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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 62

**a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

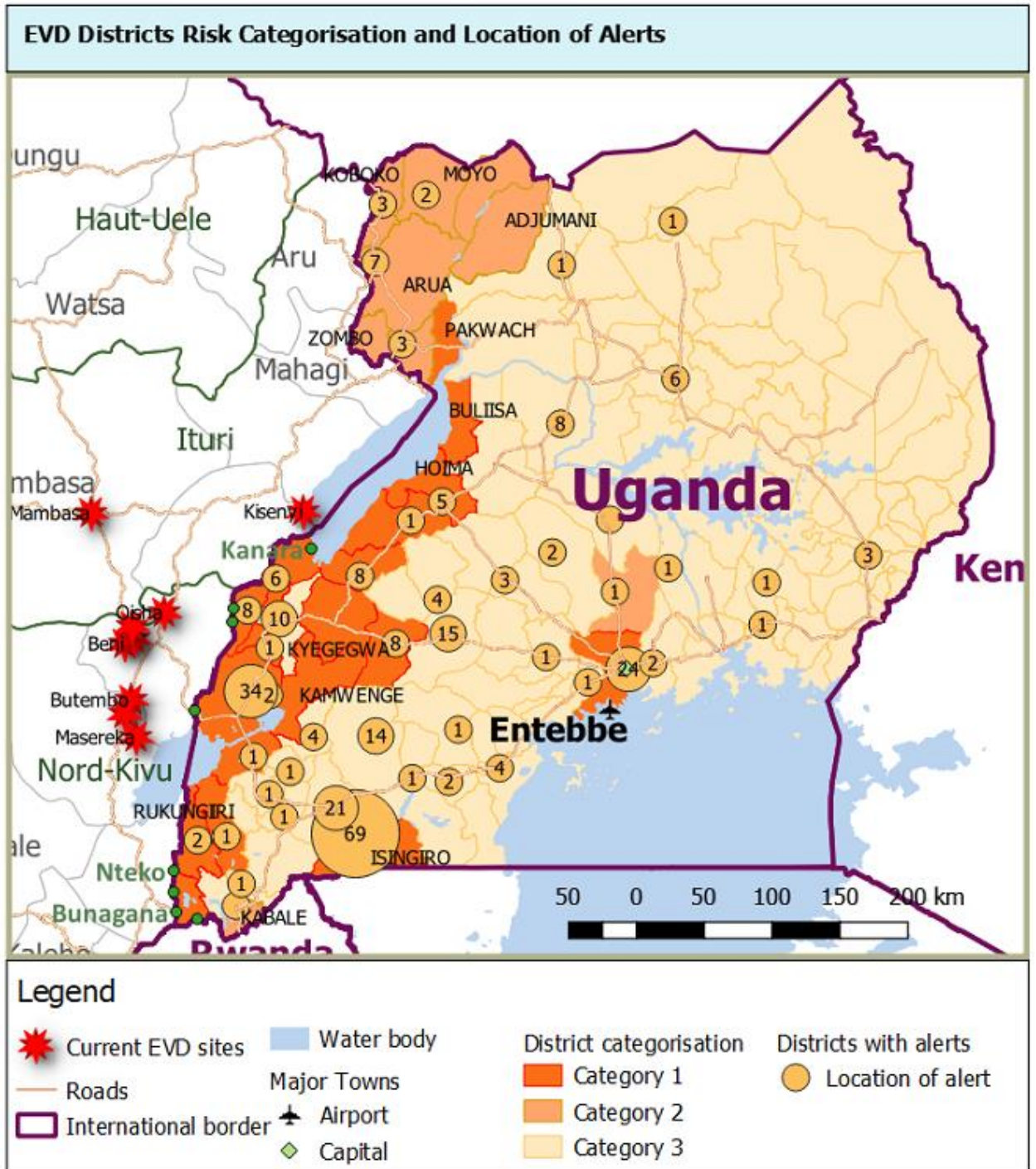
- Cumulative cases: 421
- Confirmed cases : 374
- Probable : 47
- Total deaths : 241
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 74
- Areas affected : Two provinces
  - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
  - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated

**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)**



## VACCINATION

The following key activities were done in Kabarole district:

- There was engagement and social mobilization of health workers in Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital, Kabarole Hospital and Virika Hospital.
- Several sessions were held with the hospital administrators, heads of departments and all are set for the vaccination exercise that started today, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Staff in some peripheral health facilities were also mobilized and informed about the pending vaccination exercise.

## COORDINATION

### **Bundibugyo District**

- There was a meeting with the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team at Bundibugyo hospital. It was attended by the Senior Hospital Administrator, the Principle Nursing Officer, the Ward In-Charges and Senior Nursing Officer for supervision and the hospital IPC Focal Person. The meeting emphasised the importance of IPC and mentoring of hospital staff in the coming days.

### **Kasese District**

- There was a small cross border consultative meeting between selected members of Kasese district Ebola taskforce and officials of the Kasindi Lubirilah Port Health Authority in the DRC. They discussed information sharing, screening procedures, community engagement and dialogues and concerns about the gaps in the screening process at the entry points on both sides.

### **Kabarole District**

- No activity to report under this pillar.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- No activity to report under this pillar.



## **Ntoroko District**

- No activity to report under this pillar.

## **SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES**

### **Bundibugyo District**

- There was an alert case of a young man who presented with fever, cough and watery diarrhoea. He died on arrival at the Kanyamwirima Health Center III. He had no history of contact with an EVD case or consumption of bush meet. He did not meet the EVD case definition and the body was released to his relatives for burial.
- There were no alert of suspected cases at all the PoEs.

### **Ntoroko District**

- There were no alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.
- WHO/DHT team conducted supportive supervision at Rwangara HCII and interacted with nine (9) health workers on EVD, IPC, surveillance, reporting and community engagement. A review of records indicated that the staffs were conducting health education sessions at the facility least three (3) times a week.
- The team also visited Rwangara and Katanga landing sites where temperature screening by the volunteers was ongoing well. They were urged to enhance community engagement, detect alert cases using the case definition, report promptly and ensure personal protection.

### **Kabarole District**

- There were no alert or suspected cases reported on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.
- **All the five (5) alert cases reported in Update 61 of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, were negative for EVD and other Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers (VHFs).**
  - The DHT/WHO team conducted supportive supervision at Kaswa HC III and Sarah Medical Clinic HC II. They oriented eleven (11) health care workers on EVD. The team reviewed the OPD register which revealed one alert EVD case at Kiswa HC III was not reported. The health workers were cautioned to be strict and always report such cases.



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- "The story of Ebola" and "7 Steps of Hand Washing" videos were used in the orientation session.
- Active case search on-going.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- No alert or suspected cases reported on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.
- Active case search on-going.

### **Hoima and Kikuube Districts**

- No alert or suspected case detected in both Hoima and Kikuube districts as at 18:00 hours Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- 153 new arrivals screened at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected among them.
- In Kikuube district, 311 health workers have been identified as eligible for EVD vaccination.
- The ETU at Kasonga is now complete only electrical installation by the UNHCR shelter team is pending.

## **CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)**

### **Bundibugyo District**

- There were no patients admitted in the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.
- The elderly male alert case who died at Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital (FRRH) was buried on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. The community was a bit unruly but this was handled by the police and community leaders.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- There was IPC assessments and mentorship at Police Barracks HC and Lillah HC II. Gaps identified include lack of waste segregation, lack of bin liners, inadequate latrines facilities especially at Police Barracks HC. Others were lack of an IPC committees, absence of colour coded bin liners, few hand



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washing facilities and lack of isolation rooms. Ten (10) health care workers and 7 VHTs were mentored on IPC.

### **Kasese District**

- No alert or suspected cases admitted in the ETU
- IPC assessment was conducted at Kyambogho Health Centre II and the score was 20%. Poor waste disposal, lack of safety boxes and colour coded bins, poor hand washing practice by health care workers, lack of water, no burning pit and a dirty and dusty working environment contributed to this low score. There will be mentorship for staff at this facility next week.
- At Kisolholho HCII, ten (10) health care workers were mentored on EVD IPC.

### **Ntoroko District**

- No alert or suspected cases in isolation on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

### **Rubirizi**

- Training of the ten (10) member burial team for Rubirizi district was conducted in Rubirizi Town on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018.

## **RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION**

### **Bundibugyo District**

- No major activity under this pillar.

### **Kabarole District**

- Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers visited 195 households and reached 477 people with EVD messages. They displayed 129 posters and distributed 89 leaflets. They demonstrated proper and washing.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- No major activity under this pillar.

### **Kasese District**



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- URCS volunteers visited 863 households and reached 3046 people with EVD messages. They displayed 455 posters and distributed 665 leaflets.
- The volunteers held 30 community meetings attended by 4,606 people.
- 91,022 people were screened and given EVD information at the five Points of Entry.
- The film staged shows in 22 community venues.

**Ntoroko District**

- No activity conducted under this pillar

**LOGISTICS**

- A total of 32 vials (320 doses) were delivered to Kabarole District in preparation for the vaccination exercise that started 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Total in the Arteck is 34 Vials.

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