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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE NO 104

### **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 968
- Confirmed cases: 903
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 606

#### **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)**

### **COORDINATION**

#### **Bundibugyo District**

##### **Gaps and Challenges**

- Poor attendance of District Task Force (DTF) and sub-committee meetings.
- Lack of transport for field coordination.
- Printer/photocopier/scanner required to assist in documentation and sharing of information.

#### **Ntoroko District**



## Gaps and Challenges

- Fuel for coordination and conducting sub-committee activities.
- Allowances for field work.
- Poor attendance of DTF due to council session meeting at the same time
- Increasing closure of PoEs due to lack of facilitation for the volunteers; 12 PoEs so far closed; people enter the country without being screened.
- Sub-committees have not yet provided daily reports to field coordinator.
- Change of the head of surveillance subcommittee and a new one has not been inducted yet leaving a vacuum.

## SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

### Bundibugyo District

#### Achievements

- Conducted support supervision and active case search at Ntandi HC III and mentored 10 health workers on IPC and EVD in general. No unreported or missed case of EVD seen in the records. Facility supplied with IEC materials.

#### Gaps and Challenges

- Telephone airtime and field allowances for the teams.

### Kasese District

#### Achievements

*Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.*

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	28,862



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2	Kayanzi	10
3	Mirami	443
4	Kisolholho	159
5	Kithoma	236
6	Katwe	50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,760</b>

## Bunyangabu District

### Achievements

- Community-based Disease Surveillance (CBDS) is going on in the communities by Village Health Teams (VHTs) and trained opinion leaders.
- Active case search done at Rambia HC III; no missed cases detected.
- Received 93 hand washing vessels from UNICEF and were delivered to health facilities.

### Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of transport and facilitation for the district surveillance team for fieldwork.

## Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Active case search going on in health facilities and in communities supported by VHTs. No cases detected on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in both districts.
- 57 new arrivals screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs. No suspected case detected.

*No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		44



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Sebagoro	Kikuube		13
Kaiso	Hoima		00
<b>Total</b>			<b>57</b>

## CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

### Ntoroko District

#### Gaps and Challenges

- Inadequate supplies for the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU).
- Lack of motivation of health workers to work in the ETU.
- Feeding the patients admitted in the ETU.

### Bundibugyo District

#### Gaps and Challenges

- Stock out of gloves and other supplies.

### Bunyangabu District

#### Achievements

- The health workers are conducting health education talks at all Points of Entry (PoEs).
- Case definition job aids are being utilized to identify suspected cases.
- No case admitted in the ETU.

## RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

### Ntoroko District



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- A 73m UGX Risk Communication and Community Engagement Plan has been developed and it urgent requires funding.

## **Kabarole District**

### **Achievements**

- Risk Communication team visited 194 households and reached 320 people. They conducted 6 community meetings for Boda Boda riders and BRAC women attended by 63 people. They demonstrated proper hand washing and distributed 104 posters and 49 leaflets.

### **Gaps and Challenges**

- Lack of IEC materials in Rutooro and Runyoro languages

## **Bunyangabu District**

### **Achievements**

- Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers conducted two community meetings in Buheesi Town Council, Kibiito sub-county and in Rwimi Town Council. They interacted with 125 people (42 males, 47 female 36 children) on EVD and demonstrated proper hand washing.
- They also visited 164 households reaching 607 people (204 males, 269 females and 134 children) with EVD messages. They shared 84 posters and 65 Ebola facts flyers in the community.

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