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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

22nd MARCH 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE NO 106

SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 21st MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 20TH MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 991
- Confirmed cases: 926
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 614

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

Kabarole District

Achievements

- There was a District Task Force meeting that agreed on the following action points:
 - The District Health Educator (DHE)/District Health Officer (DHO) to draw a scheduled for radio talk shows indicating time, radio station and names of panelists.
 - The DHE to be facilitated with stationery to print EVD risk communication messages.
 - Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) will be integrated into routine supervision for sustainability.



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- The Risk Communication team will map prayer centers such as churches and mosques and reach them with EVD messages.
- Risk communication team will develop and disseminate Lent and Easter season messages on EVD.
- Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) volunteers will integrate routine immunization messages in EVD house-to-house campaigns during April (Child days Plus).

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- The DTF met and agreed on the following action points:
 - DHO to submit WASH requirement for schools in risk areas.
 - IPC team to conduct school mentorships on Chlorine mixing.
 - URCS district focal person to follow up on expired contracts for volunteers.
 - UNICEF will follow up on the issues of IEC materials in local languages.
 - URCS will map out all schools and places of worship and submit list to DTF by 1st week of April 2019.
 - URCS to report weekly data based on targets, households and population to help assess progress on coverage.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievement:

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 21st March 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	-
2	Kayanzi	7
3	Mirami	447
4	Kisolholho	320



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5	Kithoma	238
6	Katwe	47
	Total	1,059

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- Surveillance team conducted supportive supervision and active search at Ebenezer HC III. They did not find any unreported or missed cases at the facility. The team mentored three health workers on IPC and oriented 25 community members on EVD. They shared IEC materials at the facility.
- URCS staff continue with temperature screening at Points of Entry (PoEs).
- URCS to open Bundikalebha PoE bringing the operational one to eight. WFP will provide infrastructure-tents, tables, chairs.

Gaps and Challenges

- There are 10 non-functional PoEs in the district at which people cross in the country without screening.
- Lack of a computer to facilitate surveillance activities and reporting.
- Telephone airtime and field allowances for the teams.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Community-Bases Disease Surveillance (CBDS) going on in the communities by Village Health Teams (VHTs) and trained opinion leaders. No EVD alert or suspected cases reported.

Gaps and Challenges

- No Transport and field allowances for the district surveillance team.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts



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- Laboratory results for TA a male aged 33 (see Update 105) who was in isolation at Kyakasene clinic in Kagadi Town Council are negative by PCR for Ebola, Marburg, CCHF and RVF. The patient is currently receiving treatment. The WHO trained psychosocial team will give appropriate feedback and support to the patient, family and community.
- 35 new arrivals from DRC were screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected.
- Active case search going on in health facilities and in communities supported by VHTs. No cases detected on 21st March 2019 in both districts.

No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 21st March 2019

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		27
Sebagoro	Kikuube		08
Kaiso	Hoima		00
Total			35

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers visited 201 households and reached 487 people with EVD messages. They conducted five community meetings and sensitized 256 people on EVD. They demonstrated hand washing and distributed 123 posters and 31 leaflets.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements



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- URCS volunteers visited 153 households and oriented 580 people (198 males, 244 females, 138 children) on EVD. They conducted a community meeting attended by 122 people (14 males, 12 females, 96 children) on EVD. They distributed 94 posters and 53 leaflets.

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