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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

5TH MARCH 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE NO 95

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 4TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 3RD MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 897
- Confirmed cases: 832
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 563

b) 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.**

c) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

COORDINATION

Kabarole District

- Radio talk shows on EVD continue to be aired using airtime provided by the Resident District Commissioner.

Gaps and Challenges

- No airtime and fuel for coordination
- Lack of transport i.e. fuel for vehicles and motorcycles for surveillance and community engagement work and ambulance.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 4th March 2019

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	28264
2	Lake Katwe	54
3	Kayanzi	09
4	Mirami	559
5	Kisolholho	267
6	Kithoma	195
	Total	29348

Bunyangabu District:

- Ongoing active search and EVD support supervision.

Kabarole District

- Active case search is ongoing

Gaps and Challenges

- Transport and airtime for the field teams.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Village Health Teams (VHTs) and health workers in Hoima and Kikuube districts are conducting community-based and health facility surveillance respectively. No alert cases detected on 4th March 2019.
- 81 new arrivals from DRC were screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected among them.
- The roofs of the PoE waiting Sebagoro and Kaiso were completely destroyed by wind. UNHCR has been requested to support with repair or replacement of the tents.
- Radio spots on EVD continue to be broadcast on local FM stations in Hoima district.

No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 4th March 2019



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PoE Site	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		46
Sebagoro	Kikuube		25
Kaiso	Hoima		10
Total			81

RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Kasese District

- The Bwera Risk Communication Team visited 49 households in Nyabutundu cell reaching 174 people (61males, 81 females, 32 children) with EVD messages. They shared 12 posters and 15 leaflets in the area.
- The Isango Risk Communication Team visited 27 households in Kyambala 1 B and reached 162 people (42 males, 51 females and 69 children) with EVD messages. They distributed 11 posters in the area.

Gaps and Challenges

- Tent at Kisolholho is in poor condition.
- The land issue where Mirami screening point is located is not yet addressed by the district local government.
- Lack of batteries for the thermometers.
- There is resistance in some Islamic schools for EVD/IEC materials. The District Risk Communication Team will address this issue.

Kabarole District

- IEC materials distribution and radio talks shows progressing well.
- The district team with Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) oriented community members of Katumba village led by the LC 1 chairperson on EVD facts and on Infection Prevention and Control standards.
- EVD message were shared on Sunday at Kagusu Catholic Church during after prayers.

Gaps and Challenges



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- No IEC materials in the local languages (Runyoro /Rutooro).
- Lack of facilitation allowances for the field teams.

LOGISTICS

Kabarole District

- The logistics subcommittee met and addressed some logistical issues.

Gaps & Constraints:

- Majority of the hand washing facilities have broken down.
- Lack of facilitation allowances for the team to monitor activities and to redistribute items where applicable.

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