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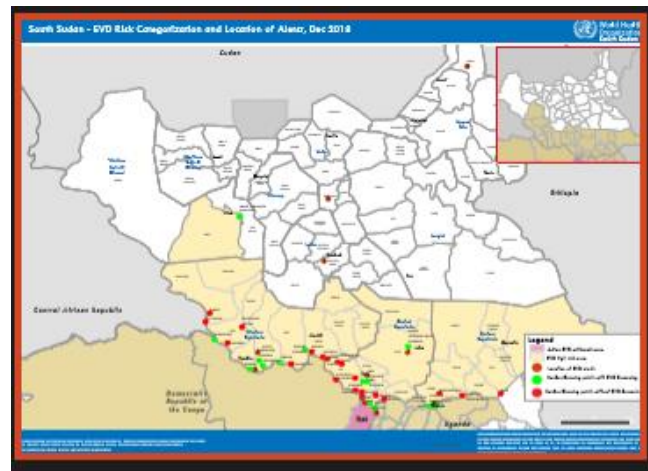
Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

Update # 17

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1. Highlights

- The newly constructed Infectious Disease Unit was opened by His Excellency, Gen. Taban Deng Gai, The Vice President of South Sudan.
- A suspected Ebola case was reported in Yambio and investigated by the RRT. The sample was negative for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).
- WHO shared all the SOPs with UNICEF for review and an edit. The edited SOPs will be shared to the MOH for final review and approval.
- Eighteen screening points are operational. The Ministry of Health (MoH) conducts the screening with support from WHO, IOM, SCI, WVISS and CAUMM. About 869,016 people entering South Sudan have been screened.
- The isolation center in Yei were completed and handed over to the State Ministry of Health (SMOH). Accordingly, the State MOH deployed eight health workers to manage the center.



South Sudan EVD risk categorization and location of alerts December 2018

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

2.1. Latest updates

- EVD transmission in DRC continues in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. In the reporting period, two new cases were identified at Beni (1) and Mabalako (1).
- As of 28th December 2018, a total of 593 EVD cases reported, of these 545 confirmed and 48 probable cases.
- Since the outbreak a total of 360 deaths occurred with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 66%.
- As of 28th December 2018, a total of 53,613 people have been vaccinated for EVD.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1. Coordination

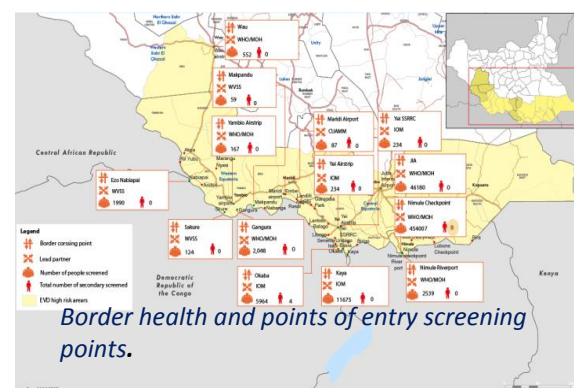
- A national taskforce meeting was held on 20 December 2018 at the PHEOC in Juba. State Task Force Meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Jubek, Nimule and Maridi. The next national task force meeting will be conducted on 3rd January 2019.

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 required to support priority activities for the coming six months.

3.3. Surveillance and Laboratory

- On 25th Dec 2018, a 28-year-old suspected EVD case was reported from Yambio. The RRT investigated the case and collected sample which was negative for EVD.



Border health and points of entry screening points.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- IOM-DTM and REACH conducted an assessment and mapping of POEs and population movement
- A total of 56,247 people were screened in eight screening posts during the reporting week; there were no data in nine other screening posts as shown in table 1 below

Table 1: People screened at border posts

Location	# of people screened
Yei Airport	24
Yei RRC	16
Kaya	3,427
Okaba	917
Takori	501
Khorijo	2,457
Pure	2,000
Nimule Border	46,905
Bazi	No data
Gangura	No data
Juba International Airport	No data
Panjala Docking River	No data
Sakure	No data
Maridi Airstrip	No data
Ezo	No data
Gangura	No data
Wau Airstrip	No data
Total	56,247

3.5. Case Management, Infection Prevention and Control

- IPC training for 40 military staff was conducted from 18th to 21st December 2018; full donning and doffing practical sessions conducted at the Infectious Disease Unit.

3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- No reported activity during the week.

3.7. Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization

- Eight schools were sensitized on EVD in Juba reaching 2,459 school children, 57 teaching staff and 31 non-teaching staff.
- About 5,500 people were sensitized on EVD at Konyo-Konyo and Custom's markets in Juba.

3.8. Logistics and Personnel deployment

- Field kits for RRT teams were prepositioned at EOC for ready deployment; field kits for Yei, Yambio, Jubek, Nimule and Maridi were dispatch to the states.
- 13 PPE VHF kits in country and packed at WHO warehouse.
- The construction of all isolation units are 80% completed; modifications requested by UNICEF/MSF were incorporated.

- Extra Logs Officer from logistics cluster deployed to support EVD preparedness activities.

3.9. Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Team finalized assessment and prioritization of health facilities for EBV vaccination.

3.10. Access, Safety and Security

- Access, Safety and Security technical working group completed Safe and Secured Approaches to Field Environment (SSAFE) training for Ebola preparedness personnel in Juba.
- Functional access, safety and security technical working group were established in Yei and Yambio.
- 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.

3.11 Updates from States

Yambio

- Investigated a suspected EVD case in Yambio. The results were negative for EVD.
- UNMISS facilitated the training of 85 community members on Ebola prevention and control
- UNICEF in collaboration with implementing partners (ECSS, Red Cross) support the on-going radio discussion programme and community engagement activities.
- Finalized operational plan and submitted to National Task Force.
- Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials are now available and are being distributed by partners.

Nimule

- CORDAID has initiated procurement of items needed to put up the screening point in Lobone
- On-going UNICEF support for EVD weekly radio talk shows and jingles (four times daily) for three (3) months
- Nimule EVD operational plan development and completing check-list evaluation are on-going.
- On-going construction at the Isolation facility; three slabs will be constructed for the isolation facility.

Maridi

- No reported activity during the week.

Jubek

- The State Taskforce (STF) trained 25 social mobilization team members in Juba
- The STF trained 40 SSDF from 18th - 21st Dec on EVD.
- STF requested MoH to intervene on partners' attendance to STF meetings.

Yei

- STF members together with UNICEF Chief of Field Office Greater Equatoria visited the completed Ebola Isolation facility in Yei River State Hospital.
- EVD screening is ongoing in seven sites (Yei airstrip, Yei SSRRC, Tokori, Okaba, Kaya, Pure and Khorijo). No alert reported
- RCCE TWG sensitized about 370 pregnant, lactating mothers, and community members at Sobe, New Site and Lemuko
- On-going EVD radio jingles and road drive

4.0. Challenges/Gaps.

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- Weak EVD preparedness structure in Maridi.
- Screening of high-level delegates and VIPs who do not pass through the regular VIP section at Juba International Airport.
- Inaccessibility due to bad road, insecurity and communication barriers.
- 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 and WHO to deploy staff to Maridi to strengthen EVD preparedness structure in the state.
- Ministry of Health to advocate to Ministry of Transport to enforce screening of VIPs at Juba International airport.
- The relevant authorities to negotiate for partners to access communities in EVD high risk areas.
- 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.
- Print 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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