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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

29th October 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 42

a) *SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 27TH OCTOBER 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 26TH OCTOBER 2018*

- Cumulative cases: 266
- Confirmed cases : 231
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 168
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 42
- 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*

- **There is NO confirmed EVD case in Uganda.**
- Active case search continues in all communities, health facilities and on formal and informal border crossing in all districts especially in the high risk ones.
- Alert cases continue to be picked, isolated, treated and blood samples picked for testing by the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). The alerts are highlighted in the specific district reports below under the Surveillance section.



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

COORDINATION

- DHT and WHO field teams agreed in a coordination meeting to put more emphasis on strengthening community based surveillance and risk communication activities in order to make the EVD preparedness more robust.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- The District Health and WHO team visited Mpondwe border Point of Entry (PoE) to respond to the some Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) gaps identified by the Minister of State for Health (General Duties) who was on supervisory mission in the area. IPC supplies were delivered.
- WFP completed construction of the toilet facilities at the PoE which will be ready for use this week.
- Construction of a structure for the thermal scanner at Mpondwe PoE has not yet started.
- A new PoE screening point is going to be established at Katwe Kabatoro supported by Uganda Red Cross Society (for volunteers), UNICEF (for hand washing facilities), WFP (for a tent) and the nearby health facility for supervision and support.

Kabarole District

- Follow of contacts of the confirmed Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) currently recovering at the Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital was completed with no one developing any symptoms

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert case reported in both Hoima and Kikuube districts as at 18:00 hours Sunday 28th October 2018.
- At all PoEs, Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso a total of 18 new arrivals screened as at 18:00 hours Sunday 28th October 2018, no alert case detected.
- The WHO field team conducted cross boarder surveillance support supervision on 27th October 2018 at Kaiso and Nsonga/Buhuka PoEs and observed the following:
 - Some local people sleep in the screening tents at night after departure of health workers. There is need to cordoned off the tents using orange mesh and to give education sessions to the local leaders and the community on the dangers of sleeping in the tents.
 - There are boats from DRC that continue to dock at night hence some people enter the country without being screened. This will be presented to DTF for action through office of Resident District Commissioner and the Police.



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- Nsonga/Buhuka PoE requires a back-spray pumps for decontamination of screening area. MTI the partner supporting this PoE advised to deploy a hygienist.
- Health workers deployed at PoE sometimes have language barrier when interviewing new arrivals from DRC. Partners supporting screening points are advised to engage interpreters.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

- IPC mentoring is on-going in selected health facilities pending expansion in all high-risk district when more funds are received.

Kasese District

- MSF provided a drum incinerator at Bwera ETU for waste management. The same arrangement is being considered for other ETUs in the sub-region.

Ntoroko District

- Construction of the ETU in the district is nearing completion. Details on progress and challenges to be shared subsequently.

Kabarole District

- The confirmed CCHF patient still in ETU at the FRRH under treatment.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

- EVD radio messages and spots continue to be broadcast on FM station in all districts supported by UNICEF.

Kasese District

- Three hundred and eighteen (318) Village Health Teams (VHTs) members from Kisinga sub-county were trained on EVD Community Based Surveillance with support from Save the Children. The training will cover all sub-counties in Bukonzo east constituency which at high risk of importing the disease. Resources are being mobilized to cover Busongola North, Busongola South and municipality constituencies as well as sub-districts.

LOGISTICS

Following a supervisory visit to Mpondwe border Point of Entry of the Minister of State for Health (General Duties) Hon Sarah Opendi, the following supplies were identified as critical for all PoEs to facilitated proper temperature screening:



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- Saraya container
- Chlorine
- Batteries for Thermal Flash
- Hand Sanitizers
- Scrubbing suits
- Face Shields
- Face Masks
- IEC Materials such as Posters and leaflets
- Buckets for mixing Chlorine
- Tents for health workers
- Drinking Water
- Jik
- Omo detergent
- Basins
- Sitting stools/chairs
- Allowances for health workers

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