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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

14th November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 54

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 13th November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 12th November 2018

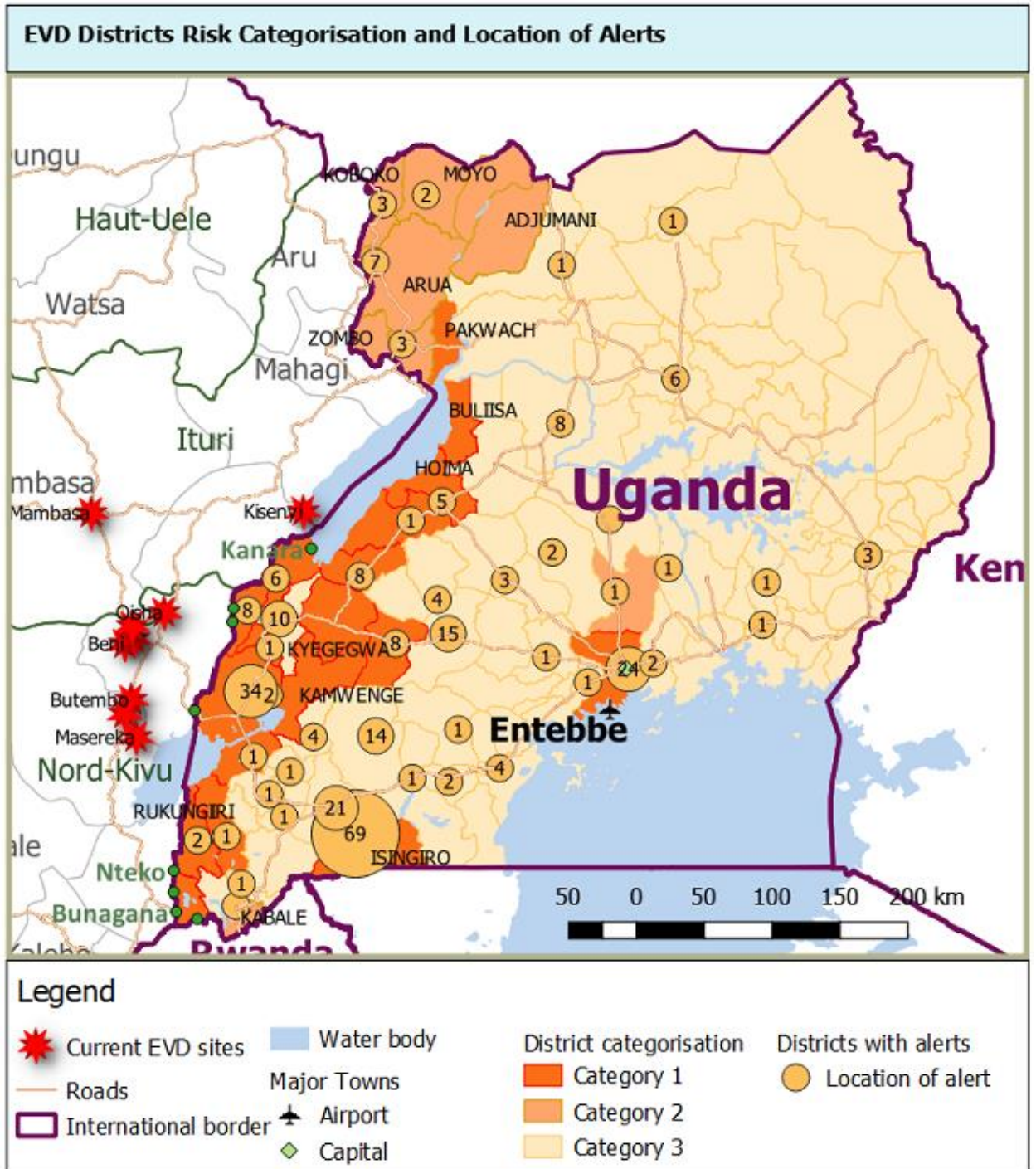
- Cumulative cases: 339
- Confirmed cases : 301
- Probable : 38
- Total deaths : 212
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 43
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated

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.**
- **Vaccination of frontline health workers started in Kasese district on 13th November 2018. After Kasese, the vaccination teams will move to Bundibugyo, Bunyangabu and Kabarole districts.**



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c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)



VACCINATION

- The vaccination exercise started in Kasese district on November 13th, 2018.
- A total of 103 HCWs were vaccinated on November 13th, 2018.
- Three hospitals namely Bwera, Kagando and Kilembe were targeted.
- Two teams were assigned per hospital
- In some hospitals the management team had to be vaccinated first which encouraged other health workers to accept the vaccine as well.

COORDINATION

Bundibugyo District

- WHO and UNICEF held a partner's coordination meeting at the DHO's office in which participants were updated on the preparedness activities. Successes, challenges and gaps especially for WASH were highlighted. The EVD preparedness checklist was used to guide the discussions.
- The current WHO field officer for Bundibugyo informed the meeting about the upcoming high-level visit by DFID to Rwenzori region and also shared the draft programme/itinerary. Some changes were suggested on the itinerary.
- WHO and UNICEF met with the Chief Finance Officer and discussed how to resolve bottle necks hindering quick access of EVD preparedness funds. CFO reassured the team that EVD Funds and any other donor money will be fast tracked. However, he acknowledged that IFMIS has technicalities some of which may delay the access to funds.

Ntoroko District

- There was a District Task Force meeting that was attended by various partners.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Ntoroko District

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the community or health facilities.



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- The DHT and WHO team conducted supportive supervision visit to Kabimbiri and Haibale north border crossing point. Volunteers were briefed on EVD community case definition and the need for active surveillance and prompt reporting.

Bundibugyo District

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the community or health facilities.
- There were no alerts from all Points of Entry.
- Temperature screening was continuing normally and patients are washing their hands on entry into Uganda.
- WHO visited Kazaroho PoE and delivered Jik, gumboots and soap.
- The surveillance team did EVD preparedness assessments at Busaru HC IV and noted the following:
 - Hand washing among clients is being promoted
 - Health Facility Surveillance focal person is well equipped to identify EVD cases and take necessary actions
 - EVD posters were not on display
- **Actions**
 - Patient registers for the past three months were reviewed but no EVD alerts were identified.
 - Staff of the health unit were urged to have high index of suspicion for EVD and be able to report promptly.
 - Posters and leaflets with key messages on EVD provided to the Surveillance Focal Person

Kabarole District

- No alert cases reported in the district
- Active case search ongoing

Bunyangabu District

- No alert cases reported in the district
- Enhanced surveillance on-going
- WHO / DHT visited Pearl clinic, Kisomoro HC III, and Kicuucu HC II. A total of 10 HCWs and 2



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VHT were refreshed on EVD transmission, surveillance and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).

Kasese District

- No alerts reported from the community or health facilities
- WHO and DHT visited three (3) health facilities and re-oriented eight (8) health workers and three (3) VHTs on EVD preparedness and readiness as well as on IPC.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert or suspected case detected in both Hoima and Kikuube districts on Tuesday 13th November 2018 as at 18:00 hours.
- Seventy one (71) news arrivals from DRC were screened at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso PoEs. No alert or suspected case detected.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

Kabarole District

- Fourteen (14) health care workers and six (6) VHTs in Ruteete HC III and Kibaale HC II were mentored on EVD risk factors and role of health workers in IPC.

Bunyangabu District

- Mentored 19 health care workers and 7 VHTs at Rurama HC II, Rwimi Prisons HC III, and Kasunganyanja HC III oriented on IPC.
- Uganda Red Cross Society distributed IPC materials in Kibota HC II, Kicuucu HC II, Yerya HC III, Rubona Medical Center, St Jude clinic, Sanyu Clinic, Kibiito prison HC II, Nightingale clinic, and Andre medical center.

Kasese District

- Kilembe Hospital, Afia HC III, Hamukungu HC II, Hima Government HC III, Kaveera Army HC III, Rusese Army HC II, and Kalambi HC III Seven (7) were visited since Wednesday last week and 113 staff mentored.
- EVD engagement with emphasis on hand washing and reporting alerts was held for 616 Security officers. They were from Kilembe Army Barracks, Rukooki Army Barracks, Kaveera Hima Army



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Barracks, Rusese Bwera Army Barracks, and Kalambi Army Barracks. Other participants were from Hima Cement Factory, security organ, drivers, contractors, administrators and factory workers.

- At Rusese Army Barracks Bwera, health care workers attached to Rusese HC II together with other security officer and their spouses were mentored in IPC with emphasis on Hand washing and social distancing. Four sessions were conducted for 153 people. A hand washing apparatus donated by Save the Children was stationed at the entrance of Rusese Army Barracks.
- At Karambi Army Barracks 49 officers were oriented and at Karambi Government HC III, 11 health care workers attended the training.

Ntoroko District

- No alert or suspected cases in isolation on 13th November, 2018.
- IPC coordination committee meeting was held at Karugutu H/C IV. Plans were drawn to continue the ongoing IPC mentorship at facility levels.
- UNICEF officers mentored the district IPC committee on chlorine mixing and preparation for use at various locations.

Bundibugyo District

- UNICEF conducted a one-hour session for fifteen (15) District Response Team members on infant and young child feeding in the context of Ebola outbreak.
- WHO supplied jik, gum boots and soap to Kazaroho PoE
- WFP continued with the delivery of IPC materials to health facilities. The distribution will be finalized on Wednesday 14th November, 2018.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

- URCS volunteers conducted risk communication in 6 different administrative area in Kabarole district using house to house strategy. A total of 244 households were visited and 905 people reached with EVD messages. 108 posters were displayed in various public places. In addition, the teams conducted hand washing demonstrations during the community engagements.



Bunyangabu

- The URCS volunteers continued to disseminate EVD messages in Kisomoro, Kibiito sub-counties and Rwimi Town Council. Ninety (90) households were visited, and 249 people reached with EVD message, including 108 children.
- 3 Community meetings were conducted in in Kibiito Town Council and 136 people reached with Ebola prevention message.

LOGISTICS

- The logistics team led by WFP helped to ensure distribution IPC and vaccination materials and supplies to all health facilities where the exercise was implemented.

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