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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 17TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 16TH FEBRUARY 2019

- Cumulative cases: 838
- Confirmed cases: 773
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 534

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.**

c) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

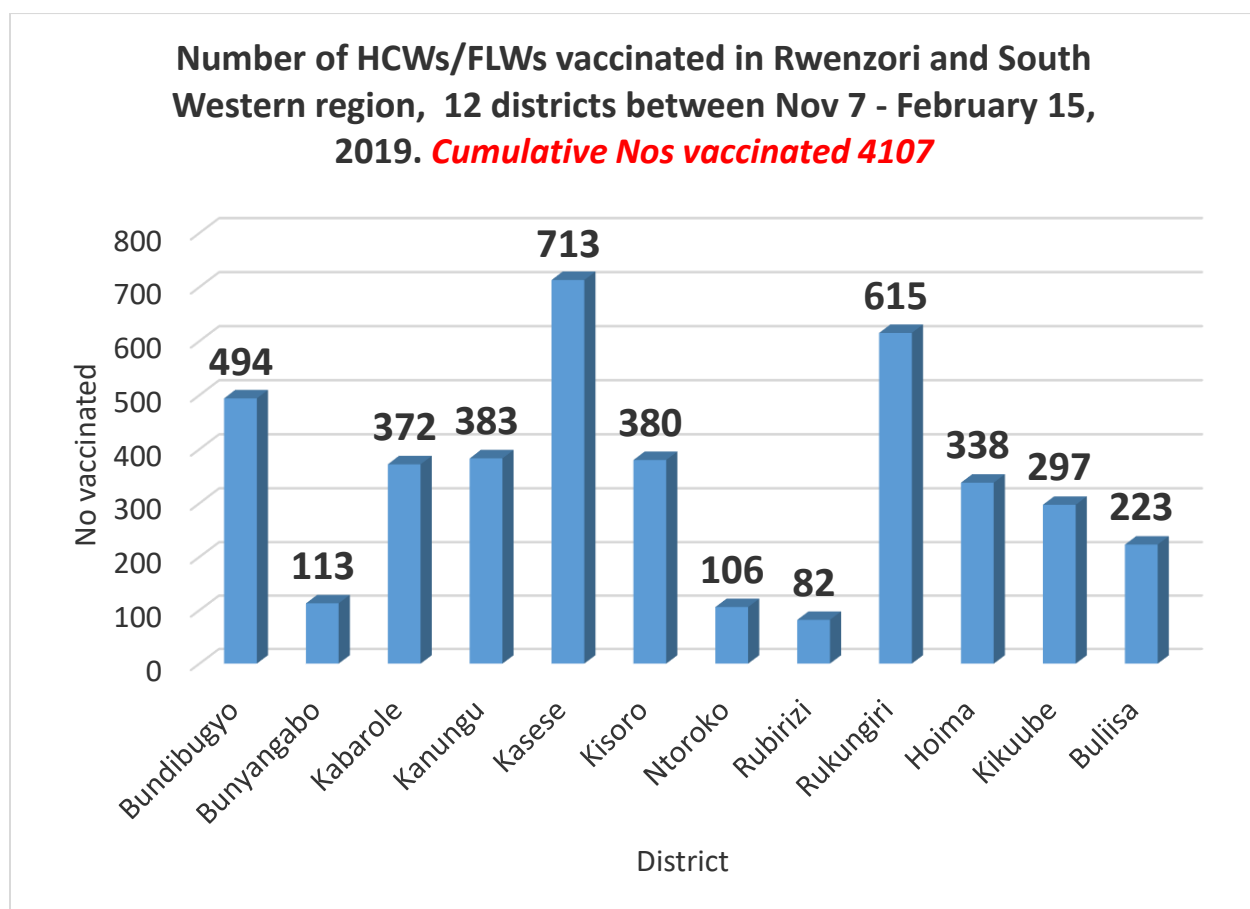
VACCINATION

- The vaccination exercise of HCWs/FLWs was successfully completed in 12 districts in 146 health facilities and 15 POEs.
- The last district, Kagadi will be covered this week.
- Engagement of DTF and health facility in charges in Kagadi district is scheduled for February 19, 2018



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Figure below shows the number of HCWs/FLWs vaccinated by at risk HF in the 12 districts.



SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- Supportive supervision and active search were conducted at Kasangali H/C II by the STOP team and the Health Sub District Surveillance Focal Person. No unreported or missed case of EVD were recorded in the facilities.
- The WHO team conducted supportive supervision to Mpondwe, Katwe PoEs and Katwe HC III. Health care workers were mentored and information shared on the situation of EVD in DRC and on EVD in general. One health workers and 7 VHTs were encouraged to utilize the community case definition to inform the communities about EVD and to enhance community participation in alert identification and prompt reporting to health facilities and to the district surveillance team for prompt and adequate response.



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- The health workers were urged to engage in daily information sharing on EVD with emphasis on community case search to be conducted by VHTs. Daily health education sessions will also be conducted at the facility.
- It was agreed that daily reporting (zero reporting) on EVD by the VHTs should commence from now on.

Bundibugyo District

- All POEs are active and reporting regularly.

No of people screened at Selected PoEs in Bundibugyo District

PoE	No. screened Thursday 14/2/19	No. screened Friday 13/2/2019
Busunga	5043	3042
Butoogo main	545	635
Btoogo II	240	246
Bundinamandi	710	704
Busoru ii	309	410
Kazaroho	816	942
Kasiri	288	545
Total	7931	6524

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- EVD active surveillance is going in health facilities and communities by health workers and VHTs respectively. No alert or suspected cases identified.



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- 47 new arrivals screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs on Friday 15th February 2019. No suspected case detected among them.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

- All ETUs in the region are empty but ready to receive patients at any time.

Bundibugyo District

- IPC mentorship was conducted at Bundibugyo Police Barracks HC II; 18 participants attended the session. More emphasis was on hand washing at the entrance of the facility and in all clinical practicing areas.
- Payment of IPC mentorship arrears to 5 health centers namely, Mirambi HC II, Bulyambwa HC II, Buhanda HC II, Ngamba HC II and Kyondo HC II was done. Health care providers were also oriented on chlorine mixing for different concentration percentages.

Kasese District

- Rwentuntu HC II was assessed and it noted that the facility is used as a first aid treatment unit for Pupils of Rwentutu Primary School.
- 817 public and 15 teachers at Mpondwe primary School were taught proper hand washing and about EVD in general.

Kabarole/Bunyangabo Districts

- IPC assessment was conducted at Rubona HC II and Rwagimba HC III and Sarah medical Centre.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

- The DHT/WHO team visited Mpondwe and Rwentutu primary schools where they oriented 35 teachers on EVD. The team also corrected misinformation and rumours about EVD.

Ntoroko District



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- The DHT/WHO team conducted community engagement and a dialogue in three schools and the neighboring community reaching about 988 people all together. Basic information on EVD and personal protection were discussed and clarified.



Kabarole and Bunyangabo Districts

- The DHT/WHO team together with Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers visited Haikbaale, Katebwa SDA and Kigarama primary schools. 55 teachers and 1057 pupils were oriented on EVD with particular emphasis on personal protection and early reporting.

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