



# **SOUTH SUDAN EVD TASKFORCE MEETING**

## **10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**

**Update on South Sudan's preparedness and response readiness capacities**

# NTF Meeting Agenda; 3/1/2019

Item	Description	Time	Responsible person
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-Introduction</li> <li>Communication from the Hon. Minister</li> </ul>	2:00-2:05 pm	Dr Riek Gai Kok
2	Review of action points from previous meeting	2:05-2:20 pm	Dr Richard Lako/Dr Ayana – IM
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latest Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC</li> <li>Dashboard, SOPs, JMM</li> </ul>	2:35-2:45 pm	Mathew/Dr Ifeanyi
4	Updates on EVD TWGs per thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Status/progress made</li> <li>Update from STFs</li> <li>Update from Health Cluster</li> </ul> Discussion	2:45-3:20 pm	TWGs leads & Co. leads
5	A.O.B	3:20-3:30 pm	All

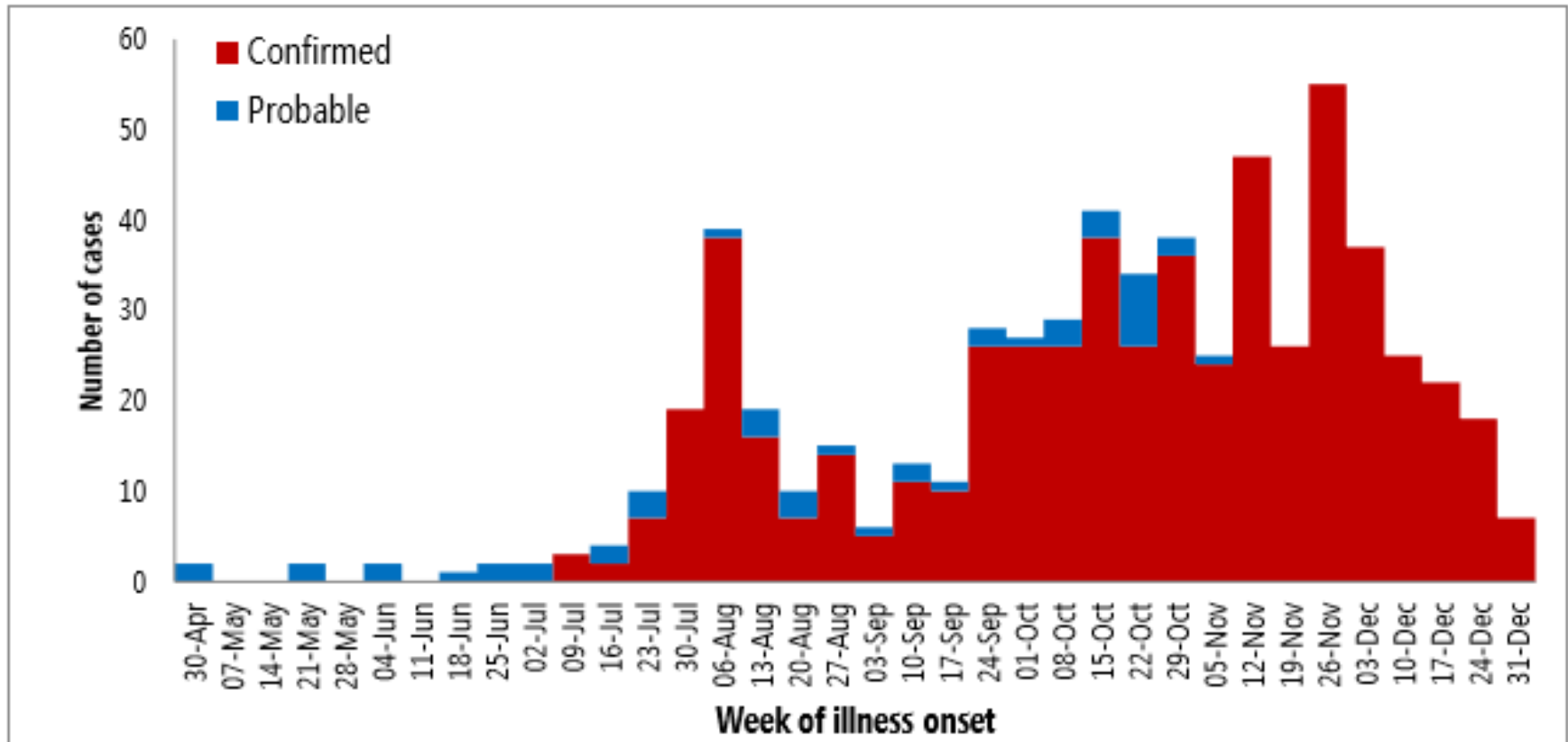


# DRC: EVD Update 1<sup>st</sup> Week Jan

DRC: EVD UPDATE						
Dates	Cumulative				New cases	Location of new cases
	Total	Confirmed	Probable	Deaths		
1-Jan	608	560	48	368	6	Butembo (2), Katwa (2) , Beni (20)
2-Jan	609	561	48	370	1	Komanda (1)
3-Jan	613	565	48	371	4	Butembo (2), Katwa (2)
4-Jan	614	566	48	374	1	Katwa (1)
5-Jan	623	575	48	374	9	Butembo (4), Oicha (2), Katwa (1), Kyondo (1), Kalunguta (1).
6-Jan	625	577	48	377	2	Mabalako (1); Katwa (1)
7-Jan	627	579	48	382	2	Katwa (1), Oicha (1)
8-Jan	628	580	48	383	1	Katwa (1)



## Confirmed and probable EVD cases by week of illness onset, as of 6 January 2019 (n=625)



# Review of Action Points

- Action Points



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# Epi and Surveillance TWG



# Slide 2: Activities/accomplishments

- Case definition printed–distribution plan is ready to be shared with WFP
- List of Epi and surveillance TWG partners shared-for SOPs
- Final WHO comments on SOPs incorporated. MoH gave a go ahead for SOPs printing and the MoH request to UNICEF; the SOP acknowledgment is awaiting signature
- SIMEX's concept note is ready, tentative dates is the last week January, 2019
- No EVD alerts during the reporting week



# EVD Case Definition Distribution Plan

**EVD CASE DEFINITION DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

State	# of HF	# of EVD Posters	# of EVD A4
Central Equatoria	258	516	774
Eastern Equatoria	173	346	519
Jonglei	154	308	154
Lakes	102	204	102
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	107	214	107
Unity	116	232	116
Upper Nile	153	306	153
Warrap	120	240	120
Western Bahr el Ghazal	106	212	106
Western Equatoria	174	348	522
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1463</b>	<b>2926</b>	<b>2673</b>

Total # EVD Posters Available	4000
# of poster distributed	2926
Balance	1074

Total # EVD A4 Available	3000
# of poster distributed	2673
Balance	327





## Slide 3- challenges that need assistance from NTF

- NTF to advice on calling back the Emergency Preparedness and Response/IDSR Forum to discuss the disease trends and going outbreaks (used to take place every Wednesday at 2:00pm)



# Slide 4: Priorities for the upcoming week

- Develop concept note for national contact tracing training
- Finalize the process of NRRT one day orientation
- Follow up on the case definition distribution



# Lab TWG



# Slide 1: Activities/accomplishments

- **State Lab Trainings:** Planned to be conducted in January in Yambio and Yei. 15 participants from each to be trained on safe sample collection, packaging and transport for EVD.
- **PCR Lab Set-up:** PCR machine has arrived. Awaiting reagents with dry ice; Arrangement for the installation is on-going.
- **Infectious Substances Shipping Training:** 7 people from South Sudan are to be trained and certified on infectious substances shipping in Brazzaville (21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January).



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## Access, Safety & Security TWG



# Slide 1: Activities/accomplishments

- Supported in activating the Safety, Security & Access TWG in Yambio and Yei.
- Security Coordination with Yambio and Yei Security Actors (UNDSS, UNMISS, AFP Security Personnel, HG Security) concerning EVD Activities.
- Coordinated the EVD Awareness Training for UN Personnel in Yei through WHO Sub-Office Yei.
- Conducted SSAFE Training for EVD Preparedness personnel.



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## Border Health & POE TWG



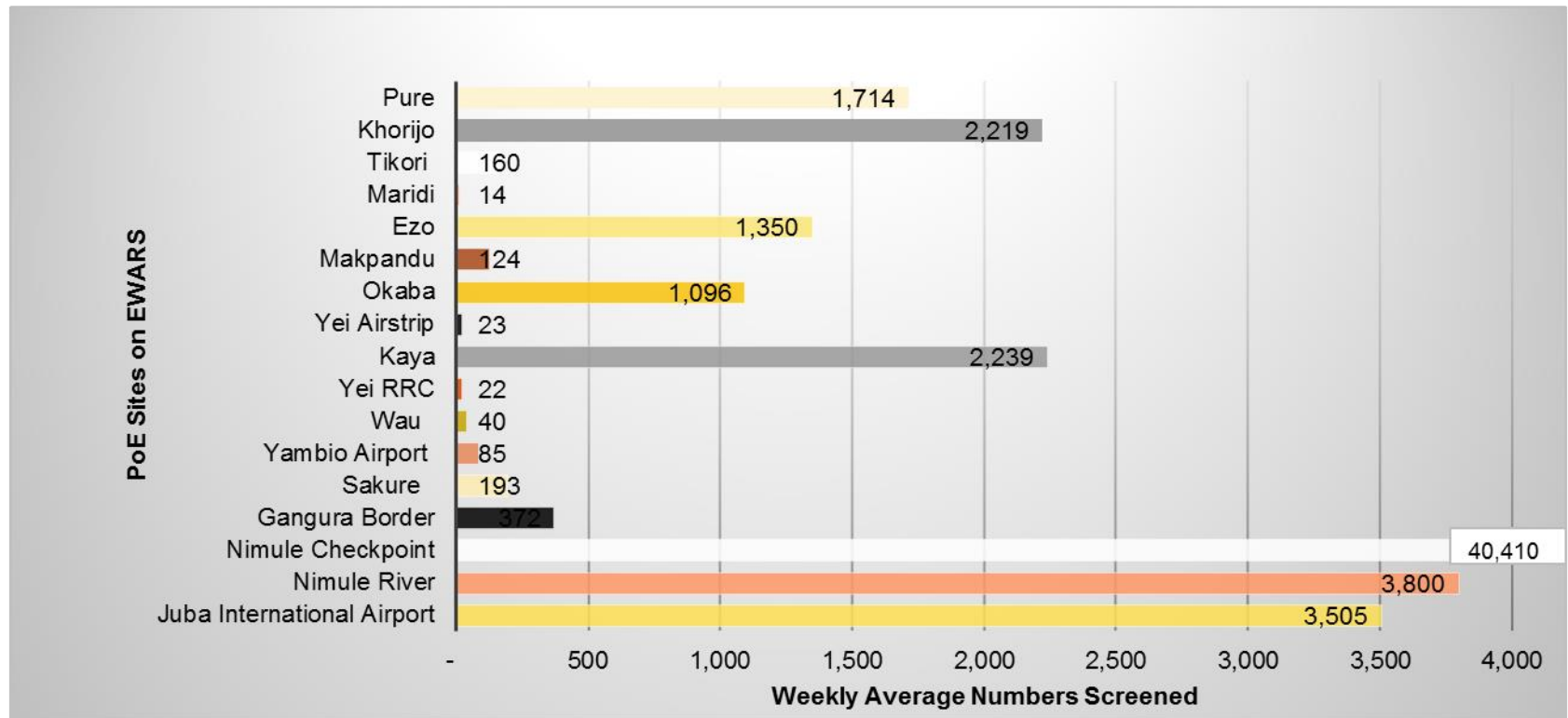
# PoE SCREENING DATA

	Point of Entry Site	No. of weeks reported	Total Screened	Secondary Screened	Average screening per week
1	JIA	22	77,113	-	3,505
2	Nimule River	14	53,197	7	3,800
3	Nimule Checkpoint	19	767,782	4	40,410
4	Gangura Border	18	6,704	-	372
5	Sakure	17	3,274	-	193
6	Yambio Airport	18	1,534	-	85
7	Wau	19	767	-	40
8	Yei RRC	15	333	-	22
9	Kaya	15	33,584	17	2,239
10	Yei Airstrip	16	363	3	23
11	Okaba	14	15,340	22	1,096
12	Makpandu	13	1,618	-	124
13	Ezo	12	16,200	-	1,350
14	Maridi	13	188	1	14
15	Tikori	10	1,596	1	160
16	Khorijo	5	11,095	1	2,219
17	Pure	5	8,572	2	1,714
		Total	999,260	58	

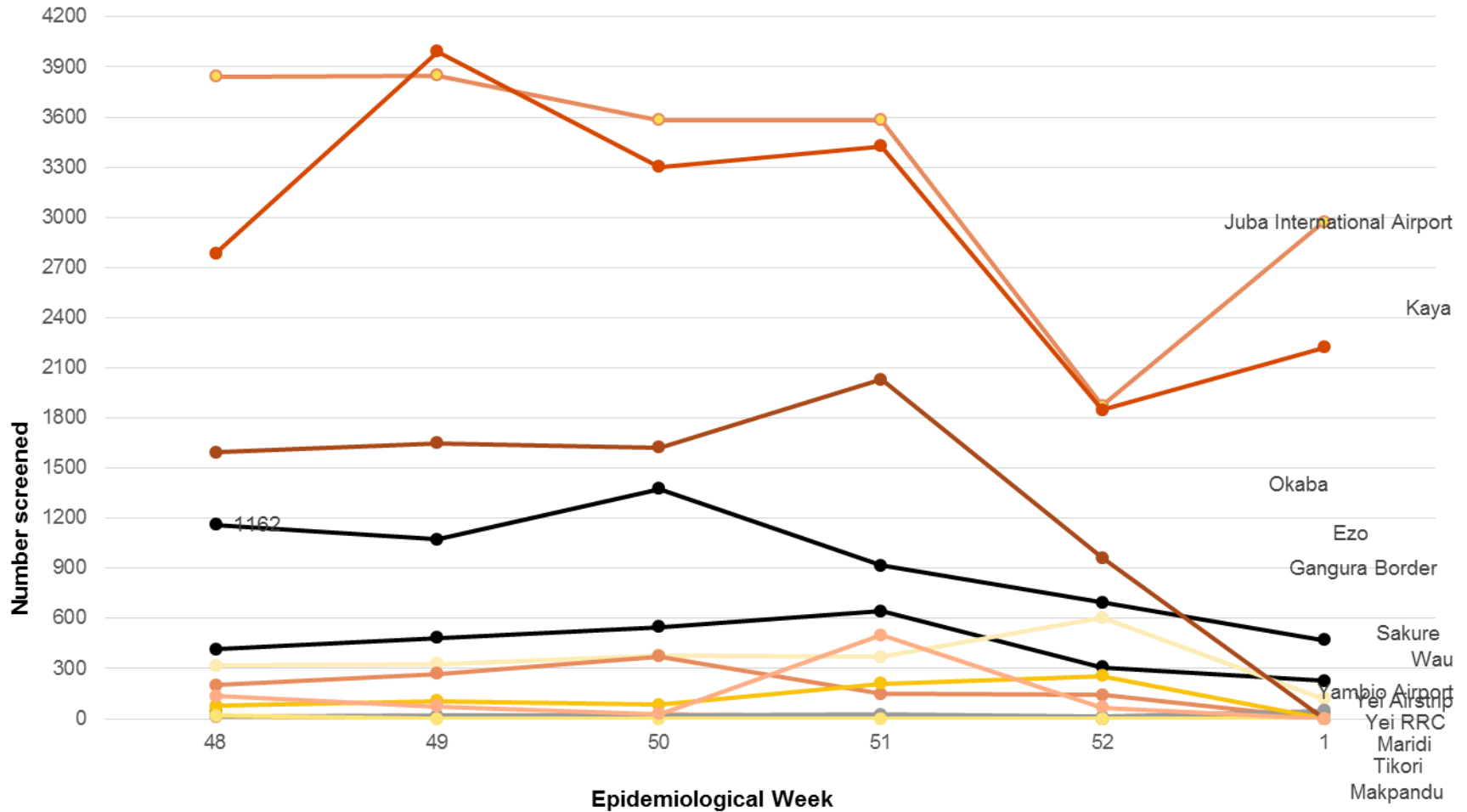
South Sudan Public Health Emergency Operations center (PHEOC)



# Average Weekly Screened per POE



# Screening Trends of POEs over the last 6 weeks



# Activities/accomplishments

- Weekly BHPOE TWG meeting on-going, action points shared among TWG partners
- Mapping of POEs by IOM-DTM and REACH to identify additional POEs done. Summary of findings shared with partners and currently in process of setting up new POEs
  - ❑ WV are establishing 3 new sites: Nzara; Sangura I and Basu Kangwi. Yambio; James Diko & looking into Andari in Ezo. **Current Active Sites: 5**
  - ❑ CUAMM identified 4 new sites in Maridi (details on established will be provided in next TWG). **Current Active sites: 1**
  - ❑ IOM establishing 1 new site: Bazi. 6 additional potential sites: Busia, Kerwa, Goboro, Jalle, Salia musala, and others in Lujulo county (team currently on ground). **Current Active sites: 8 (including Bazi)**

# Challenges that need assistance from NTF

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- Not all airlines are enforcing use of international arrival health forms despite WHO having provided them. WHO is following up with Ministry of transport to get a letter to Civil Aviation to enforce it
- Screening area for VIPs & VVIP at JIA still at a stand still-issues of access with private vendor-MOH following up with undersecretary office

# Priorities for the upcoming week

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- Awaiting finalized SOPs in order to cascade them down to all partners
- Planned joint assessment missions to 4 PoEs: 2 PoEs in Nimule (Nimule Border and Nimule Panjala Doking River), and 2 PoEs in Kajo keji (Khorijo and Pure)
- Operationalize new POE screening sites – CUAMM, IOM, WVSS

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## Vaccine and Therapeutic TWG





**World Health  
Organization**

**South Sudan**

**Research study – South  
Sudan  
Expanded Access –  
Compassionate use Protocol  
rVSV Ebola vaccine**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

# Vaccination of HCWs and FLWs

- Training completed on GCP and vaccination protocol
- 4 teams of vaccinators of 15 persons = 60 from Juba, Yei, Yambio, Nimule
  - Sub-team: social mobilizers = 2 persons
  - Sub-team: Informed Consent = 2 persons
  - Sub-team: Follow up 30 min AEFIs = 2 persons
  - Sub-team: Vaccinators + registration= 4 persons
  - Sub-team: Follow up AEFIs -3-14-21 days = 2 persons
  - 1 Logistician
  - 1 team lead
  - 1 Emergency Doctor
- Vaccine arrived on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan in storage at the WHO facilities
- Supplies for the vaccination have arrived



# Planned activities the next 2 weeks

- Visit to the field: the team has visited Yei and Yambio. Yei has made the prioritization exercise:
  - Yei: 45 facilities with 268 staff.
  - Yambio: list of 91 facilities with 380 staff, still working on it
- Visit to Nimule is undergoing
- Yei and Yambio need to rework the vaccination team composition since they need more medical doctors
- Teaching Hospital in Juba will provide more staff to complete the teams. 8 medical doctors have been identified and will be trained 15-17 Jan
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jan we will meet the Juba state MOH to prioritize the health facilities and finalize the list of HCWs and FLWs
- Ultra cold chain training will be provided to the logisticians in the field 17 Jan
- The plan is to start the vaccination on 23th January

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# Case Management/IPC and WASH TWG



# CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC/WASH



# activities/accomplishments

- Visit of the Minister of Health and Stand for mental health at the IDU.
- TWG meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan.
- Update on isolation units in Nimule , Yei, Maridi , Yambio and Juba.
  - Juba: **IMC** is ready to take over the Dr. John Garange infectious Disease Unit. To do an MOU for the MoH before HOTO.
  - **Yei:** The isolation unit is still under construction and will be run by AAH but in case of an outbreak it shall be handed over to MSF.
  - **Nimule:** the isolation unit is still under construction and needs modifications but in the meantime they are using a surgical ward which is far from other wards as a holding area.
  - **Maridi:** follow up and give feedback next week.
  - **Yambio:** same as last week.



# challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Delay in the completion of isolation units in the high risk areas.



# priorities for the upcoming week

- **WHO** : training of 40 participants from private health facilities in juba. It's a 3day training and it starts from the 16<sup>th</sup> of January .
- The training will cover case detection, isolation, screening , reporting , IPC and referral.



# SDB TWG



## Slide 1: Any relevant data/ figures, pictorials on recent activities?

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- SSRC is conducting a 2 day refresher training of 15 SDB volunteers starting from today Thursday 10.01





# activities/accomplishments

- Request letter to the responsible authority for mapping legal burial sites in the involved states to be utilized for SDB.
- SSRC has 3 vehicles allocated for SDB in Juba for immediate deployment, to be transported by WFP as soon as the first case is confirmed. Until arrival the SDB team on the spot will make use of available vehicles and additional pre-identified rented vehicles.
- The second consignment of the SDB kits finally arrived in Juba. Transferred to the IFRC warehouse.



# Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Discuss the question of legal burial sites with the relevant SS authority. Min. of Local Government to be addressed, through State Ministries of Health on issue of legal burial sites for burials of EVD for SDB (standby procedure) (SDB TWG) suggest this issue of the burial site be treated and addressed as an NTF concern.
- Identify a dispatch base for SDB in the 4 locations. Yei, Nimule, Maridi and Juba. Already identified in Yambio.



# Priorities for the upcoming week

- SSRC will conduct an SDB training and logistics surveys starting from 17<sup>th</sup>. in Nimule. The same to be planned in Maridi for the following week
- SDB TWG to discuss appropriate and legal channel of procedure in case of unidentified EVD dead body. Confirmed, probable, suspected, with the relevant authorities.  
Suggesting ICRC to contact CID and NSS for consultation about the issue of identification of un-identified cases of EVD deaths.



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## Risk Communication TWG



# NATIONAL EBOLA TASKFORCE

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT UPDATE: 31 DEC 2018 - 9 JAN 2019

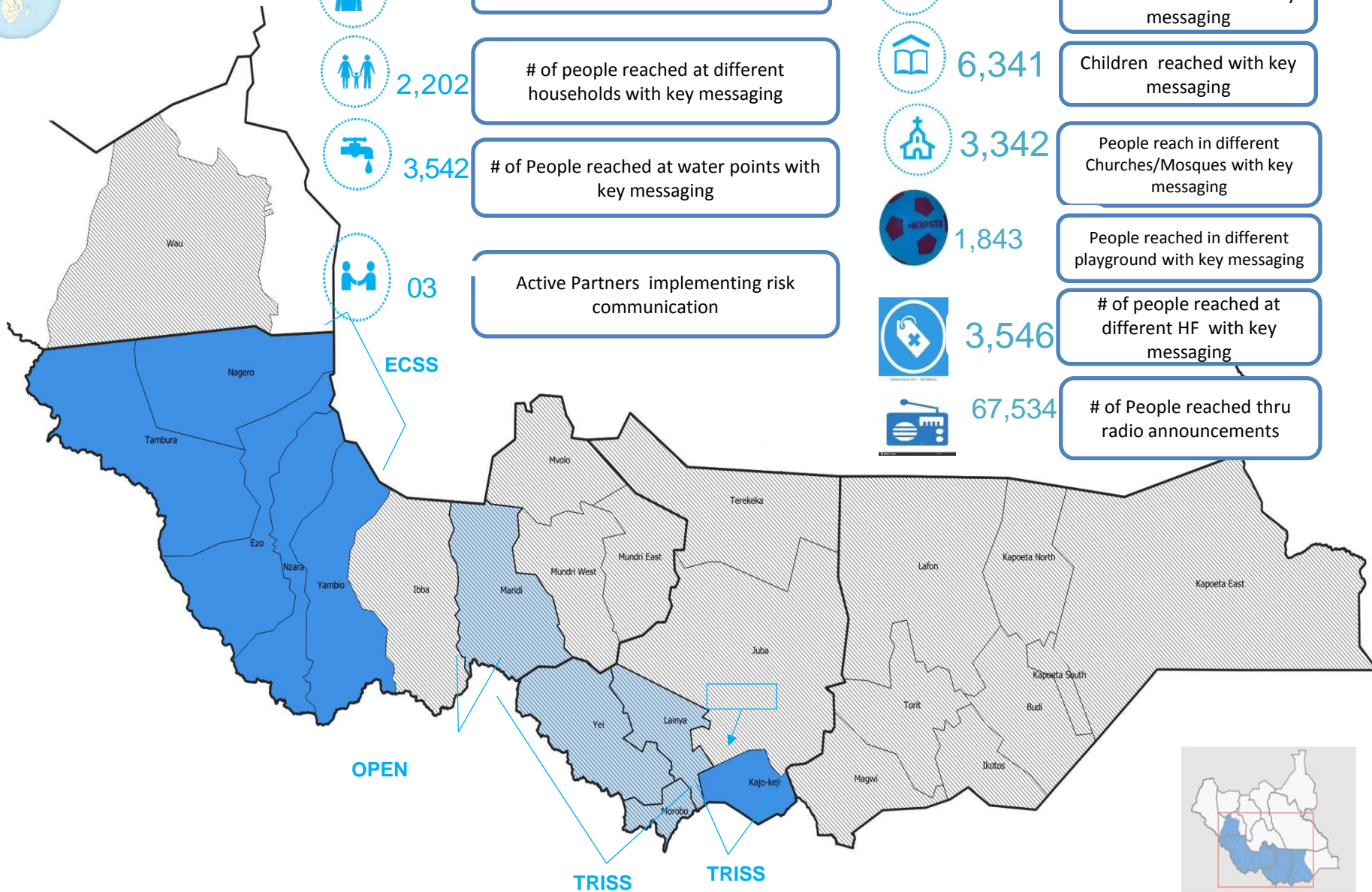
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# UNICEF South Sudan



## EVD Preparedness: UNICEF Partners Weekly Activity Overview, 09-Jan,



# of Community Mobilizers Trained



# of people reached at different households with key messaging



# of People reached at water points with key messaging



Active Partners implementing risk communication



People reached at different Markets with key messaging



Children reached with key messaging



People reach in different Churches/Mosques with key messaging



People reached in different playground with key messaging



# of people reached at different HF with key messaging



# of People reached thru radio announcements

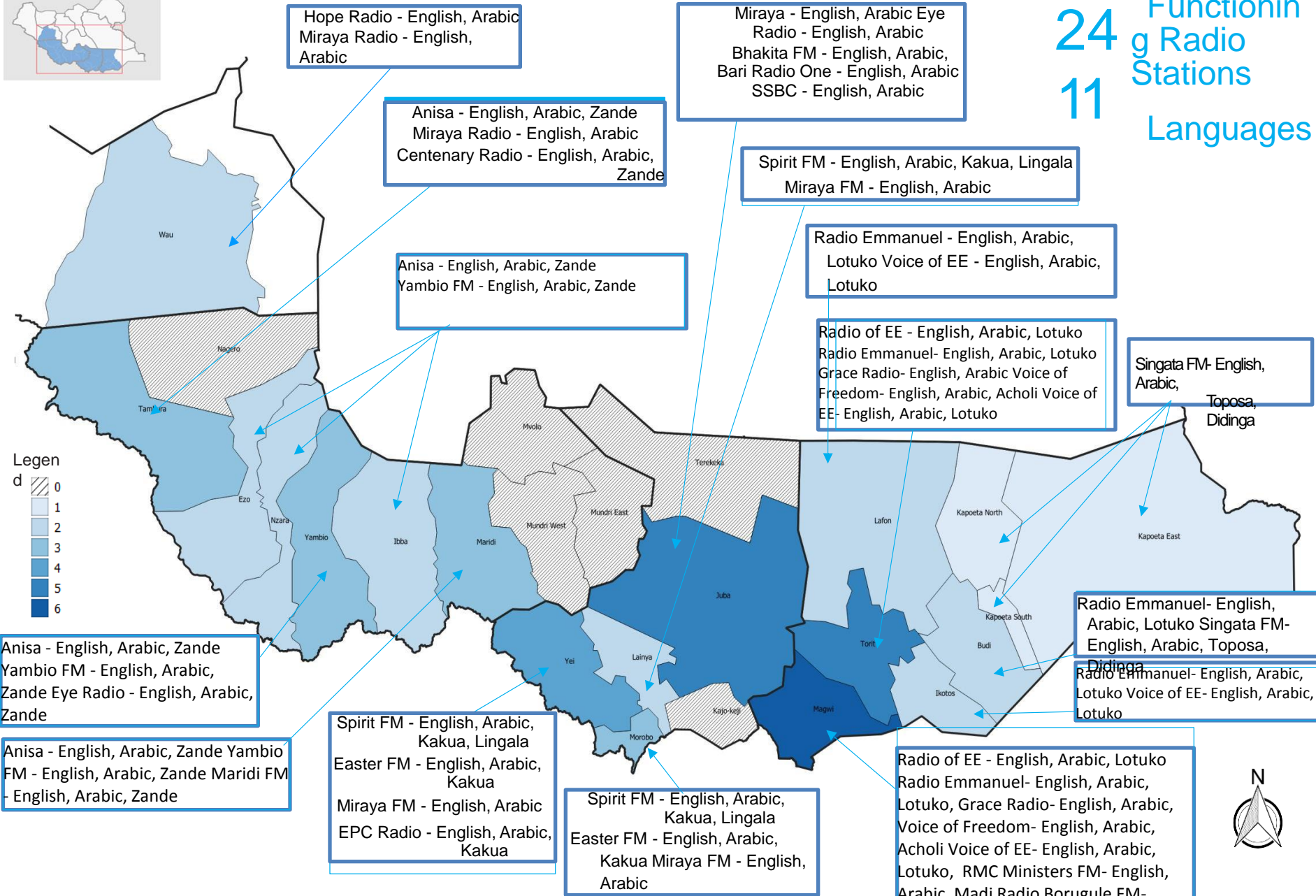
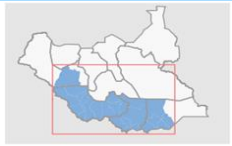


# UNICEF South Sudan: UNICEF Supported Radio Programs

## EVD Preparedness, 10-Jan 2019



24 Functioning Radio Stations  
11 Languages



# Activities/Accomplishments

- Case Definition materials delivered to PHEOC for further national distribution by MOH/WHO
- Printing of all SOPs awaiting final MOH approvals and information on number of copies.
- Awareness activities through inter-personal communication and radio broadcasts are on-going.
- Challenges remain with regard to timeliness and completeness of reports/updates.





# Priorities for the Upcoming Week ... (1)

- Full day special meeting of RCSMCE partners and TWG scheduled for 15 Jan 2019 from 9 – 4.30 pm.
- Venue is UNICEF, and we expect 30+ participants, including speakers from specific TWGs for technical briefings and linkages to RCSMCE.
- Overall theme: **‘Where are we and where do we need to go next?’** in relation to EVD preparedness.
- Agenda being finalized. Core content of meeting will be discussions on strengthening coordination and technical/implementation capacities, to support field-work.



# Priorities for the Upcoming Week ... (2)

- Continue work on improving tools and data for strengthening coordination, partner-mapping, and reporting from the field.
- Continue work on establishing 'awareness/mobilization' basic targets and milestones for RCSMCE work.
- Review modalities and finalize tools for conducting socio-behavioural formative research (including a KAP study) in high-risk states on EVD awareness and perceptions.
- Refine and finalize messages, FAQs, materials, and approach to support Ebola vaccination. Brief partners on the vaccination.
- Finalize and field-test rumour-tracking tool and process.



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# Logistics TWG



# LWG-Updates

- Priority tasks are (no support from NTF required)
  1. Storage space for Vaccination support materials (16 pallets) and cool rooms – UNICEF to support
  2. Kitting of the above for state level distribution- WFP to provide staff to support
  3. WHO Inventory management support (Stock take, Inventory management plan, tracking etc) – WFP to provide support with all the above inc Pt 2 with support staff for up to 3 weeks.
  4. Completion of Pt 3 will enable a complete stock report to be made available.
  5. Patrick (from Logs Cluster- focal point for LWG)



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# State Update



# Yambio

## Conducted Activities

- Construction of case management site on going.
- Report on the base line assessment on IPC and Hand hygiene compliance for Yambio, Nzara and Ezo general hospitals submitted.
- Submitted concept notes for training of health staff on RRT, IPC and Case management.
- Supported the development of the weekly surveillance bulletin.

## Planned Activities

- Validate draft supervisory check list for risk communication activities.
- Validate the State Ebola contingency and operational plan.
- Monitoring of the Case management site under construction.

## Challenges

- Isolation Unit at the hospital not fully equipped to manage suspected cases.
- Delay in setting up screening sites at some high risk PoEs.

# Nimule

## Conducted Activities

- On-going active screening in all the 3 screening points (Check point, river port, and airstrip).
- About 40,342 passengers were screened during the reporting week.

## Nimule Isolation Facility



# Yei

## Conducted Activities

- SMOH, WHO and UNICEF visited the EVD isolation construction site to identify the location for construction of staff latrine as it was not in the original construction plan
- On-going screening at PoEs and surveillance Activities
- About 4.403 people screened in 7 sites as follows: Yei airstrip 13, Yei SSRRC 0, Tokori 67, Okaba 694, Kaya 1849, Pure 1683 and Khorijo 1780 travellers
- No alert reported.
- No community engagement activities

## Planned/On-going Activities

- To share EVD operational plan with the National Taskforce
- Discuss dissemination of PPEs to Lainya and Morobo
- Continue to intensify surveillance and active case finding at the major health facilities(both public and private) as well as at the community level

## Challenges

- National Taskforce(NTF) to share EVD SOPs with State taskforce(STF)
- Access to areas outside Yei River County is challenge due to insecurity



# Jubek

## Conducted Activities

- On-going screening at Juba International Airport is ongoing. About 2,975 travelers were screened during the reporting week.

## Planned/On-going Activities

- Focus training of Jubek State SDB team by SSRC from 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019.
- Simulation exercise for the State RRT by WHO and SMOH
- Advocacy meetings for Executive, Parliamentarian, Office of the Mayor including senior officials on EVD awareness and support.
- Planned visit to the proposed isolation site for EVD by IMC,HLSS and WHO

## Challenges

- Logistical support for EVD State Surveillance and the RRT: Vehicles, Communication facilities, & funds.





**Thank you**