



Ministry of Health

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 25TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 24TH MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1016
- Confirmed cases: 951
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 634

a) 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.**

b) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 25th March 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	11,220
2	Kayanzi	03
3	Mirami	428
4	Kisolholho	411



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5	Kithoma	203
6	Katwe	42
	Total	12,307

- The Ministry of Health and WHO supported the surveillance team to visit Buhaghura, Kabatunda, Rwensande and Kitswamba health units where they conducted active case search. No cases were detected.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of standard of case definition charts.
- Inadequate EVD information among health workers at some units.
- Lack of water at Mpondwe Point of Entry (PoE).
- There are no tents at Kisolholho and Mirami PoEs.
- Kisolholho and Mirami PoEs don't have sanitation facilities.
- No funding to support active search and supervision at health facilities.

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- A new screening point was opened at Bundimirambi PoE and is fully operational.
- Surveillance team conducted supportive supervision and active search at Bundibugyo Hospital. No unreported or missed cases of EVD recorded at the facility. Ten health care workers and 60 community members were oriented on EVD.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- UNICEF supplied the district with PPEs and a report will be presented in the next District Task Force (DTF).



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- Community-Based Disease Surveillance (CBDS) is going on in the communities.
- The surveillance team conducted active search at Kabonero HC III and Kibiito HC IV. The ODK tool was filled for EVD and integrated support supervision. The following were noted at the two facilities:
 - No EVD alert case reported.
 - Both facilities have EVD posters.
 - Daily EVD active search is done at the facilities.
 - Frontline health workers are knowledgeable about EVD case definition.

Gaps and Challenges

- No transport and field allowances for the district surveillance team.

Kikuube District

- Active case search, facility surveillance and CBDS by Village Health Teams progressing well in Kikuube district. No cases reported.
- 469 new arrivals screened for EVD between 22nd to 25th March 2019 at Sebagoro and Nsonga PoEs. No alert or suspected case detected.

No of people screened for EVD at PoEs in Kikuube District from 22nd to 25th March 2019

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened			
		22 nd March 2019	23 rd March 2019	24 th March 2019	25 th March 2019
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube	49	38	00	34
Sebagoro	Kikuube	34	52	75	187
Total		83	90	75	221

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Kasese District



Achievements

- The district received WASH supplies from UNICEF to support both primary and secondary schools.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- IPC orientation and mentorship going on in schools.
- Follow up visit done in Kabonero HC III and Kibiito HC IV.
- Hand washing being done in many places.
- There's proper waste segregation and disposal in health facilities.
- Basic PPE being used by staff.
- Chlorine mixture being utilized
- ODK checklist well filled by responsible health workers.
- The general sanitation was good in many health facilities.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

Achievements

- Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) presented their weekly report of 16th to 22nd March 2019 and it indicated the following:
 - 458 household visited and residents mobilized for EVD action.
 - 3,074 people reached with EVD messages.
 - 71 community meetings conducted both in schools and communities attended by 15,203 people.
 - 592 pieces of IEC materials distributed.
 - 93,551 people screened at PoEs.
- These activities were implemented in Karusandara Maliba, Bugoye, Kitwamba, Hiima, Bwera, Kitholhu, Mpondwe, Karambi, Nyakiyumbu, Kisinga, Kagando, Kyarumba and Kilembe communities.



Kabarole District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers mobilized and communicated EVD risk to taxi drivers and passengers at Nyakaseke new taxi park.
- They visited 181 households and reached 404 people with EVD messages. They conducted six community meetings attended by 331. They demonstrated proper hand washing and distributed 103 posters and 31 leaflets.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers conducted two community meetings on EVD in Buheesi and Rwimi town councils. They were attended by 665 people (23 males 16 females and 626 children).
- They visited 141 households and shared EVD information with 561 people (186 males, 266 female and 109 children). They distributed 90 posters and 64 fact sheets.

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