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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 13TH OCTOBER 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 12TH OCTOBER 2018

- Cumulative cases: 207
- Confirmed cases : 172
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 130
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 35
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated
- Security concerns limiting contact tracing.

b) EVD SITUATIONAL UPDATE IN UGANDA

- No alerts from all the major points of entry in all the districts.
- No alerts received from the community in all the districts.
- No suspected cases in isolation in all ETUs in the region.

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

COORDINATION

WHO is hosting the independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme. The team will review support to EVD preparedness in Uganda and also visit some of the districts to assess implementation of activities.

- Draft district plans and budgets for EVD risk communication and social mobilization developed during the RCSM planning meeting organized by MoH with support from UNICEF were shared with the NTF team working on updating the EVD National Preparedness and Response Plan.



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SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Hoima and Kikuube Distrcts

- Point of Entry (POE) EVD screening continues to take place at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso ports with a total of 35 new arrivals from DRC, as at 18:00 hours on Saturday 13th October 2018.
- The DHT supported by WHO assessed point of entry points at Sebagoro and Kaiso for Basic IPC standards on the 13th October 2018 and identified gaps in staff safety. These included unavailability of PPEs, scrub suits and gumboots and Aprons. The DHT us working with partenrs to address these shortages in the coming day.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- MSF and WHO completed redesigning/improvement of ETU at Kasonga in Kyangwali refugee settlement on Sunday 14th October 2018.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Ntoroko district

- The DHT together with WHO and URCS teams (Surveillance and Risk Communication) held a community dialogue at Budiba II, that has two border Points of Entry i.e. Rukaara and Rwendegeya. The dialogue was attended by 35 community members including LCII chairpersons, VHTs and URCS volunteers. The discussions covered basic facts on EVD, hand washing demonstrations and concerns, myths and rumours in the community. A community sensitization plan was drafted, volunteers to man the PoEs identified and IEC materials distributed.

Bundibugyo District

- Risk communication team needs to urgently address the risk posed by the Roman Catholic Church in Busaru in Bundibugyo that hosted over 200 followers. The DHT indentified urgent IPC gaps that need urgent attention especialy lack hand washing facilities and toilets facilities.
- The DHT using was advised to use VHTs to strengthen community sensitization and distribute IEC materials in Busaru targeting the chruch community while UNICEF was requested to provide the hand washing facilities .



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CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES

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