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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA**

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### **Situation Update from Democratic Republic of Congo for 28<sup>th</sup> August , with data up to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

- Cumulative cases: 112
- Confirmed cases : 84
- Probable : 28
- Total deaths : 75
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 18
- Areas affected : Two provinces
  - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
  - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina

### **EVD Preparedness in Uganda**

#### **Note :**

- **There is no suspected or confirmed case in Uganda**
- **One alert received in Naguru Uganda-China Friendship Hospital in Kampala. Sample forwarded to UVRI for testing.**
- **6 year old female from Kahandagazi village kabazi parish kitagata sub county sheema district**



## **Coordination**

There was a coordination meeting for partners in Kasese (WHO, Uganda Red Cross and Baylor; in Bundibugyo (WFP, Uganda Red Cross and WHO).

In Kikuube District; a Health Cluster Coordination meeting was held at UNHCR field office in Kyangwari refugee settlement whose participants included WHO, UNHCR, WFP, UNFPA, CARE, AAH, MTI, KDLG.

- The following were agreed upon;
  - UNHCR to provide 4 tents for accommodation of 4 health workers deployed for screening new arrivals from DRC at Buhuka and Kaiso ports of entry (POE).
  - The 100,000 UK Pounds from CARE international will be spent on community engagement, establishment of surveillance structures at both community and health facility level, and case management capacity building.
  - The team to conduct EVD response simulation exercises
  - Train more health workers in EVD case management
  - DHMT to deploy 2 health workers to screen new arrival at Kaiso POE

## **Case management & IPC:**

- Building of ETUs was completed in Kasese and Bundibugyo. An alert case was reported in Bwera hospital Kasese on Sunday 26/8/2018.... a male child about 5 years old, presented with a temp of 39.6 Degrees Celsius, nose bleeding, vomiting blood, diarrhea, low appetite and general body



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weakness with no history of contacts from DRC. Child tested negative for malaria. Child was isolated, sample taken and shipped to UVRI. Child treated with Metronidazole, Coartem and Paracetamol)

- 224 health workers (56 health workers from each district) were trained on Case management with the support of WHO. Trainees came from the districts of Ntoroko, Kasese, Bundibugyo , Kabarole and Bunyangabu)
- There is a proposal to establish 2 more isolation units at Kilembe and Kagando hospitals and Dr. David Kagwa was charged with the responsibility of developing a concept note on this .
- The health Cluster Coordination team visited Kasonga ETU that is under construction to assess progress. UNHCR and MSF the two IPs supporting ETU construction were requested to fast track its completion.
- MSF promised to donate soap and chlorine powder to HFs in the district.

### **Laboratory investigations/Surveillance**

- Screening continued in Kasese , Bundibugyo and Kikuube (Sebigoro and Nsonga landing site/port of entry). Kasese opened up a screening point at Kayanzi landing site. 3 screening points are pending because of lack of tents.
- More infra-red thermometers are required in Ntoroko district. The actual quantities of the needed thermometers will be quantified and communicated.
- 150 officers (30 from each of the 5 districts) were trained in surveillance with support from WHO.



- In addition, WHO supported training of 150 contact tracers (30 per district)

HF's have no IDSR technical guidelines and priority diseases standard case definition chart.

- 6 year old female from Kahandagazi village kabazi parish kitagata sub county sheema district reported with signs of vomiting blood for the last 3 days and now bleeding from the nose and mouth, fever, given antimalarials but no response. Was taken to Bushenyi Hospital yesterday.
- A 34 year old Female from Buyinja, Mbuya, Nakawa division, Kampala was admitted yesterday 28/08/18 and is currently isolated at Uganda-China Friendship Hospital. She presented with Fever, vomiting blood, bloody diarrhea and vaginal bleeding. A sample was taken off her yesterday and is on the way to the UVRI for testing.

### **Risk Communication**

- More radio talk shows were conducted and IEC materials distributed in kasese, Hoima and Kikuube districts supported by UNICEF and WHO.
- Uganda Red Cross is trying to support in order to reach more households with IEC messages.
- UNICEF continued to support EVD Radio spot messages on liberty local FM stations for both Hoima and Kikuube districts.
- Hoima district was given airtime on liberty local FM but it has not yet been utilized.



## **Logistics**

- WHO & UNICEF are supporting distribution of WASH supplies delivered by UNICEF to health facilities: Kyangwali, Kasonga, Rwanyawawa, Maratatu A and Maratatu D health centres in Kyangwali settlement and at Buhuka and Sebagoro Health centers at the refugee entry points. These included
  - o Soap
  - o Chlorine powder
  - o Aqua tabs
  - o Some of the handwashing facilities
- One thermal scanner was delivered to Entebbe Airport on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- Two tents were delivered to Kasese at the Bwera hospital and Mpondwe border by WFP
- 6 other tents are on the way to Ntoroko and Bundibugyo borders by WFP
- WFP logisticians have also been deployed at the border area since 12<sup>th</sup> Augst 2018 to help in logistics coordination efforts

## **Challenges/gaps**



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- Feeding of isolated alert cases continue to be a challenge and a system needs to be established to ensure they are fed to avoid them running away.
- Water at Mpondwe screening point continues to be a challenge. The extension of water to this point earlier communicated needs to be urgently done.
- Mobilet at Mpondwe screening point is still lacking. WFP is still being followed up for this.
- Tents to establish 3 more screening points not yet in place. UNICEF and WFP are being followed up.
- There are rumours spread by people both from DRC and locals that “there is no Ebola”. More effort in risk communication is needed to reach communities and hold community dialogue meetings with appropriate messages.
- Inadequate IDSR technical guidelines and priority diseases standard case definition charts
- There is stock out of disposable gloves in Hoima and Kikuube district HFs
- Buckets supplied by UNICEF for IPC/WASH to HFs were stolen and are not yet recovered

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