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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

20th November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 58

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 19th November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 18th November 2018

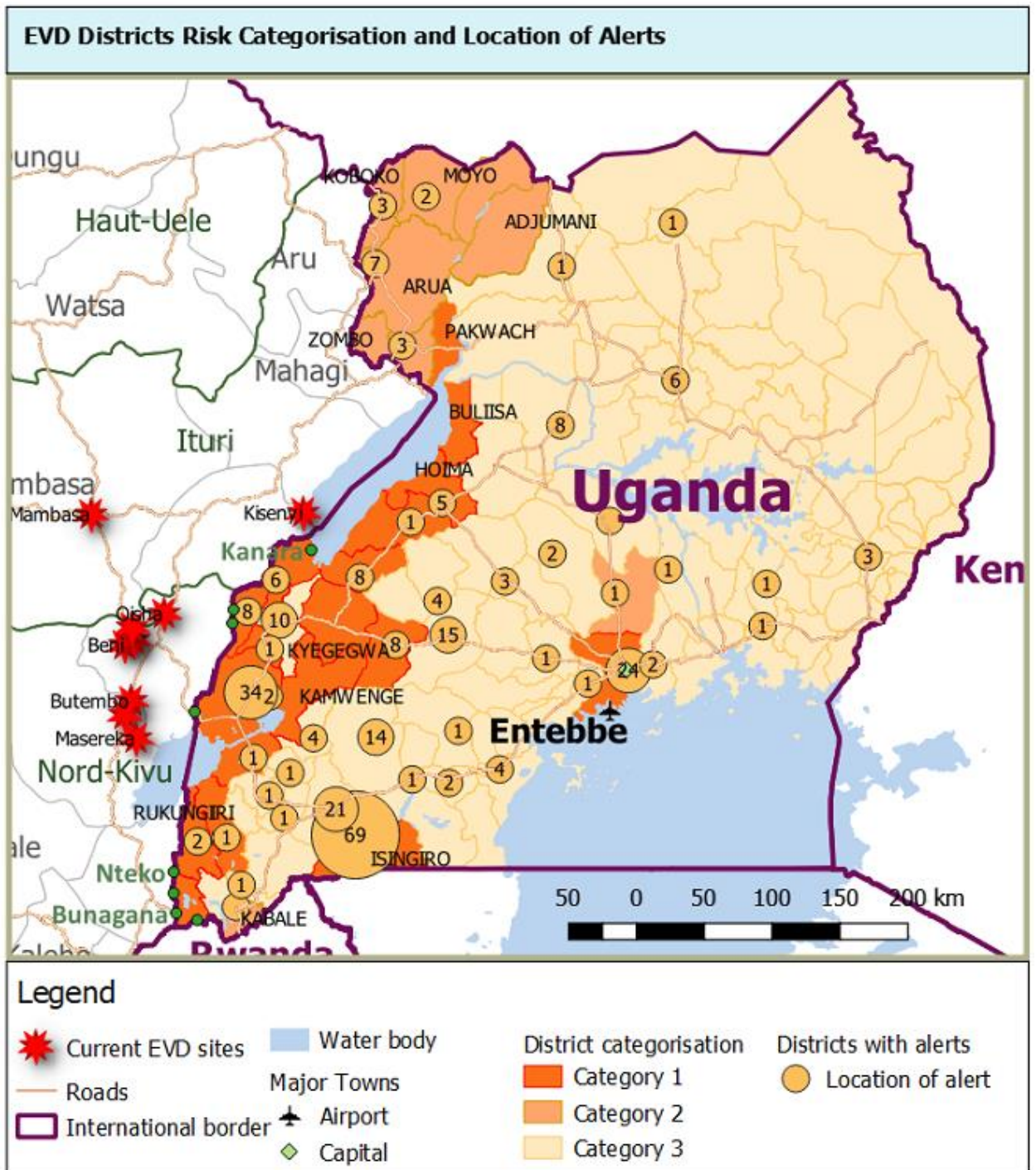
- Cumulative cases: 373
- Confirmed cases : 326
- Probable : 47
- Total deaths : 216
- Suspect Cases under investigation :75
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated

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.**



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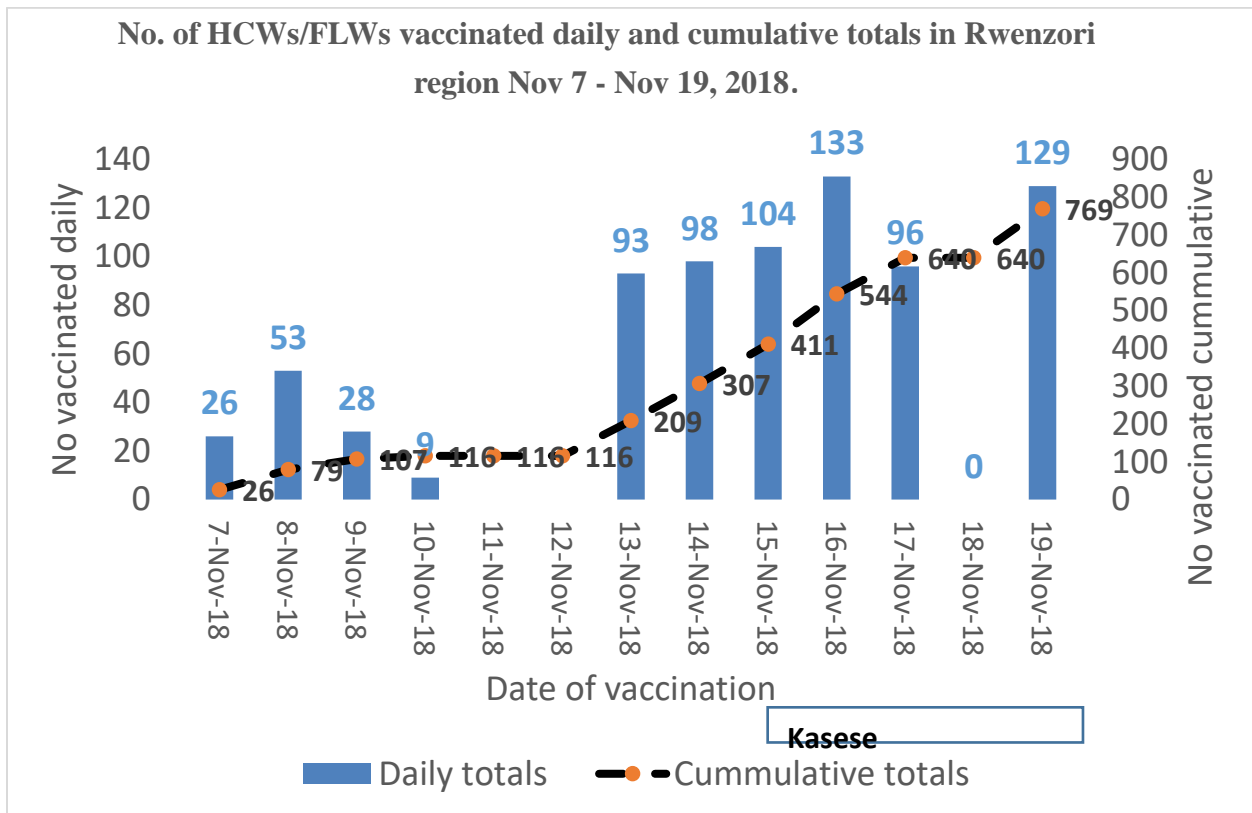
c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)



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VACCINATION

- Total vaccinated in Ntoroko is 107 HCWs/FLWs
- As of Nov 17, total vaccinated in Kasese is 662 HCWs/FLWs
- Overall total number vaccinated in 10 days is 769 HCWs/FLWs.
- Vaccination exercise ongoing in Kasese district



COORDINATION

Kasese District

- The DTF continued preparations for the visit of the DFID team.

Kabarole District



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- Psychosocial training will start on 21st November, 2018 with orientation of leaders for one day at the RDC's board room followed by a 3 days training for health care workers at Tooro botanical.

Bunyangabu District

- Psychosocial training will start on 21st November, 2018 with orientation of leaders followed by a 3 days training of health care workers at Kibito HC IV board room.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Bundibugyo District

- There was one (1) alert case detected at Butoogho Point of Entry (PoE).
- DHT/WHO team assessed three (3) PoEs in Sindilla Subcounty and found out the following:
 - Buliata PoE neighbouring Kaamnjara village in DRC has an average of 80 people crossing every day.
 - Kinyamboma PoE near Bulese village, DRC has an average of 50 people crossing every day.
 - Busoru II PoE near Bugano village DRC has an average of 45 people crossing every day including school children.
 - The PoEs are manned by Uganda immigration personnel.
 - Seven (7) immigration officers, 1 VHT and 2 LCI were sensitized on signs and symptoms of EVD and reporting mechanisms of alert case.

Conclusion and recommendation:

- Two (2) PoEs are gazetted and manned by both immigration and Uganda Revenue Authority officers which makes morning population movements that are quite substantial easier.
- All the 3 PoEs should be operationalized to bring the functional PoEs in the district to 15.

Needed items per each of the 5 POEs (to make them fully operational)

- Allowances for (3) volunteers per PoE.



- Hand washing facilities
- Infrared thermometers
- Assorted IPC supplies (gloves, aprons, masks),
- 2 small tent per site (screening tent and a holding area for alerts.)
- A table and 3 chairs per POE
- A Mobilet (toilet facilities)

Kasese District

- No alert or suspected cases reported on 20th November, 2018.
- DHT/WHO team assessed Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) readiness and preparedness in addition to orienting health workers on EVD at Kitabu HCIII, Bwethe HCII, and Munkunyu HCII.

Ntoroko District

- Surveillance team conducted supportive supervision and data collection at Fridge landing site. Temperature screening was ongoing and the volunteers given more tips on EVD. However, the screening tent was recently blown away by a storm and floor materials vandalised. This was reported to the police for appropriate action.
- The surveillance team supported preparation for the psychosocial training that started in the district today 20th November, 2018.

Kabarole District

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 19th November, 2018.
- Active case search on-going

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert or suspected case detected in both Hoima and Kikuube districts on Monday 19th November 2018 as at 18:00 hours.



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- Fifty three (53) new arrivals were screened at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected.
- The ETU at Kasonga is ready to admit patients. However, some structural aspects such as electrical installation, laundry and ambulance decontamination area are not yet complete.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

Bundibugyo District

- There is one (1) alert case is admitted in the Bundibugyo ETU. He is a 10 year old male from Mampopia village in DRC. He was identified at Butoogho PoE with a temperature of 40.5°C. He reported having fevers for 5 days associated with bloody stools. The malaria RDT was negative. Supportive management has been instituted and a blood a sample has been dispatched to Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) for testing.

Kabarole District

- A total of 15 health care workers and 13 VHTs from Kicwamba HC III, Bwanika HC II and Nyantaboma HC III were successfully mentored in IPC. They were also taken through a practical session on Chlorine constitution, waste segregation management, hand hygiene and cleaning and disinfection.
- Health facility IPC assessments for Kateebwa HCIII and Mujunju HC II were also conducted.

Bunyangabu District

- There is one alert case reported in the district. KR is a 25 year old male from Buheesi who presented with fever, bloody diarrhoea, abdominal pain, and headache for 3 days is being managed at FPRRH. His results were however negative for EVD.



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- Eight (8) health care workers from Kateebwa HCIII and Mujunju HC II were successfully mentored in IPC. They are also taken through a practical session on Chlorine constitution, waste segregation management, hand hygiene and cleaning and disinfection.
- Health facility IPC assessments for Kateebwa HC III and Mujunju HC II were also conducted.

Kasese District

- The IPC team conducted IPC assessment at Kyondo HC III which scored 23 %. Gaps identified included lack of water, electricity and a faulty solar system. The EPI fridge is not functional, while the incinerator and isolation room are not available. The labor ward and postnatal ward were dirty with poor instrument reprocessing.
- The staff promised to make improvements on the identified gaps. They will be mentored on IPC on Wednesday November 28th, 2018.
- IPC assessment score at Kyarumba (Government of Uganda) HC III was 35%. The facility has no isolation room, no running water (water is fetched from a nearby river), and the incinerator was untidy. The staff promised to make some improvement. They will be mentored on IPC on Wednesday November 28th, 2018.
- IPC assessment at Kyarumba PNFP HC III scored 58%. The gaps identified included lack of incinerator, and no training of staff in Ebola case management. Staff will be mentored on Thursday November 29th, 2018.

Ntoroko District

- No alert or suspected cases in isolation on 19th November, 2018.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

- The Ministry of Health and WHO are conducting a one week ToT on Community-based surveillance and risk Communication for fifty (50) participants from the five EVD high risk districts. The composition is 4 CE officers, 4 surveillance officers and two security officers per district team.

Bundibugyo District



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- 4 Radio talk shows sponsored by UNICEF were held on DFM and VOB FM on the 16th and 18th of November. Key issues raised during the talk shows were about the small number of manned PoEs, need for more posters in the community and need for EVD immunization in the community.
- UNICEF will also sponsor (2) weekly radio talk shows subsequently.

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