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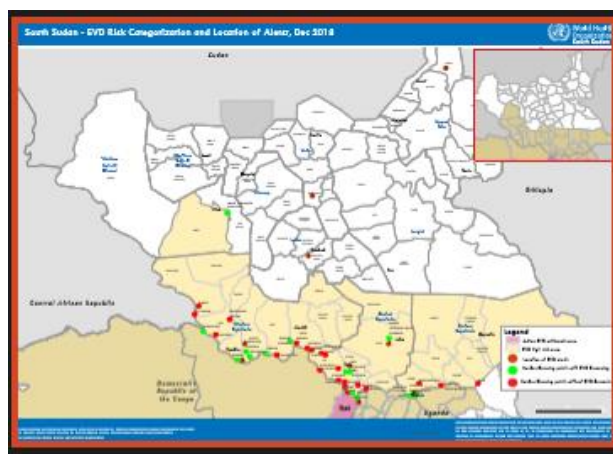
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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

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1. Highlights

- The vaccine TWG started vaccination exercise in Yei on 4 February 2019. As of 11 February 2019, a total of 557 healthcare and frontline workers have been vaccinated in Yei and Yambio.
- WHO supported the visit of two MoH staff who are members of the EVD National Task Force, to undertake a field supervision visit to Yei River State to meet with State authorities and advocate for enhanced EVD preparedness and guide coordination activities.
- Arrangement for subsequent visit to Yambio, Nimule, Maridi and Tambura are underway.
- As of 8 February 2019, about 1,182,821 people entering South Sudan were screened across the 19 operational screening sites.



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

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

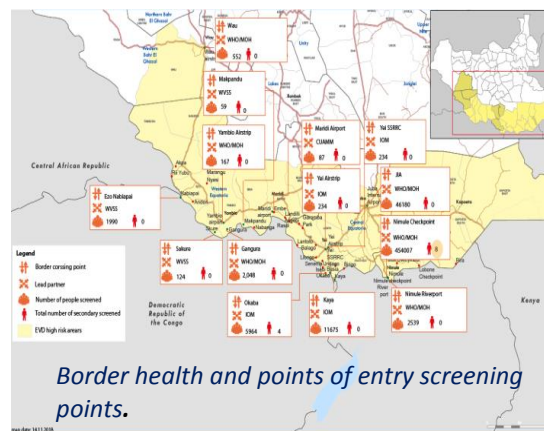
2.1. Latest updates

- EVD transmission in DRC continues in North Kivu and Ituri provinces.
- As of 9 February 2019, 5 confirmed new cases and 3 new deaths have been reported.
- Since the outbreak a total of 811 EVD cases (750 confirmed & 61 probable), reported and a total of 510 deaths occurred with a case fatality rate (CFR) 62.8%.
- Since the outbreak about 63 health care workers have been infected, 21 died.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1. Coordination

- A national taskforce meeting was held on 7 February 2019 at the PHEOC in Juba. State Task Force meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Jubek, and Nimule.
- The next national task force meeting will be conducted on 14 February 2019.
- The committee reviewing the EVD preparedness evaluation checklist has registered progress and the work is ongoing.



3.2. Resource mobilization

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

3.3. EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- Epi/surveillance reported one EVD alert in Yambio. The suspect was an 18 years old man who came from DR Congo on 3 February 2019. The RRT team underwent further investigation and found there was no case. Meanwhile, the RRT team provided information for the community on Ebola prevention and alert notification.

- 12 lab personnel and RRT team were trained on safe sample collection, packaging and transport in Yambio from 29 – 31 January 2019.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- A total of 1,182,821 people were screened in nineteen screening posts during the reporting week.
- The border health and points of entry TWG will meet airlines companies to re-enforce usage of the international health arrival forms by airlines that have not complied in Juba.
- 19 screening points are operational.

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 5)
1	JIA	Jubek	92,936	3,574	0	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	55,447	3,080	0	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	883,802	38,426	0	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudue	7,864	357	0	0
5	Sakure	Gbudue	5,221	249	0	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudue	2,225	101	0	0
7	Wau	Wau	937	41	0	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	461	24	0	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	45,734	2,407	1	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	524	26	0	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	18,901	1,050	0	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudue	2,295	135	0	0
13	Ezo	Gbudue	18,433	1,152	0	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	209	12	0	0
15	Tikori	Yei River	2,505	193	27	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	23,012	2,557	1	0
17	Pure	Yei River	18,595	2,066	0	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	3,616	904	4	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	104	26	0	0
	Total		1,182,821		33	0

3.5. Case Management, Infection Prevention and Control

- IMC conducted a 4-day training on case management and IPC/WASH to multidisciplinary team of 20 (5 doctors, 6 clinical officers, 6 nurses, 2 lab tech and 1 IPC focal person) personnel who will be deployed to work within the isolation facility if any response is needed.

3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- 140 volunteers trained in social mobilization for safe and dignified burial by IFRC in Yambio, Yei and Nimule.

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

- Printed versions of all SOPs delivered to PHEOC for onward distribution to TWGs and partners.
- Radio broadcasts continuing through 18 radio stations, reaching an estimated 2 million people in high risk areas on a weekly cycle. Detailed and updated listing of currently active radio stations and the geographical area covered available.

3.8. Logistics and Personnel deployment

- WFP is supporting the WHO vaccination team in sorting the kits in Yei.
- Ambulances procured and are being modified.

3.9. Vaccines and Therapeutics

- EVD vaccination started on 28 January 2019 in Yambio and 4 February 2019 in Yei.
- As of 11 February 2019, a total of 557 healthcare and frontline workers have been vaccinated in Yei and Yambio (State Hospital and six health facilities).

3.10. IPC/WASH

- Reported under Case management/IPC.

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

- 2 focus group discussions for community planned for Yambio and Nzara counties.

Nimule

- No report this week

Yei

- State Taskforce (STF) meeting held on Tuesday, 5 February 2019 with the participation of EVD Incident Manager and EPI & Surveillance technical working group lead of the NTF members.
- The State Ministry of Health and Environment of Yei Rivers State officially handed over the Ebola isolation Centre in Yei State Hospital to Africa Action Help International (AAH), the implementing partner. The facility located behind the hospital and state secretariat was constructed by WFP.

Jubek

- Jubek State Task Force meetings conducted on Wednesday, 6 February 2019.
- EWARS has been rolled out to 28 health facilities within the State to enhance surveillance.
- Supportive supervision conducted in all the 28 Health Facilities on use of EWARS.
- With support from MoH and WHO, IMC continuing with the 4 days training of the remaining 20 healthcare workers from the PHCC's on case management & IPC/WASH.

4.0 Challenges/Gaps.

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- Due to insecurity, access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge.
- Delayed operationalization of new points of entry.
- Mapping of legal burial sites for confirmed, probable or suspected EVD cases.

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:

- Continue with vaccination of frontline health workers in Yambio and Yei and plan for other high risk areas.
- Fast track operationalization of new points of entry in Yei and Yambio.
- 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, SSRIC, 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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