



Ministry of Health

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

6th February 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 84

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 5TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 4TH JANUARY 2019

- Cumulative cases: 789
- Confirmed cases: 735
- Probable: 54
- Total deaths: 488

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 IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

COORDINATION

Ntoroko District

- The DFID team visited the district and interacted with the district political leaders at Kibuku district headquarters. Thereafter, the team visited Rwebisengo ETU, Kayanja II, Ntoroko main, and Transami PoEs and had a community engagement at Kanara TC. The also visited Ntoroko HCIII, Stellamaris HCII and the UNHCR holding centre. Prominent issues discussed included remuneration of PoE volunteers, availability of second ambulance for quick transportation of alert cases and the high level of community awareness on EVD that was noted to be quite high.
- Local leaders appealed to leaders to pay outstanding and future allowances for trained people promptly to sustain their morale and contribution to EVD preparations.

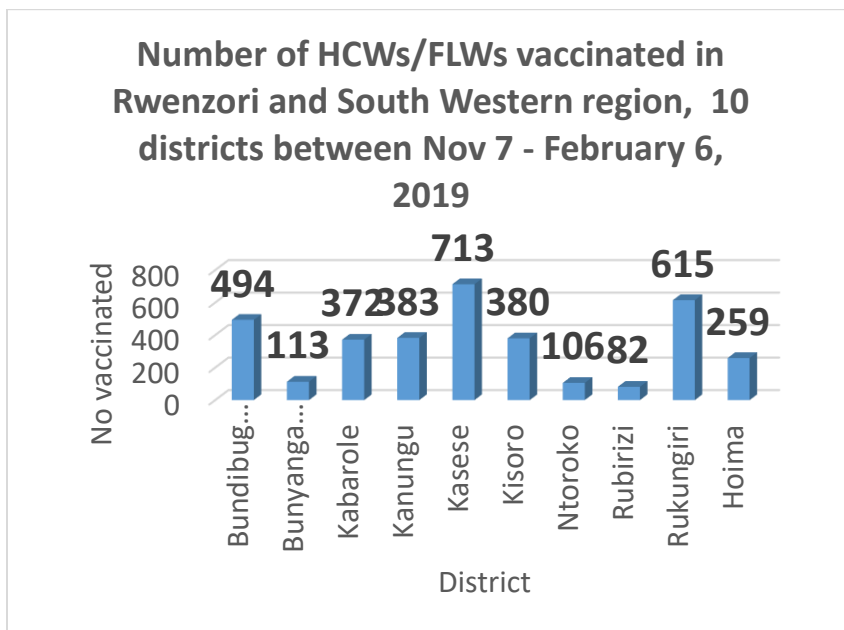
Kasese District

- The DTF requested the Resident District Commissioner to assist with enforcement of hand washing measures at Mpondwe post in light of proximity of EVD contacts near the Uganda border. DHT to intensify IPC messages at all health facilities especially on the border.

VACCINATION

- The vaccination exercise is going on well in Hoima district.
- As of 6th February, 2019 a total of 250 Health Care Worker/Front Line Workers have been vaccinated in Hoima district.
- Cumulatively 3517 FLWs/HCWs have been vaccinated in the targeted districts.

Figure below shows the numbers vaccinated since inception of the exercise on 7th November, 2018.





SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Bundibugyo District

- The Laboratory and Surveillance team conducted a two day orientation for 45 health workers (laboratory, clinicians, nurses, cleaners, psychosocial, veterinary, environmental, stores and some members from the DTF). The orientation focused on surveillance, sample collection, packaging, and transportation, biosafety, donning and doffing of PPE.
- Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers continue with temperature screening at PoEs and the trained VHTs and opinion leader are actively mobilizing communities for EVD
- The Bundibugyo district alert lines are operational full time i.e.: MTN 0773585655; Africell 0793975142.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- WHO team conducted cross border surveillance support supervision at Kaiso and Sebagoro PoEs. All screening teams are working despite the fact that MTI support ended on 31st January 2019.
- 104 new arrivals were screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs on 6th February 2019. No suspected cases detected.
- Community and facility-based EVD surveillance continues in both districts.
- A radio talk show on EVD was hosted on Spice FM in Hoima district on 6th February 2019. The panelists were the head of case management and the district surveillance focal person.
- Radio spots/messages on EVD continue to be aired out on local FM stations in Hoima district.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of chlorine at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs.
- Government health workers are not participating in EVD screening especially at Sebagoro PoE.
- The screening tents need repair and doors locks.
- The fence at Sebagoro POE was destroyed by animals and needs repair.
- Plastic basins for foot bath were reportedly stolen; need replacement and increased security at all facilities.



- Delay by UNHCR to pick new arrivals from DRC (asylum seekers) with some spending up to 6 days at the PoE thus congesting the place.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Ntoroko District

- An 8 year old female from Beni DRC come to Uganda last week. She developed EVD-like symptoms 3 days ago i.e. bloody diarrhea, bleeding gums and fever. She was admitted at MTI holding centre Stella Maris HCII in Kanara Town Council. She was transferred 6th February 2019 to the newly constructed Rwebisengo ETU for management and investigation - the first case in the ETU. A sample was picked and taken to Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) for investigation.

Kasese District

- DHT/WHO team supervised Bwera Hospital. No unreported or missed case of EVD detected at the facility. Six (6) health workers were re-oriented on EVD with emphasis on IPC.
- Active search to be strengthened by the facility surveillance focal person.
- Health workers to share more information with the trained VHTs to enhance alert identification and reporting.
- IPC assessment of conducted at Rwenzori Nursing School and staff advise on IPC improvement.
- Daily health education sessions to be conducted at the facility for Out Patients and other people.
- Kiko H/C III assessed on IPC scoring 62% compared to 50% before; 7 health workers mentored on IPC. The health facility was supplied with SoPs on hand hygiene and chlorine mixing.
- Mentored health workers at Muhooti H/C III on IPC, waste handling, hand washing and components of standard precaution.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of hand washing facility at the entrance.
- Water taps need urgent repair.
- Staff need orientation on other aspects of IPC.
- IPC committees are inactive.



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No of People Screened at selected POEs in Kasese District on 6th February 2019

No	POE site	Number of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	7922
3	Kayanzi	08
4	Mirami	248
5	Kisolholho	185
6	Kithoma	1047
	Total	9,410

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

- Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers continued with house-to-house strategy interacting with 102 households reaching 468 people EVD messages.

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