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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

21st February 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 90

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 19TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 18TH FEBRUARY 2019

- Cumulative cases: 844
- Confirmed cases: 779
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 528

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

Bundibugyo District

- The DHO to address the issue of the motorcycle for the Acting Surveillance Focal which has mechanical problems.
- IEC materials in Rwamba previously delivered to Ntoroko were retrieved and delivered to Bundibugyo district.
- Plan and budget for risk communication and community engagement have been developed and submitted to the National Task Force, Save the Children, UNICEF and WHO.
- There is challenge of airtime for surveillance alert lines and WHO has been contacted for possible support.



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- All pillars directed to prepare sustainability plans and budgets to be submitted to the District Task Force (DTF) next week.
- UNICEF is unable to provide mobilets at the PoEs. DTF to explore support from other partners.

Kasese District

- Action Points arising out of the DTF
 - DHO to write the Medical Superintendent of Bwera Hospital informing him about the decision of Baylor on allowances for Health workers.
 - DHO will also write to National Task Force (Director General -MoH) requesting for allowances for health workers at ETUs, PoEs and security personnel.
 - District Health Educator (DHE) will submit a daily risk communication report.
 - The District Village Health Teams (VHTs) Coordinator will be responsible for communicating Community-Based Disease Surveillance (CBDS) activities to all health facilities.
 - The District Health Inspector (DHI) supported by UNICEF will train health workers at 3 Health facilities chlorine mixing using the chlorine mixing equipment.
 - DHO will update the District Ebola Preparedness and Response Plan.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Bundibugyo District

- Temperature screening is ongoing at all PoEs conducted by Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers.
- The communities are very alert and there is prompt reporting of alert cases as result of the vigilance of the trained community leaders and VHTs.

No of People Screened at selected PoEs in Bundibugyo District on 20th February 2109

	PoE	No. screened
1	Busunga	3816
2	Butoogo main	919
3	Butoogo II	198
4	Bundinamandi	701



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5	Kazaroho	1242
6	Kasiri	468
	Total	7344

Kasese District

- The STOP Team and the Health Sub District Surveillance Focal Person conducted supportive supervision and active EVD search at Muhokya HC III and Nyamirami HC IV and mentored eight health workers on IPC. No unreported or missed case of EVD recorded in the facilities. They also shared tips on community engagement.

No of People Screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 20th February 2109

No	POE Site	No Screened
1	Mpondwe	8622
2	Lake Katwe	59
3	Kayanzi	8
4	Mirami	345
5	Kithoma	713
	Total	9747

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Community and health facility-based EVD surveillance are going on in both districts. No alert cases reported on Wednesday 20th February 2019.

No of People Screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 20th February 2109

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
			20 th Feb 2019



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Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		70
Sebagoro	Kikuube		25
Kaiso	Hoima		36
Total			131

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bundibugyo District

- Health workers at Gadhafi Medical Centre were oriented on Chlorine mixing and IPC.

Kasese District

- 15 Health care workers from Kasese Medical Centre HC III, 6 from Alleluia Medical Centre HC II, 21 from St Paul HC IV, 10 from Katadooba HC III and 2 from Kasese Police clinic were trained on Chlorine mixing and IPC.
- 11 police officer at Kasese Central Police Station were oriented on EVD. They were urged to utilize and enforce hand washing using the available hand washing facility at the station.
- DTF instructed the DHI resolved to integrate IPC in all activities and the DHI was instructed to orient all health assistant in the district on Chlorine mixing.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Bundibugyo District

- DHT/WHO held met and agreed to visit and sensitize the lady traditional healer who treated the EVD suspected case in Burondo village in Bundibugyo. A team of Health Educators and community Engagement officials from Ntotoro and Bundibugyo later visited the family. In the presence of a VHT, family members and neighbours totaling up to 21people, the team sensitized them on dangers of handling high risk clients suspected of EVD in accordance with EVD case definition.



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- There was a meeting attended by DHT, MoH and WHO which reviewed preparedness activities noting that the district was now ready to take over from WHO, UNICEF and other partners. It was also noted that work on advocacy, social mobilization, sensitization, training, orientations, mass media, community engagement has been well done. The DHT was requested to improve on self-motivation, resource mobilization, support supervision and monitoring to sustain the work and achievements.

Ntoroko District

- 8 teachers, 200 pupils, 2 support staff and 210 school community members were engaged in a dialogue on EVD at Ntoroko North ECD/Parents School. 10 Ebola posters in English were distributed.
- 18 traders under Kanara Town Council Traders Association were engaged in a dialogue on basic facts on EVD. 15 posters in English were distributed.
- All the oriented pupils, teachers and traders were requested to share the acquired EVD information with other people in their villages.

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- URCS volunteers reached 65 households and 36 schools with EVD messages. They distributed 142 IEC materials.

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