



# Ebola Preparedness in Tanzania

## Weekly Update

31 October 2018

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

- ❑ National Taskforce for Public Health Emergency meeting was held for the first time in MOH Office in Dodoma on 22 October 2018. Meeting reviewed progress and plans to strengthen EVD preparedness.
- ❑ Training conducted for health staff on case management and IPC, laboratory sample collection and packaging, contact tracing, risk communication and incident management system in the three high priority regions.
- ❑ WHO and WFP deployed experts to support Ebola Virus Disease preparedness in the areas of Coordination, Risk communication & Community engagement and Logistics.

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Capacity Building

- ❑ Supported EVD training of health teams in the three high priority regions on the following:
  - case management and IPC (104)
  - laboratory sample collection and packaging (16)
  - contact tracing (70)
  - risk communication (108) and
  - incident management system (17)
  - Rapid Response Team leadership (23)

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Coordination

- ❑ National Taskforce for Public Health Emergency meeting was held to review progress and plans to strengthen EVD preparedness. The following were the key agreed next steps:
  - ✓ To have in place a data base for all the teams in the regions for EVD preparedness which can be mobilized within shortest time possible should an importation of EVD occur.
  - ✓ Continue to sensitize health workers on adherence to IPC procedures for EVD prevention
  - ✓ Regions to mobilize all available IPC materials and preposition in the designated ETCs
  
- ❑ WHO Country Office received experts deployed to support Ebola Virus Disease preparedness in the areas of:
  - Coordination
  - Risk communication & Community engagement
  - Logistics (deployed by WFP)

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Zanzibar

- Successfully investigated suspect EVD alert in line with the SOPs. EVD was ruled out.
  
- Supported EVD training of health teams on the following:
  - surveillance (30)
  - decontamination and Safe and Dignified Burials (14)
  - contact tracing (24)
  - EVD ambulance team (6)
  - Rapid Response Team (19)
  - Case Management (16)
  - IPC (20)

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

# Upcoming Activities

## Mainland

- Printing and roll out EVD Guidelines, SOPs and tools
- Conduct simulation exercise in collaboration with AFRO

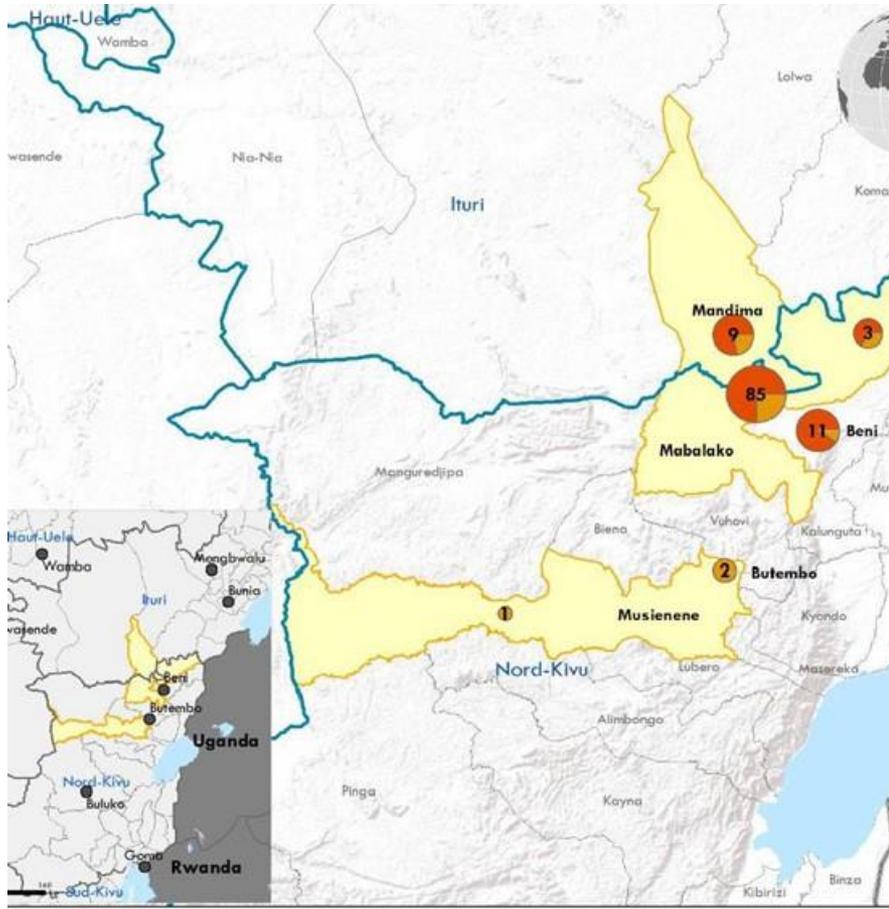
## Zanzibar

- Conduct After Action Review of the response to the EVD suspected case with the aim to:
  - ✓ Review response actions in line with the performance standards
  - ✓ Identify lessons learnt and areas for improvement
  - ✓ Provide actionable recommendations
- Initiate dialogue with MOH for the establishment of a PHEOC
- Initiate engagement of District Commissioners in EVD preparedness activities

# Status of Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in DRC

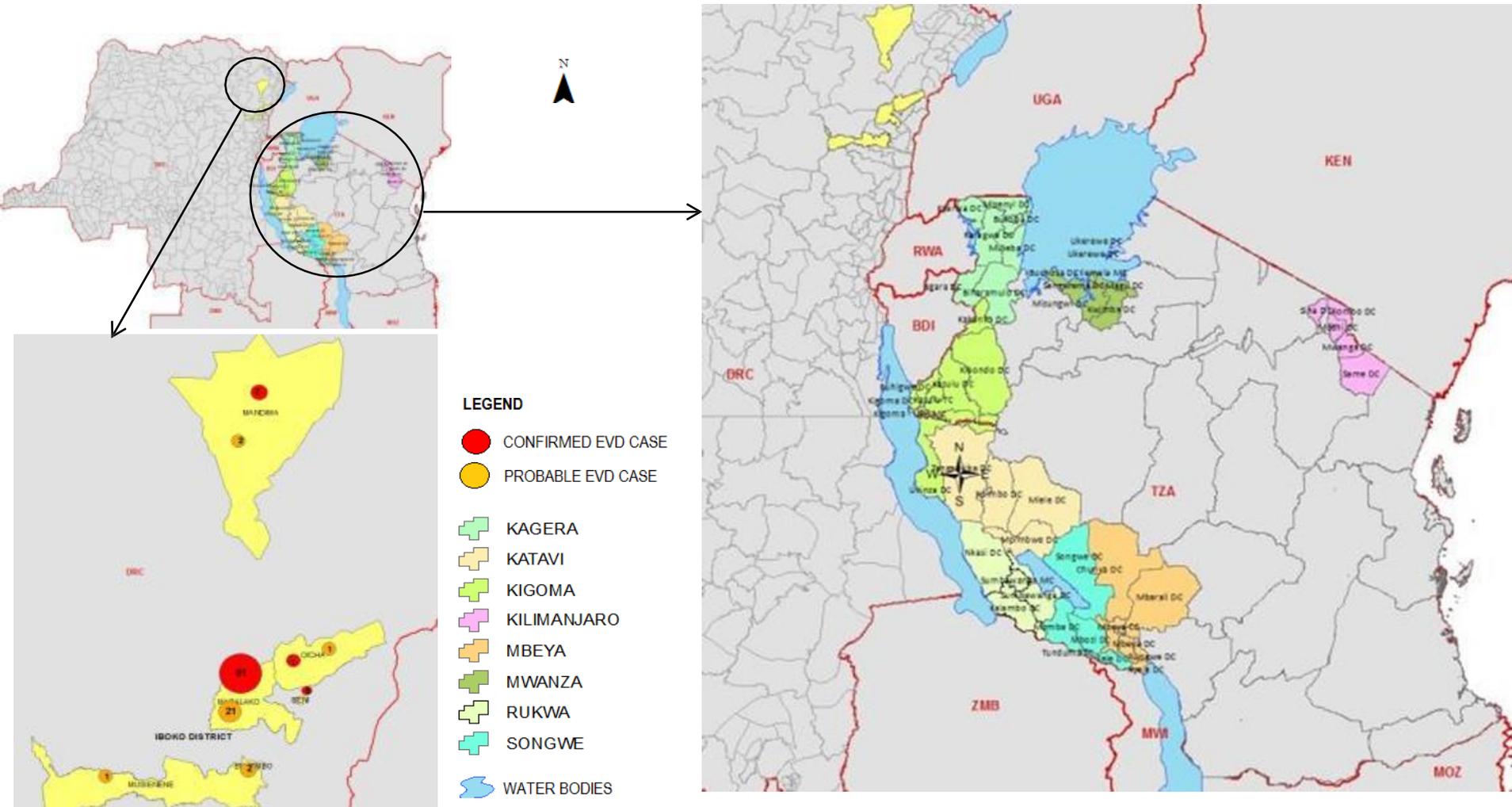
# Status of Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as of 28 October 2018)

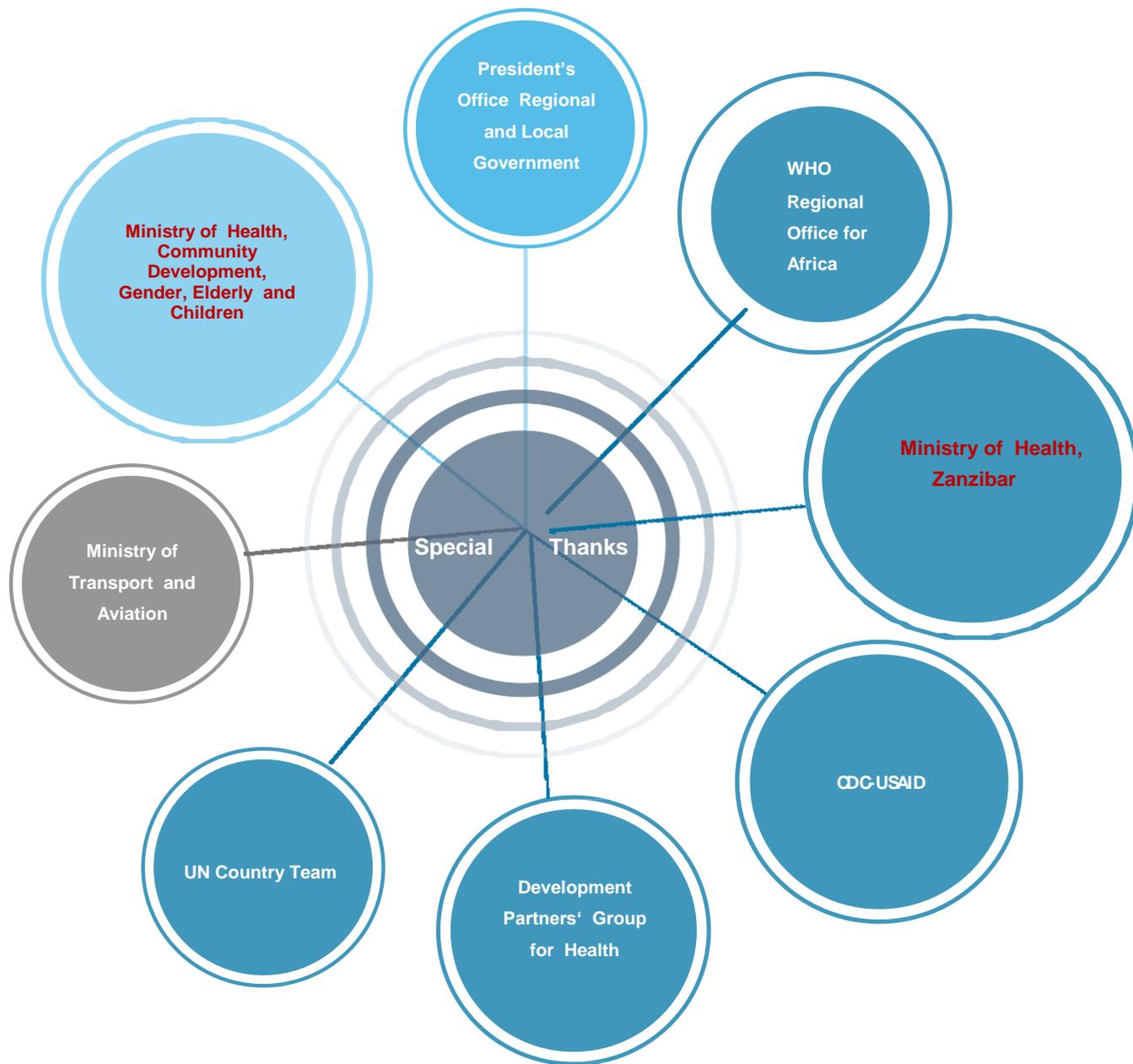
**274 confirmed and probable EVD cases, including 174 deaths reported**



- ❑ 239 confirmed cases and 35 probable with 174 deaths
- ❑ 73 cases have recovered and discharged from ETCs, 77 cases still on admission
- ❑ 4 health workers confirmed positive to EVD raising the total number of health workers affected to 25, 24 confirmed including 3 deaths.
- ❑ 5991 are under surveillance
- ❑ To date 24,142 vaccinated
- ❑ Major Challenges: community reluctance and insecurity in affected areas

# Map of Tanzania showing the 8 Regions bordering DRC prioritized for intensified preparedness





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