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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 11th September 2018, with data up to 10th September 2018

- Cumulative cases: 132
- Confirmed cases : 101
- Probable : 31
- Total deaths : 92
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 09
- 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
- There are 3 (three) alert cases in Kasese district undergoing investigation
- Kikuube District is experiencing a measles outbreak in Kyangwali a sub county hosting refugee settlement. A cumulative total of 62 measles cases have been line listed.

Coordination

Kabarole

- WHO had a meeting with Red Cross and District health office to plan sensitization of key working populations that include transporters (Boda boda, truck drivers, Bus drivers, Taxi drivers), Teachers, Traditional healers, herbalists, religious leaders, commercial sex workers, Civil society organizations (community based organizations), civic leaders, and



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cultural leaders. These will all be sensitized on EVD through guided focus group discussions in the afternoon of Friday September 14, 2018.

- WHO / District health office had a meeting with UNICEF to trouble shoot on harmonization and translation issues of IEC materials and communities logistical challenges like lack of tents for the ETU, lack of PPEs, dysfunctional district ambulances that need servicing and lack of body bags. It was suggested that a request be made get 2 body bags from Ntoroko district since there are 5 bags in that district.
- WHO/District health office met the officials of FINS University and set up an appointment to sensitize the students on EVD. The date set is Thursday September 13, from 1400 – 1600 hours.

Bunyangabo

- There was a meeting between WHO and DHO and prepared a daily report that was sent to the NTF

Ntoroko

- There was a DTF meeting that was held at Karukutu H/V IV. It was agreed that volunteers on the border crossing points be paid and Red Cross promised to support. Water collection facilities (jerricans) for the border crossing point will be provided by UNICEF

Bundibugyo

- WHO gave technical support to the DHT on SitRep compilation and sharing to NTF for both sub committees and DTF. A first completed SitRep was shared with NTF today. All Sub committees were also supported by WHO to conduct meetings in preparation for NTF due to take place tomorrow.
- WHO team held an in-house meeting to plan and revise the day's activities and to brainstorm on technical issues regarding EVD technical advice to the district

Kikuube

- There was a Health Cluster Coordination meeting on Tuesday 11th September 2018.
- Increasing cases of measles. The district has finalised the micro-plan and budget that requires funding.
- The district already has 9400 doses of measles vaccine only enough for age 6 – 24 months children in Kyangwali. It was agreed that a mass vaccination campaign be conducted between 14th to 15th August 2018 targeting children aged 6 – 24 months children.



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- MTI and AAHU each to contribute 6,000,000 and 5,180,000 UGX respectively to meet direct costs of measles epidemic response mass vaccination activities in Kyangwali sub county. This however leaves a big gap that requires funding.
- The following partners to provide vehicles for measles epidemic response mass vaccination activities: WHO, AAHU, MTI, CARE, IOM, and Action Against Hunger.
- Inter-agency meeting to be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 to discuss measles campaign logistical challenges.

Surveillance:

Kikube:

- No EVD alert or suspected case reported. However, there was a suspected cholera case whose stool sample tested negative for cholera
- A total of 102 new arrivals were screened for EVD. None of the new arrivals came from a high-risk area in DRC.
- The WHO field team continue to support surveillance skills enhancement in health facilities with special focus on EVD.
- A Cumulative total of 62 measles cases line listed from both outside and inside the refugee settlement in Kyangwali sub county.

Kasese

3 alerts in the district:

- The first alert was a patient from D.R. Congo who sought for treatment in Bwera at Kasanga HC III, and was admitted at 1:00 am this morning
- The second alert was a girl aged 8 years who was detected at Mpondwe screening point. She was coming from the fishing villages of Lake Edward where she had gone to visit her relatives. She presented with high fever, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea but with no bleeding.
- The third alert was received in Kagando Hospital and sample taken for testing
- Screening continued well at all the 5 points of entry

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- WHO/District Health Office visited Buzirasagama HC II where the 2 available health care workers were oriented on EVD and updated on the current EVD. The available health care workers were advised to tutor their colleagues when they come back to the facility.

Bunyangabu

- Technical support provided to health staff in Kibiitio HC IV, and Nyamiseke HC II by orienting them on EVD
- Active case search for EVD in OPD register was done in all facilities visited
- Met with community members to brief them on the sign and symptoms, mode of transmission and preventive measures of EVD and VHTs were oriented on the need to intensify active community surveillance

Case management and IPC

Kikube

- ETU construction at Kasonga is in advanced stages. The remaining work includes the floor, walk ways, lighting and plumbing.
- Buckets supplied by UNICEF to HF's were stolen and were not recovered.

Risk Communication/Social Mobilization

Kikube

- UNICEF continued to support EVD Radio shot spots messages on liberty local FM stations for both Hoima and Kikuube districts.
- WHO continued to support distribution of IEC materials

Issues:

- Lack of transport in Kikuube District. The district is a new and has no single vehicle to coordinate preparedness and response activities.
- Mesales in Kyangwali: MOH should to urgently support mass vaccination in Kyangwali sub county.
- Inadequate IDSR technical guidelines in Hoima and Kikuube districts

Logistics

The 3 tents for the isolation center at Ntoroko health facility were installed successfully. And the local government, WHO and MTi staff were happy with the job well done by WFP engineering team. Also installation at the two sites of Kamoga and Rwangara landing sites in Ntoroko was also completed



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a) Sept 5, 2018: 3 tents set up at Rwangara, Kanara and Kamoga landing sites for screening purposes.



b) Sept 4th, 2018: 3 tents set up for isolation at Ntoroko Health Centre III on behalf of MTI.



Bundibugyo district

a) Sept 2nd: 3 tents set up at Busunga, Butogo and Bundibugyo hospital





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a) August 31, 2018: 1 tent set up at Mpondwe border and another at Kilembe Hospital



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