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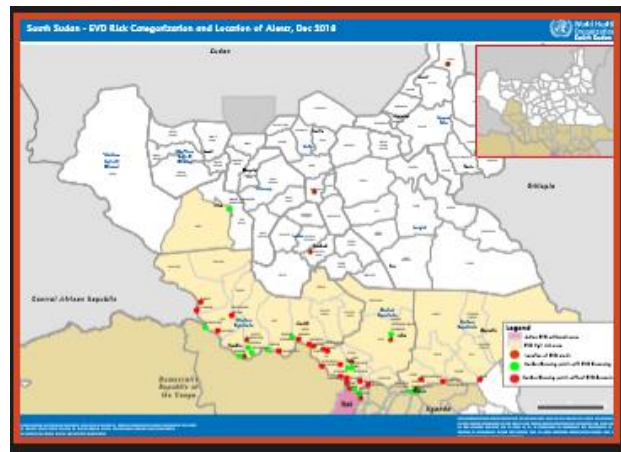
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

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1. Highlights

- 60 personnel have been trained on Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and vaccination protocol for Yei, Maridi, Yambio, Torit and Jubek.
- The EVD case definition posters and fliers have been printed and the distribution plan developed.
- Seventeen screening points are operational. About 999,260 people entering South Sudan have been screened. The Ministry of Health (MoH) conducts the screening with support from WHO, IOM, SCI, WVISS and CAUMM.



South Sudan EVD risk categorization and location of alerts December 2018.

2. Ebola Situation update from North Kivu of Democratic Republic of Congo

2.1. Latest updates

- EVD transmission in DRC continues in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. As at 12th January 2019, 1 new case was identified at Katwa.
- As of 13 January 2019, a total of 634 EVD cases reported, of these 586 confirmed and 48 probable cases.
- Since the outbreak a total of 386 deaths occurred with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 61%.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1. Coordination

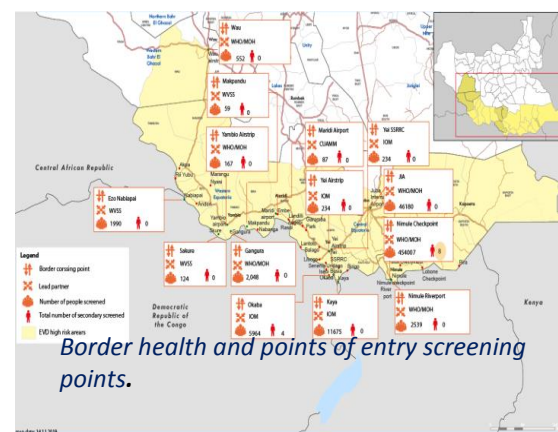
- A national taskforce meeting was held on 10 January 2019 at the PHEOC in Juba. State Task Force Meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Jubek, Nimule and Maridi. The next national task force meeting will be conducted on 17 January 2019.
- Review of EVD preparedness evaluation checklist was finalized and the checklist shared.

3.2. Resource mobilization

- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized US\$9.4 million out of 16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (57.7% of planned budget). Additional 6.9 million is required to support priority activities for the coming six months.

3.3. Surveillance and Laboratory

- No EVD alerts during the reporting week.
- Case definition is printed. The distribution plan has been developed and will be shared with WFP.
- Final WHO comments on SOPs have been incorporated. MOH has authorized the printing of the SoPs. UNICEF has received the permission to print the SoPs.
- SIMEX's concept note is ready, tentative dates is the last week January, 2019.



Border health and points of entry screening points.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- A total of 999,260 people were screened in seventeen screening posts during the reporting week.

Table 1: Screening data at the border crossing points

Location	# of people screened
Yei Airstrip	363
Yei RRC	333
Kaya	33,584
Okaba	15,340
Maridi	188
Takori	1,596
Khorijo	11,095
Pure	8,572
Nimule Border	767,782
Nimule River	53,197
Yambio Airstrip	1,534
Gangura	6,704
Juba International Airport	77,113
Makpandu	1,618
Sakure	3,274
Ezo	16,200
Wau	767
Total	999,260

3.5. Case Management, Infection Prevention and Control

- IMC is ready to take over the Dr. John Garang Infectious Disease Unit.
- Yei isolation unit is still under construction and will be managed by AAH.

3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) conducted a 2-day refresher training for safe and dignified burial (SDB) volunteers from 10th – 11th Jan 2019.
- SSRC prepositioned 3 vehicles for SDB in Juba.
- The second consignment of the SDB kits has arrived in Juba. They are kept at the IFRC warehouse.

3.7. Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization

- EVD case definition materials were delivered to PHEOC for further national distribution by MOH/WHO.
- Printing of all SOPs is in-process. The Ministry of Health has approved the quantities to be printed.
- Awareness activities through inter-personal communication and radio broadcasts are on-going.

3.8. Logistics and Personnel deployment

- UNICEF to support the storage of 16 pallets of vaccination support materials.

3.9. Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Vaccination TWG members visited Nimule for assessment and prioritization of health facilities. The team returned on 12 Jan 2019.
- Another team of vaccine TWG conducted assessment and prioritization of Jubek state on 11 Jan 2019.

3.10. Access, Safety and Security

- The technical working group continues to monitor and support states on access to In-Opposition areas.

3.11 Updates from States

Yambio

- Construction of case management site on going.
- The STF finalized the report on the base line assessment on IPC and Hand hygiene compliance for Yambio, Nzara and Ezo general hospitals.
- The STF developed and submitted concept notes for training of health staff on rapid response team (RRT), infection prevention and control (IPC) and Case management.

Nimule

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

Maridi

- No reported activity during the week.

Jubek

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

Yei

- SMOH, WHO and UNICEF visited the EVD isolation construction site to identify the location for construction of staff latrine.
- 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 travelers.

4.0 Challenges/Gaps.

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- Refusal of the private vendor at Juba International Airport to allow screening of VIPs
- Non-compliance of some airlines to distribute the international arrival forms on board
- Inadequate warehousing for the vaccination support materials
- Difficulty in securing possible burial sites for the SDB technical working group.
- Delayed completion of isolation units

5.0 Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- Ministry of Health to follow-up with Civil Aviation on the earlier discussion and approval for the screening of VIP at Juba International Airport.
- Ministry of Health to follow-up with JIA management, through the office of the Undersecretary on the request to enforce the distribution and filling of international arrival forms on board by airlines
- UNICEF and WFP to provide warehouse for the vaccine support materials.
- SSRC/IFRC to follow-up with the MoH on the processes for securing possible burial sites.
- WFP to fast-track the completion of the isolation units at the prioritize states.

6.0. Conclusion

The focus for the NTF in the coming week is to:

- Fast-track the implementation of Ebola vaccination for the frontline health workers including the traditional healers.
- Print and disseminate the consolidated SOPs for EVD preparedness and response.

Partners involved in EVD preparedness and readiness

MOH, WHO, Health Cluster partners, UNICEF, CDC, USAID, DFID, JICA, ECHO, World Bank, UNHCR, UNOCHA, Health Pool Fund, IOM, AWG, WASH Cluster partners, ICRC, IFRC, SSRC, WFP, Min of Interior, AMREF, MSF family, IMC, ICRC, ALIMA, IRC, World Vision, America Refugee Committee, SCI, UNMISS, UNDSS, UNDP, SPLA, LS, DFCA, ARC, Samaritan's Purse, MEDAIR, REACH and UNHASS.

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