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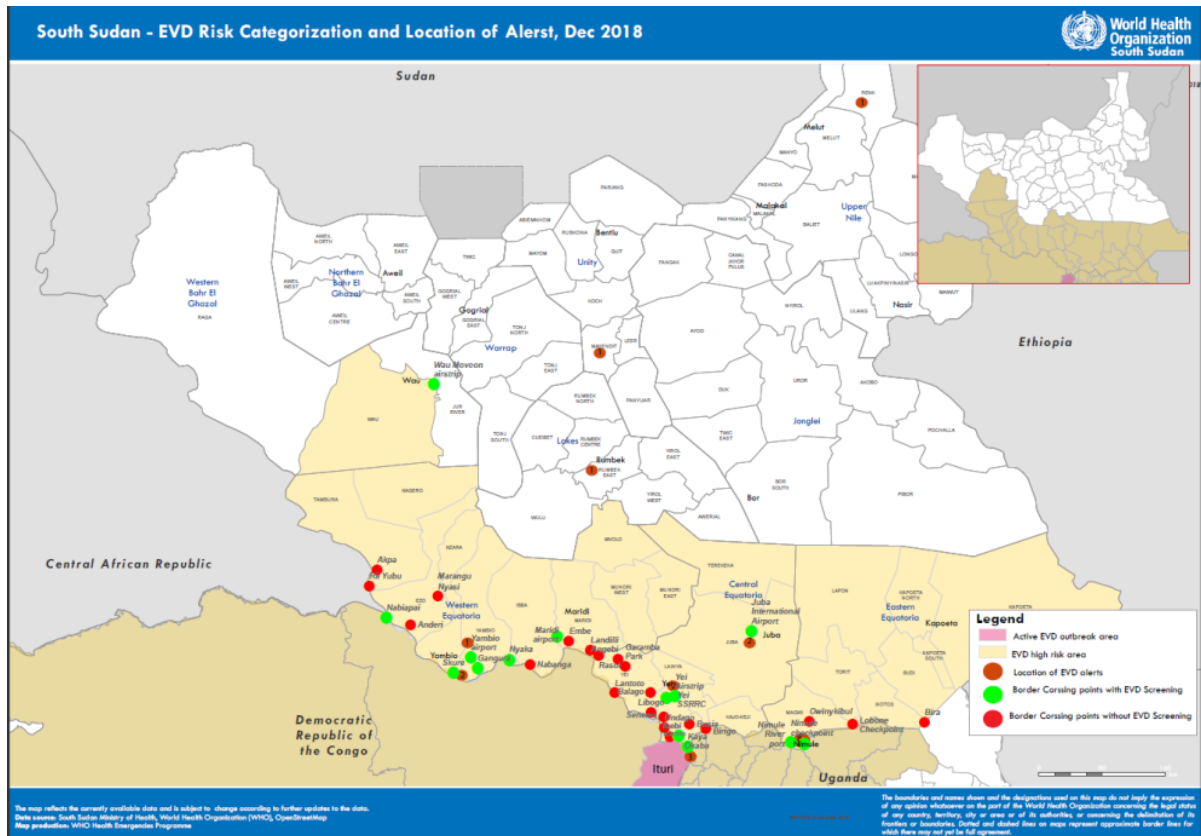
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

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1. Highlights

- A suspected Ebola case was reported in Renk (Abayok PHCC) on 03/12/2018 and investigated by the RRT. The sample was negative for EVD.
- Similarly, a specimen collected from Yambio hospital on 04/12/2018 tested negative for EVD.
- Ultra-Cold Freezer for Ebola vaccine storage was received.
- The SoPs for the technical working groups have been finalized except logistics TWG.
- Eighteen screening points are operational. The Ministry of Health (MoH) conducts the screening with support from WHO, IOM, SCI, WVISS and CAUMM. About 699,548 people entering South Sudan have been screened.



2. Ebola Situation update from North Kivu of Democratic Republic of Congo

2.1. Latest updates

- EVD transmission in DRC continues with new cases/deaths in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. Two new cases were identified at Beni (1) and Mabalako (1).
- As of 10th December 2018, a total of 500 reported, including 452 confirmed and 48 probable cases. A total of 289 deaths have occurred (CFR=58.7%).
- As of 10th December, 2018; DRC has vaccinated 44,447 people.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1. Coordination

- A national taskforce meeting was held on 6th December 2018 at the PHEOC in Juba. State Task Force Meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Nimule and Maridi.
- Other coordination meetings that took place within the reporting week include Strategic Advisory Group (SAG), Senior Management Team (SMT), and the UN Contingency Plan meeting.
- A table top/simulation exercise was organized at UNMISS with participation of UN organizations.

3.2. Resource mobilization

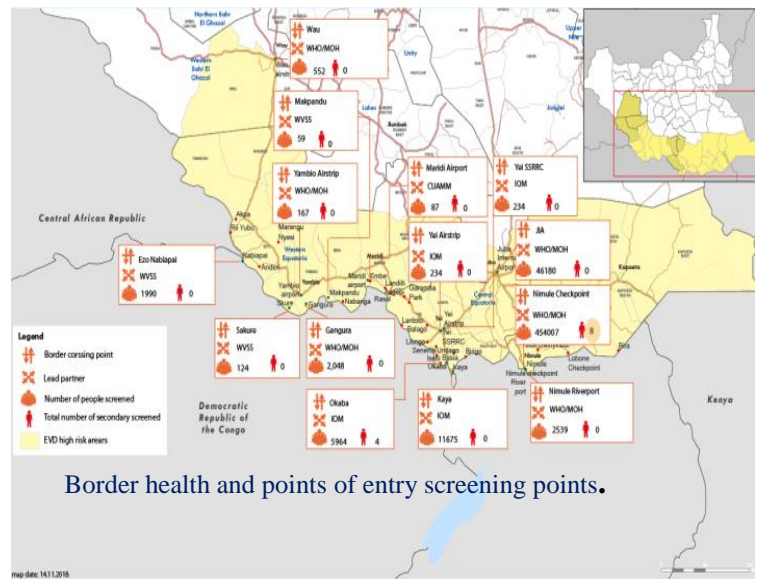
- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized US\$9.4 million out of 16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (57.7% of planned budget). Additional 6.9 million is still needed to continue support of priority actions for EVD preparedness activities over the next three months.

3.3.0 Surveillance and Laboratory

- A 29-year-old suspected EVD case from Abayok reported on 3rd December, 2018. RRT investigated the case and collected samples which were negative for EVD.
- A 45-year-old suspected EVD case from Nagori/Yambio was reported on 4th December 2018. RRT investigated the case. Lab results were negative for EVD.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- SoP has been finalized and shared for printing.
- IOM-DTM and REACH has scheduled to map potential PoE on the corridors of Yei, Magwi, Equatos, Morobo, Kajo Keji.
- A half-day sensitization for participants from Juba International Airport including civil aviation authority, JIA management and airline operators was conducted.
- About 699,548 people have been screened at all the 18 border screening points.
- Since May 2018, a total of 20 Ebola alerts were investigated. Lab results were negative for EVD. One positive for yellow fever.



South Sudan Ebola Response | Monitoring of EVD screening activities at Points of Entry in countries prioritized for Ebola preparedness activities

Year: 2018

Week number: W49 From: 2018-12-03 To: 2018-12-09

Name of PoE	Passengers Screening Information			EVD Alerts		
	# screened	# isolated	# under Voluntary Home Quarantine	# reported	# validated	# suspects
Elazi Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gangura Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juba International Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaya	3,994	0	0	0	0	0
Kaya Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mandi Airstrip	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nimule Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okaba	1,074	0	0	0	0	0
Panjala Docking River	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sakure Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tikori	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wau Airport	68	0	0	0	0	0
Yambio Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yei Airport	18	0	0	0	0	0
Yei RRC	7	0	0	0	0	0
South Sudan	5,161	0	0	0	0	0

Note
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3.5. Case

Management, Infection Prevention and Control, Safe Dignified

- The infection prevention and control TWG concluded three-day IPC training for 2 medical officers, 1 clinical officer, 2 nurses and 1 lab tech in PHEOC with technical support from WHO. The participants will take charge of the Infectious Disease Unit (IDU) established in Dr. John Garang Diagnostic centre.
- WASH training was conducted and the draft training guide was reviewed.
- WFP commenced the construction of isolation facilities in Yei, Yambio and Nimule
- The construction of a 24-bed Infectious Disease Unit in Juba is completed.
- The SOPs for IPC and CM have been finalized and submitted to the national task force for printing.
- The analyses results from the suspected EVD cases in Renk and Yambio were negative for EVD.

3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- IFRC/SSRC trained 25 volunteers from 28th Nov to 1st Dec 2018 on safe and dignified burial practices. These were from Juba (10), Yambio (5), Nimule (5), Maridi(5), and observers (5)
- IFRC/SSRC conducted safe and dignified burial training in Yambio from 3rd – 7th Dec 2018.
- IFRC/SSRC received first lot of SDB materials which will be prepositioned in the four identified prioritized locations. Three vehicles were also received for SDB use.

3.7. Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization

- Eleven schools were sensitized on EVD in Juba; 1,162 and 75 schools' children and teaching staff respectively.
- Similarly, 1,917 individuals were sensitized on EVD in church/mosques in Torit; 1,689 individuals in markets; 388 and 1,743 individuals in playgrounds and community gatherings respectively.
- Furthermore, 1,956 and 13,090 individuals were sensitized on EVD in Yei at health education sessions and households respectively.
- Additionally, in Yambio, 8,646 and 5,376 individuals were sensitized on EVD at Ezo and Yambio respectively. During nine awareness sessions, about 330,756 individuals received EVD messages. In another 12 EVD awareness sessions, 4,163 individuals were sensitized.
- IOM supported the sensitization of 1,843 individuals in Kaya and Morobo on EVD messages.
- Rumor tracking matrix and the formative research sample design have been completed.
- Ten home health promoters (HHP) were trained on EVD preparedness in Kajo-keji



Sensitization of school children. Photo: UNICEF

3.7. Logistics and Personnel deployment

- TWG held its meeting, continued its support to EVD preparedness including in shipment of specimens, and mobilization of vaccine supplies.
- A vaccine logistician joined the team to support with the logistical arrangement of the planned activities.

3.8. Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Preparation for the deployment of EBV vaccine is on-going. A microplan is prepared, teams are trained and funding and other resources are mobilized.
- Ultra-Cold Freezer for vaccine storage has been received.

3.9. Access, Safety and Security

- The access, safety and security technical working group has been established in Yei.
- Access, Safety and Security technical working group (TWG) continues to contact the partners responsible for security in IO areas to improve access to high-risk locations.
- Access, Safety and Security technical working group is planning Safe and Secured Approaches to Field Environment (SSAFE) training for Ebola preparedness personnel from December 13th -15th 2018 in Juba.

3.10 Updates from States

Yambio

- Three alerts were reported and investigated; all the alerts were negative (GenXpert and PCR) for all strains of Ebola virus.
- WHO, UNICEF, OCHA, WFP, UNMISS, and UNHCR visited James Diko to assess humanitarian and health situation.
- The SMOH organized a state partners forum meeting to discuss their support to the state
- UNICEF trained 9 “REACH” CBO staff on Ebola virus messaging and communication.
- Case Management and Surveillance technical working group supported Sakure screening point on the investigation of the reported EVD cases.
- The risk communication and community engagement technical working group conducted field investigations into the health seeking behavior, knowledge, attitude and practices in PHCU and in the community.

Nimule

- WFP engineers have started the construction of the Nimule isolation site.
- The final land agreement papers have been signed by all parties concerned.
- About 46, 217 people were screened in week 48. There were a total of 14 alerts from Nimule screening points.
- MEDAIR/WHO trained private healthcare workers on EVD.
- UNICEF supplied IEC materials in Nimule.
- UNICEF to support EVD talk shows once a week and jingles four times a day for three months at the new radio station that is now operational in Nimule.

Maridi

- The partners in the state engaged the SMOH on the planned activities as regards EVD preparedness in the state.
- The WHO team engaged the implementing partner on ground (CUAMM) to familiarize itself with what CUAMM had done with regards to EVD preparedness.
- Screening is on-going at Maridi airstrip by CUAMM.
- CUAMM had trained hospital staff on IPC.
- The first STF meeting was conducted.
- Two RRT state teams were trained in Maridi and Ibba.
- The Maridi team needs support on funds, vehicles and internet connection.

Yei

- The STF conducted community engagement with stakeholders, school children, teachers, and community people at Jigomdni and Yaingaybeh respectively.
- UNICEF, SMOH and WHO held a meeting with radio station management regarding EVD preparedness jingles.
- WHO, AAH and SMOH participated in weekly radio talk show on EVD at spirit FM.
- The STF reviewed the EVD checklist, disseminated EVD SOPs to all the technical working groups and mapped partners in the state using the 4-W mapping matrix.
- The STF is planning the training of motorcycle riders in border communities as they are the first contact with visitors that enter Yei river state.

4.0. Challenges/Gaps.

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- Delayed printing of SoPs.
- Inaccessibility due to bad road, insecurity and communication barriers.
- Delayed installation of isolation facility in high-risk states.
- Human resource gap to support EVD preparedness activities especially in the high-risk States.

5.0. Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- National Task Force to assign timeline for the printing of the SoPs.
- The relevant authorities to negotiate for partners to access communities in EVD high risk areas.
- WFP to Fast-track the installation of isolation facilities in EVD high risk states.
- Partners to mobilize for more resources to facilitate recruitment and deployment of the required additional human resources for EVD preparedness and response.

6.0. Conclusion

- The focus for the NTF in the coming week is to:
 - Fast-track the implementation of Ebola vaccination for the frontline health workers including the traditional healers.
 - Validate all the SOPs for EVD preparedness and response.

Partners involved in EVD preparedness and readiness

MOH, WHO, Health Cluster partners, UNICEF, CDC, USAID, DFID, JICA, ECHO, World Bank, UNHCR, UNOCHA, Health Pool Fund, IOM, AWG, WASH Cluster partners, ICRC, IFRC, SSRC, WFP, Min of Interior, AMREF, MSF family, IMC, ICRC, ALIMA, IRC, World Vision, America Refugee Committee, SCI, UNMISS, UNDSS, UNDP, SPLA, LS, DFCA, ARC, Samaritan's Purse, MEDAIR, REACH and UNHASS.

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