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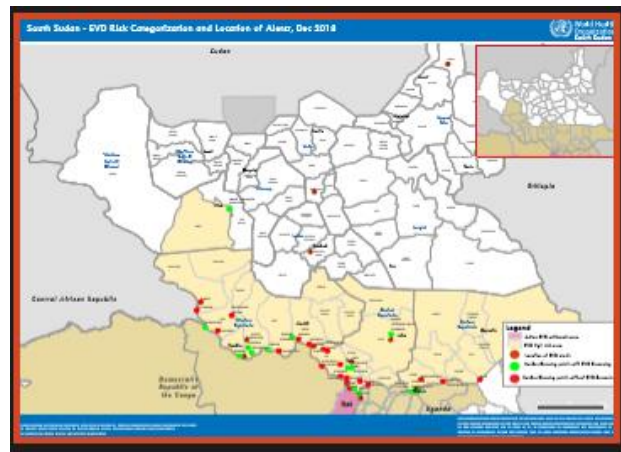
Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

Update # 20

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1. Highlights

- 40 health care workers from 20 private health-care facilities were trained on EVD case detection, isolation, and referral and reporting in Jubek State.
- The distribution of EVD case definition posters and fliers to the States will start this week.
- Nineteen screening points are operational. About 1,054,723 people entering South Sudan have been screened. The Ministry of Health (MoH) conducts the screening with support from WHO, IOM, SCI, WVISS and CAUMM.



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. As at 15th January 2019, 5 new case were identified at Katwa (2), Butembo (1), Kyodo (1) and Oicha (1).
- As of 15th January 2019, a total of 663 EVD cases reported, of these 614 confirmed and 49 probable cases.
- Since the outbreak a total of 407 deaths occurred with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 61%.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1. Coordination

- A national taskforce meeting was held on 17 January 2019 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 24 January 2019.
- Review of EVD preparedness evaluation checklist was finalized and the checklist shared.

3.2. Resource mobilization

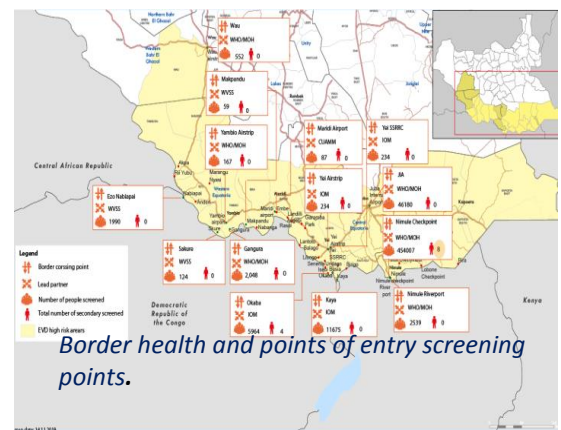
- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized US\$9.4 million out of 16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (57.7% of planned budget). Additional 6.9 million is required to support priority activities for the coming six months.

3.3. Surveillance and Laboratory

- No EVD alerts during the reporting week.
- The distribution of case definition to the States is to start this week.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- A total of 1,054,723 people were screened in nineteen screening posts during the reporting week.
- Two new points of entry have been operationalized in Bazi (1) and Nimule airstrip (1).



Border health and points of entry screening points.

Table 1: Screening data at the border crossing points

S/N	Location	State	No. of weeks operational	# of people screened	Secondary Screened	Average screening per week
1	JIA	Jubek	23	81,311	-	3,535
2	Nimule River	Torit	15	54,024	7	3,602
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	20	809,667	5	40,483
4	Gangura Border	Gbudue	19	6,812	-	359
5	Sakure	Gbudue	18	3,392	-	188
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudue	19	1,543	-	81
7	Wau	Wau	20	767	-	38
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	16	345	-	22
9	Kaya	Yei River	16	36,059	20	2,254
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	17	421	3	25
11	Okaba	Yei River	15	16,002	25	1,067
12	Makpandu	Gbudue	14	1,618	-	116
13	Ezo	Gbudue	13	16,200	-	1,246
14	Maridi	Maridi	14	186	1	13
15	Tikori	Yei River	10	1,741	3	174
16	Khorijo	Yei River	6	13,106	1	2,184
17	Pure	Yei River	6	10,977	2	1,830
18	Bazi	Yei River	1	536	-	536
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	1	16	-	16
	Total			1,054,723	67	

3.5. Case Management, Infection Prevention and Control

- Conducted training of health care workers from 20 private health-care facilities on EVD case detection, isolation, referral and reporting from 16 -18 January 2019.
- Yei isolation unit is still under construction and will be managed by AAH.

3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- No report during the reporting week.

3.7. Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization

- Conducted a Special Full-day consultation of RCMCE TWG and Partners on 15 Jan 2019 attended by 50 participants from 17 organizations.

3.8. Logistics and Personnel deployment

- WFP support for Kitting of the Vaccination support materials is pending the confirmation from WHO they have the Warehouse contract in place.
- Isolation Units are nearing completion.

3.9. Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Vaccination of Front line HCWs to start, as directed by National Ministry of Health, in Yambio instead of Juba.
- Drew up a program schedule for EVD vaccination in Jubek state targeting frontline health care workers from public & private health care facilities.
- The TWG in coordination with Jubek State Ministry of Health identified 16 health facilities with 450 health workers to be vaccinated in the upcoming EVD vaccination exercise.

3.10. Access, Safety and Security

- Ad hoc Security Risk Management (SRM) was conducted by the security professionals to support the establishment of Points of Entries /Screening Points.
- The TWG engaged with the Local authorities and parties in conflicts to establish the unhindered access to the EVD response areas.
- UNMISS force headquarters was requested to prioritize the EVD response mission if the Force Protection is essential.
- UNDSS has developed the EVD Response Contingency Plan EVD Escalation Matrix, SOPs for Security Clearance, Movement Tracking and Access Control of the UN Staff members.

3.11 Updates from States

Yambio

- The STF submitted report on the base line assessment on IPC and Hand hygiene compliance for Yambio, Nzara and Ezo general hospitals.
- STF submitted concept notes for training of health staff on Rapid Response Technics, IPC and Case management.

Nimule

- Ebola vaccination team conducted initial needs assessment for vaccination; functional health facilities were collated and the number of front line health care workers to be prioritized for Ebola vaccination documented.
- 42,980 travelers were screened.
- Two (100-120) liters capacity hand-washing stations are installed.

Maridi

- No reported activity during the week.

Jubek

- A 3-day training of Private Health Care Workers was conducted from 16-18 January.
- STF visited the proposed isolation site.
- Screening is ongoing at Juba International Airport although the VIP section remains a challenge.

Yei

- Yei River State Minister for Health invited WHO and UNICEF to discuss the quality of materials used to construct the isolation center.
- EVD preparedness and work plan for Yei River State shared with NTF.
- Ebola Isolation Center construction is completed.

4.0 Challenges/Gaps.

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- VIPs screening at Juba International Airport is yet to start.
- Non-compliance of some airlines to distribute the international arrival forms on board
- Delayed completion of isolation units.
- Access to areas outside Yei River County is challenging due to insecurity.
- Delay in setting up screening sites at some high risk points of entries.

5.0 Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- Ministry of Health to follow-up with Civil Aviation on the earlier discussion and approval for the screening of VIP at Juba International Airport
- Ministry of Health to further engage JIA management, through the office of the Undersecretary, to ensure airlines comply with distribution and filling of international arrival health forms on board.
- WFP to fast-track the completion of the isolation units at the prioritize states.
- The Access, Safety and Security TWG to engage local authorities and parties in conflicts to establish unhindered access to the EVD response areas.

6.0. Conclusion

The focus for the NTF in the coming week is to:

- Kick-start implementation of Ebola vaccination for the frontline health workers in Yambio and latter to other high-risk States.
- Fast-track completion of construction of Isolation Units.
- Address access challenges in parts of the high risks States especially Yei River County.

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, SSR, 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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