
- **Support EVD operational readiness 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

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- ❑ National Task Force and Public Health Emergency Operation Center are functional at national level
- ❑ Eight (8) regions have been prioritized for intensified preparedness efforts: Rukwa, Katavi, Kilimanjaro, Kagera, Kigoma, Mwanza, Mbeya and Songwe
- ❑ Ebola Virus Disease Contingency Plan and an Emergency Risk Communication Guideline in place
- ❑ A contingency fund to support national level to conduct initial rapid response is in place
- ❑ Training of Trainers for Rapid Response Teams completed
- ❑ An Isolation/Treatment facility for Ebola has been completed at national level
- ❑ A national reference laboratory capable of confirming Ebola Virus Disease is in place with adequate reagents and supplies

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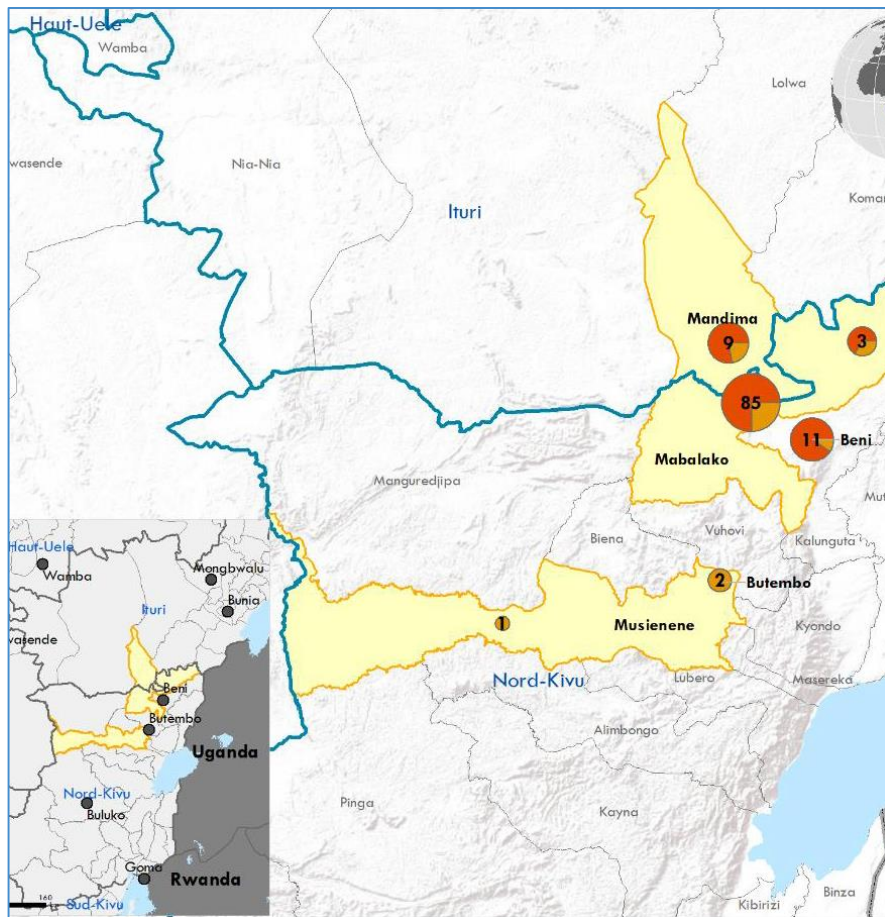


- ❑ Key medical supplies are available and some pre-positioned in the regions bordering DRC
- ❑ Health facilities supplied with basic infection prevention and control materials/supplies
- ❑ Points of Entry conducting targeted entry screening
- ❑ WHO donated Ebola, cholera and other disease preparedness items, in addition to NTD medicines costing TZS 5,713,239,800.09 (US\$2,341,749.09) to Mainland Tanzania.
- ❑ WHO also donated similar items to Zanzibar, costing TZS. 2,655,367,800 (USD 1,164,635). Total cost items donated was TZS.\$8,368,607,600.00 (US\$3,506,384.00).

Status of Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in DRC

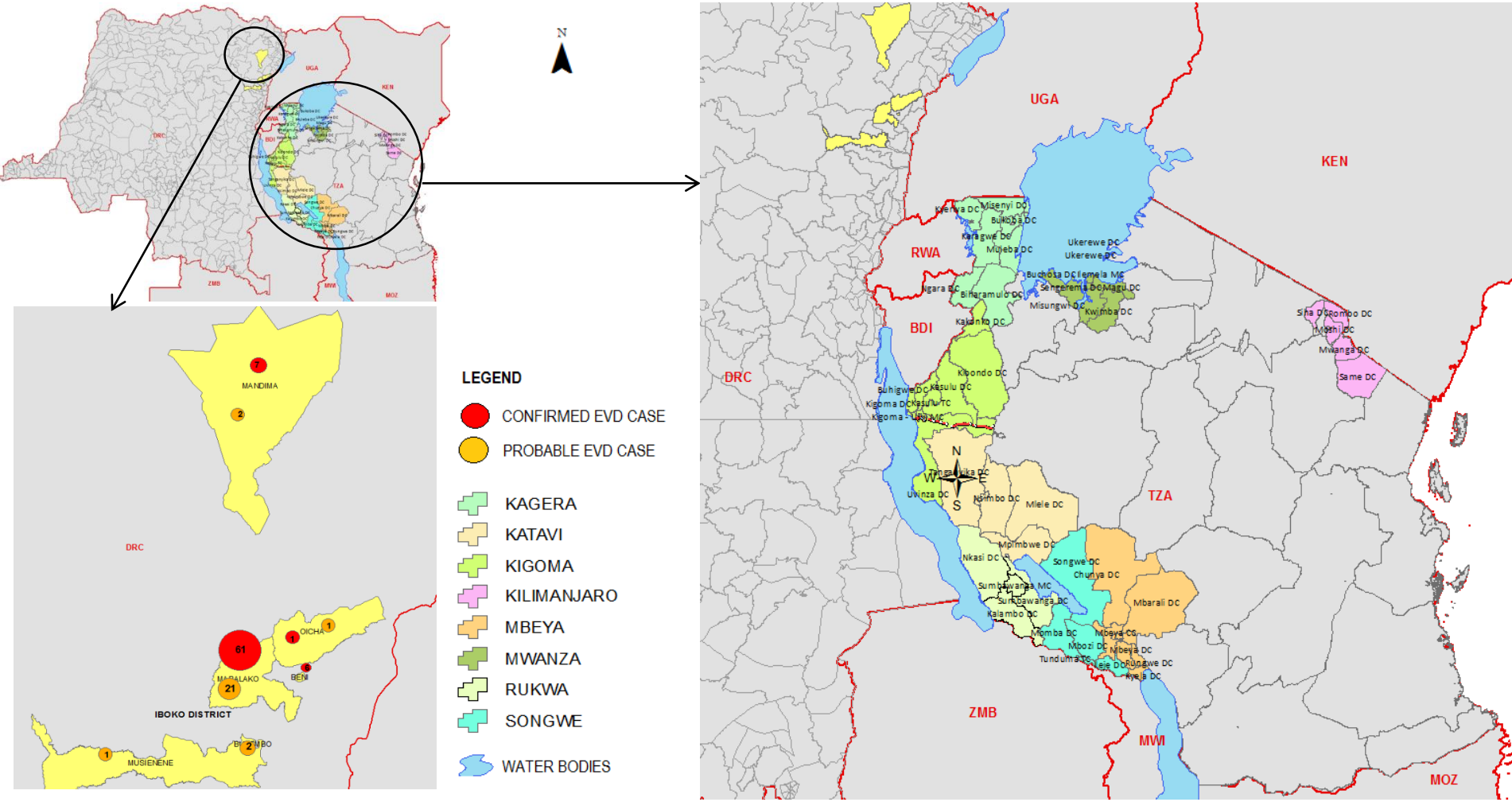
Status of Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as of 26 August 2018)

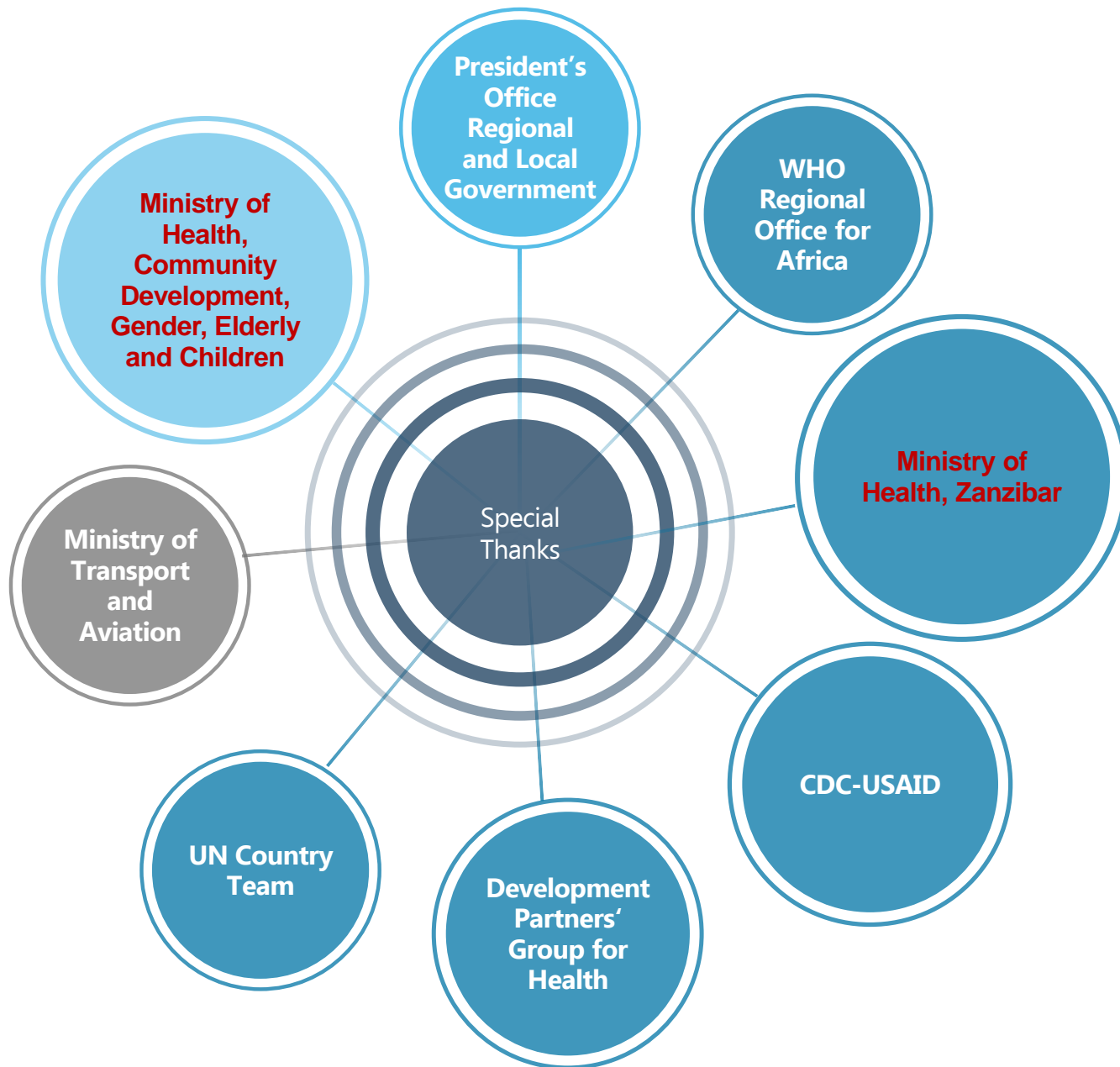
111 confirmed and probable EVD cases, including 75 deaths reported



- ❑ 5 new suspected cases reported
- ❑ No new confirmed cases, however 3 new deaths reported amongst confirmed cases in ETC.
- ❑ 25 patients are currently hospitalized
- ❑ 18 Survivors discharged and re-integrated into their communities
- ❑ 15 Health care workers have been affected including 1 death
- ❑ 2,445 contacts are under follow-up
- ❑ 173 experts deployed to DRC
- ❑ Major Challenges: community resistance and insecurity in affected

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





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