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

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- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized US\$12.5 million out of 16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (76.7% of planned budget). Additional 3.7 million is required to support priority activities for the coming six months.

3.3. EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- The surveillance TWG is continuing with distribution of case definition materials to priority states.
- The TWG opened a Drop Box at the PHEOC for all health facilities.
- MoH requested the states' Ministries of Health to provide the line list of community health workers for community based surveillance training.
- The Epi/Surveillance TWG developed a training matrix as requested by NTF coordination.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- A total of 1,164,047 people were screened in nineteen screening posts during the reporting week.
- The border health and points of entry TWG continues to enforce usage of the international health arrival forms to airline companies that have not complied in Juba.
- IOM finally established a Point of Entry in Bazi.

Table 1: Screening data at the border crossing points

S/N	Location	State	Cumulative total screened	Average Screening per Week	Secondary Screened (week 4)	Alerts (week 4)
1	JIA	Jubek	89,312	3,572	0	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	55,447	3,262	0	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	883,802	40,173	0	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudue	7,864	374	0	0
5	Sakure	Gbudue	5,221	261	0	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudue	2,225	106	0	0
7	Wau	Wau	937	43	0	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	370	21	0	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	41,519	2,307	2	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	484	25	0	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	17,617	1,036	2	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudue	2,295	143	0	0
13	Ezo	Gbudue	18,433	1,229	0	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	186	12	0	0
15	Tikori	Yei River	2,073	173	17	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	18,609	2,326	2	0
17	Pure	Yei River	15,122	1,890	0	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	2,427	809	0	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	104	35	0	0
	Total		1,164,047		23	0

3.5. Case Management, Infection Prevention and Control

- IMC trained 20 healthcare workers on case management and IPC/WASH.

3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- SSRC trained 40 volunteers on Social Mobilization and Risk Communication in Yei.

3.7. Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization (RCCE&SM)

- No update this week.

3.8. Logistics and Personnel deployment

- WFP has ordered for the four ambulances for the isolation units from UNHRD Dubai. Modifications expected to commence soon.
- WFP is supporting WHO with the distribution of EVD case definition materials in Aweil, Bentiu, Bor, Kuajok, Rumbek, Torit, Malakal, Wau & Yambio.
- WFP has completed the construction and hand-over of the Isolation Units (IU) in Yei and Yambio. Nimule IU handover was delayed due to strong whirlwinds.
- WFP/LC conducted advanced logistics training course from 25th -28th Jan 2019.

3.9. Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Vaccination of front line healthcare workers started in Yambio on 28th Jan 2019. About 82 healthcare workers and frontline workers were vaccinated at Yambio State hospital.

3.10. IPC/WASH

- SP- HLSS conducted a 3-day TOT on EVD preparedness in Juba (screening, isolating and reporting, IPC skills).
- IMC trained 20 healthcare workers for the Isolation unit in Juba.

3.11. Access, Safety and Security

- The TWG continue to engage with the local authorities and parties in conflicts to establish unhindered access to the EVD response areas.

3.12. Updates from States

Yambio

- World Vision International completed contracting 10 health workers earmarked for Basukambi and Sangua PoEs and hospital isolation unit for Ebola.
- WHO pre-positioned infection prevention and control materials (gloves, masks, gowns) at the health-care facilities.

Nimule

- Two suspected EVD cases reported from Nimule screening points (27th and 29th Jan). the GenXpert results were negative for EVD. The PCR analysis for the first suspected case (27-Jan) was negative for EVD. We still await the PCR analysis results for the second suspected case.
- 42,980 passengers were screened at the border screening points.
- MEDAIR constructed temporary holding unit at St Bhakita PHCU (pit latrine, waste pit, and holding room).
- IFRC/SSRC trained 15 SDB members.

Maridi

- IFRC/SSRC trained 40 volunteers on risk communication and social mobilization

Jubek

- Health Link South Sudan, with support from SP and WHO conducted a 3-day ToT for 12 personnel from PHCC's on EVD surveillance.
- IMC trained 20 HCW's from PHCC's on EVD case management and IPC/WASH with support from MoH and WHO.
- SMOH trained 9 EWARS facilitators who will train other health workers within Jubek. About 56 health facility in-charges were trained and given cell phones for reporting on surveillance.

4.0 Challenges/Gaps.

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- Access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge due to insecurity
- Increased consumption of bush meat by communities.
- Delayed operationalization of new points of entry.
- Mapping of legal burial sites for confirmed, probable or suspected EVD.

5.0 Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- Access, Safety and Security technical working group to continue engaging armed groups to ensure unhindered access.
- Orientation of bush meat vendors by municipality head of public health and risk communication & social mobilization pillar.
- IOM, WVSS CUAMM to fast-track the operationalization of new points of entry
- Safe and Dignified Burial Technical Working Group to continue engaging State authorities and communities to secure legal burial sites for any EVD cases.

6.0. Conclusion

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

- Start vaccination of frontline health workers in Yei and other high risk areas.
- Fast track operationalization of new points of entry in Yei and Yambio.
- Address the issue of the legal burial sites.
- Strengthen coordination between national and state task force on risk communication.

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, Ministry 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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