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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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Situation Update from Democratic Republic of Congo as on 19th August 2018 (with data up to 18th August 2018)

- Cumulative cases: 91
- Confirmed cases : 64
- Probable : 27
- Total deaths : 50
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 12
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina

EVD Preparedness in Uganda

Note :

- 1. There is no suspected or confirmed case in Uganda**
- 2. No alert cases**
- 3. On the 18th August 2018, 5 samples (2 from Mbarara, 1 from Bwera and 1 from Arua) received at the UVRI both on the 17th and 18th August were tested, and turned out negative by PCR for Ebola, Marburg, CCHF, RVF and sosuga viruses.**



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Coordination

Bundibugyo District

- On Saturday 18th August 2018, the district hosted a high level delegation led by the Minister of State for Health (General Duties) Hon. Sarah Opendi. The delegates included The American Ambassador to Uganda, CDC Director, WHO Representative, Director General of Health Services, Honorable Members of Parliament of the area and other dignitaries.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the level of preparedness of the district to prevent, detect, and respond to an imminent outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease that is currently in the North Kivu and Ituri provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- The delegation visited the border screening services run by the Red Cross with support from WHO, UNICEF, WFP, Baylor Uganda, and Bundibugyo District Local Government.
- They also visited the Bundibugyo Hospital Laboratory where packaging of blood specimen for VHF testing is done prior to transportation and inspected the Ebola Treatment Centre that was set up with support from WHO, IDI, and Baylor Uganda.



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Kasese:

- The same delegation visited Kasese District. They appreciated the work so far done and the level of preparedness under way. They pledged to support this preparedness further and close all the existing intervention gaps.

Laboratory investigations/Surveillance

- Screening continued at Mpondwe Border point in Kasese and more preparation work was done for making other screening points operational.
- In Kasese, a tent was pitched at Kayanzi with the support of Baylor and another tent is to be transported to the Kithoma point by 21st August 2018. A gap of two screening tents still stands.



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- IDI continued to assess population movement around the border to get information about the most risk areas.
- UNHCR continues with the intensified surveillance of Ebola using at all boarder points and in the Refugee settlements using the VHTs and no case has been detected
- UNHCR received refugees and screened them at various entry points including Nyakabande in Kisoro district (75), Matanda in Kanungu district(28) and 178 in Ntoroko district.
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Risk Communication

- More radio talk shows were done making 10 talk show up to now. Radio spots are being aired on Guide Radio in Kasese with support from Ministry of health and Save the Children
- Health education was done and reached 805 pupils reached in Bwera secondary school.
- Distributed 2000 posters and 4000 leaflets for public sensitization
- UNICEF is still supporting local talk shows on prevention.
- UNICEF continues distribution of posters and leaflets to the 13 high risk districts (English and several local languages). A full report of the end-users will be compiled this week starting 20th August 2018
- In collaboration with WHO, UNHCR and URCS, UNICEF is supporting the point of Entry screening including hygiene promotion.



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- USAID |CHC| FHI360 has sponsored spots airing on TV channels. This dissemination effort already began

Case management

- WHO continued to orient the case management team for handling alerts cases in Kasese District.
- Construction of the ETU in Kasese District continued by MSF providing more amenities to the tent provided by WHO and this is planned to be finished by Tuesday 21st August 2018.
- A burial team of nine in Kasese District was oriented by IDI and will be quipped by WHO to conduct safe burial
- The trainings on Ebola rapid response in Kyegegwa supported by UNHCR is ongoing with 35 health workers, 27 support staff district leaders and sanitation workers are all represented.
- Support to safe water supply system in Kyangwali settlement is ongoing by the UNICEF team.
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Logistics

- Some supplies were received from WHO and Baylor
- Distribution of health supplies to health facilities in-collaboration with DLG's, WHO, UNHCR, URCS and partners is also being conducted by UNICEF



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- Monitoring of the use of the WASH supplies is ongoing in all the districts. UNICEF has distribution plan to release second batch of the WASH supplies (Details is given below). All the supplies will be delivered to the respective districts by Monday 20th August 2018. Below are the WASH supply distribution items for batch 2 that commences today 20th August 2018 by UNICEF

	District	Item Description	Unit	Qty
1	Kisoro	Laundry Soap	Cartons	20
		Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	11
2	Kasese	Laundry Soap	Cartons	63
		Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	28
3	Bundibugyo	Laundry Soap	Cartons	10
		Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	7
4	Ntoroko	Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	3
5	Kabalore	Laundry Soap	Cartons	48
		Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	22
6	Kikuube	Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	3
7	Kyegegwa	Laundry Soap	Cartons	8



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		Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	6
8	Kamwenge	Laundry Soap	Cartons	25
		Water Purifi. (NaDCC) 67mg tabs	EA	13

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