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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

20th February 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 89

a) **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 18TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 17TH FEBRUARY 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 840
- Confirmed cases: 775
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 537

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)**

COORDINATION

Kasese District

- A meeting was held between national team (MoH/WHO) and Kasese District Health Team (DHT) on sustainability of EVD preparedness activities. The following were noted:
 - WHO to leave a minimum of 4 vehicles in the region.
 - Surveillance activities will be handled by the regional Immunization/Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response coordinator working with the District Surveillance Focal Person/Health Sub District Surveillance Focal Person and money will be sent to the phone numbers of implementers.
 - District to prepare costed EVD continuity plans to be forwarded to MoH.



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- Uganda Red Cross Society will continue to manage all the PoEs.
- District Health Team to write to the National Task Force on IPCs materials and infrastructure development at POEs.

Bundibugyo/Ntoroko Districts

- The WHO team conducted daily meeting in preparation for the national team that is set to discuss the sustainability plan for EVD preparedness.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- The DHT/WHO team conducted supportive supervision at Mukathi H/C III, carried out active case search and mentored three health workers on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), early reporting and community participation in EVD activities.

No of People Screened at Selected PoEs in Kasese District on 18th February 2018

No	POE site	Number of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	9023
2	Lake Katwe	61
3	Kayanzi	09
4	Mirami	228
5	Kisolholho	183
6	Kithoma	343
	Total	9,847

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No of People Screened at Selected PoEs in Bundibugyo District on 18th February 2018



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PoE Name	No. screened Saturday
Busunga	2791
Butoogo main	1160
Uutoogo II	202
Bundinamandi	727
Busoru II	293
Kazaroho	770
Kasiri	795
Total	6738

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Health Facility and community-based EVD surveillance going on in both district
- 179 new arrivals screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs on 18th February 2019.
- The waiting tent at Kaiso PoE was destroyed by wind. Urgent repairs needed.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Ntoroko District

- A suspected case of EVD reported at Karugutu HCIV, a 17 year old male, fish monger from Katanga II village, Katanga Ward in Bundibugyo TC who presented with fever, headache, and abdominal pain, generalized body weakness for the last three days and was vomiting blood. Sample was picked tested at Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) and is negative for EVD.

Kasese District

- EVD awareness engagements held at Bwera and Ibuga Prisons attended by six and 25 prison waders respectively.



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- Conducted Ebola awareness engagement at Hima Police Station attended by 44 Police officer and at Nyabirongo Uganda Prison attended by 10 waders.
- Mentored 141 students at Rwenzori School of Nursing and midwifery on IPC practices and standard precautions.

Bunyangabo District

- The DHT/WHO conducted IPC assessment at Kisakye medical centre, Omuku HC II and Rubone HC II.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Bundibugyo District

- The Bundibugyo risk communication team visited Tokwe Sub County, and interacted with 35 Village Health Teams (VHTs) members and two LCI chairmen on EVD.
- The team supervised four volunteers at Kazaroho PoE in Sindila Sub County and oriented them on EVD community case definition. It was noted that on Sunday alone, 2079 people crossed into Uganda at this PoE which calls for intensified screening and community sensitization on EVD.
- The team also visited Kinyamboma POE which is not gazetted but is used by many people from DRC especially on market days.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of allowances and identification items (T-shirts, badges, gum boots, rain coats).
- Lack of VHTs reporting tools.

Logistic and Administration

- Scale down of WHO field staff is ongoing.
- Payment for the IPC mentorship activities ongoing.
- WHO and WFP working with district stores to update stock.

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