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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 103

### **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 960
- Confirmed cases: 895
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 603

#### **a) 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.**

#### **b) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)**

### **SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Bundibugyo District**

##### **Achievements**

- Conducted supportive supervision and EVD active search at Kanyamwirimya H/C III. No unreported or missed case of EVD recorded at the facility. 10 Health care workers were mentored on IPC and sensitized on EVD in general. Facility was supplied with copies of IEC materials.
- Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) continue to implement temperature screening at Points of Entry (PoEs).

### Gaps and Challenges:

- Telephone airtime
- Lack of allowances for the field teams
- Lack of computer for field activities and processing reports

### Kasese District

#### Achievements

*Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019.*

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	8043
2	Kayanzi	5
3	Mirami	310
4	Kisolholho	0
5	Kithoma	313
6	Katwe	41
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8712</b>

- Surveillance subcommittee met and highlighted the following:
  - The District Surveillance Focal Person (DSFP) to follow-up fuel for surveillance with the District Health Officer (DHO).
  - DSFPs to continue line listing all EVD alert cases reported in the district.
  - DHO to follow-up with NTFs on funding the sustainability plan.

### Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Active case search going on in health facilities and in communities supported by Village Health Teams. No cases detected on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in both districts.



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- 264 new arrivals screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected.

*No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		51
Sebagoro	Kikuube		196
Kaiso	Hoima		17
<b>Total</b>			<b>264</b>

## RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

### Kabarole District

#### Achievements

- URCS engaged commercial sex workers in Fort Portal Municipality South Division on EVD.
- They visited 156 households and reached 350 people with EVD messages. They conducted two community meetings attended by 315 people on EVD and demonstrated proper hand washing. They distributed 77 posters and 43 leaflets in the community.

#### Gaps and Challenges

- IEC materials in Rutooro and Runyoro languages.

### Bunyangabu District

#### Achievements

- URCS volunteers conducted four community meetings in Rubona Town Council, Kibiito sub-county attended by 122 people (57 male 65 female and 110 children).
- They visited 158 house hold reaching 445 people (217 male, 251 female and 119 children). They demonstrated proper hand washing and distributed 89 posters and 73 flyers in the community.



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