

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

25th MARCH 2019 (12:00 HRS) - UPDATE NO 107

SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 24TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 23RD MARCH 2019

Cumulative cases: 1009

• Confirmed cases: 944

Probable: 65

Total deaths: 629

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

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 24th March 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	-
2	Kayanzi	2
3	Mirami	292
4	Kisolholho	198



5	Kithoma	211
6	Katwe	50
	Total	753

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

 Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) volunteers are continuing with temperature screening at Points of Entry (PoEs).

Gaps and Challenges

- lack of PPEs such as gloves and gumboots
- There are no tents and furniture at some PoEs.
- There is no toilet facility in Kasiri PoE.
- Lack of disinfectant "saraya" at Busunga PoE.

Ntoroko District

Gaps and Challenges

• Lack of fuel for the surveillance team to respond to alerts.

Bunyangabu District

Gaps and Challenges

No Transport and facilitation for the district surveillance team for fieldwork.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bunyangabu District



Achievements

- IPC orientation and mentorship going on in schools.
- There was a follow up visit at Rubona HC II and the following were noted:
 - Hand washing being done.
 - There's proper waste segregation and disposal.
 - Basic PPE being used by staff.
 - Chlorine was being utilized.
 - ODK checklist filled.
 - The General sanitation was good.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

Achievements

- The risk communication team drafted an action plan with the school administrators of Karambi Primary School.
- URCS volunteers visited 197 households and reached 442 people with EVD messages. They held six community meetings at Green Hill and Holy Ark Primary schools attended by 274 people. They demonstrated hand washing and distributed 136 posters.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Risk Communication team conducted three community meetings on EVD in Rubona Town Council in Kibiito sub-county attended by 434 people (13 male 46 female 375 children).
- The visited 162 households and reached 625 people (221 males, 277 females and 127 children) with EVD messages. They distributed and 84 posters and 67 flyers with facts on Ebola.

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