



Ministry of Health

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

6th March 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 96

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 5th March 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 4TH March 2019

- Cumulative cases: 900
- Confirmed cases: 835
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 565

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

Kasese District

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of resources to support the weekly District Task Force (DTF) meetings with full stakeholder participation.
- Other competing tasks that limit attention to EVD work.

Bundibugyo District

Gaps and challenges

- Poor documentation and sharing of reports due to lack of a printer, photocopier and scanner.
- Heavy reliance on WHO transport; DHO's vehicle requires new tyres and servicing.
- Poor attendance of DTF meetings.
- Power shortages that affect coordination at the DHO's office.
- Irregular sub-committee meetings.

Ntoroko District

Gaps and Challenges

- Delayed submission of accountabilities hindering the acquisition of more funds.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- The Health Sub-District Surveillance team mentored 11 health workers on EVD at KMC HCIII. There were no EVD cases detected in the facility.

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 5th March 2019

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	30100
2	Kayanzi	10
3	Mirami	462
4	Kisolholho	144
6	Kithoma	303
	Total	31019

Gaps and Challenges



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- Lack of constant water supply at some health facilities.
- PPE supplies are running low in several facilities.
- Lack of stand-by ambulance to transport EVD suspected cases to ETU.

Bundibugyo District

- Supportive supervision and active search conducted at Kisuba HC III and Bulyambwa HC II. No unreported or missed EVD cases recorded in the facilities.
- 12 health care workers and 23 community members (23) were mentored and sensitized on EVD.
- Conducted on-job training for the District Surveillance Focal Person on the use of the ODK.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of field allowances for surveillance officers.
- Lack of telephone airtime.

Ntoroko District

Gaps and Challenges

- There are no allowances for volunteers at the 15 district-manned PoEs in the district. Volunteers from Fridge, Kigungu, Haibale South and Kayanja I PoEs have tentatively withdrawn from work demanding for their allowances.
- No field allowances for surveillance officers.
- Lack of transport.
- Lack of a computer to prepare field reports.
- Delays in responding to alerts in remote parts of the district.

Bunyangabu District

- Active case search and support supervision ongoing.
- mTrac reminder messages sent to all health workers for immediate reporting of alert or suspected cases.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No alert cases reported in Hoima and Kikuube districts on 5th March 2019. Village Health Teams and Health workers remain vigilant for community-based and health facility-based surveillance respectively.
- 163 new arrivals were screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs. No alert cases detected among them.
- Waiting tents at Sebagoro and Kaiso PoEs await repair after they were destroyed by a storm.

No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 5th March 2019

PoE Site	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		77
Sebagoro	Kikuube		85
Kaiso	Hoima		02
Total			163

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Kasese District

Gaps and Challenges

- Allowances for health workers at the ETU.
- Lack of surgical gloves in ETU.
- Lack stand by vehicle to transport alert or suspected cases.

Bundibugyo District

- No case admitted in the ETU.

Gaps and Challenges

- Stock out of PPEs such as gloves.

Ntoroko District

Gaps and Challenges

- Structural and environmental improvements still needed at the ETU.
- Inadequate drugs and supplies such as triple packaging, linen at the ETU.
- Lack of stationery such as registers and case investigation forms.
- No food for patients admitted in the ETU.
- Insufficient security at the ETU that attracts petty thieves.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Kasese District

- Risk Communication teams visited 72 households in Nyabutundu, Bwera College of Commerce and Kyampare and reached 379 people with EVD messages. They distributed 27 EVD posters and 6 leaflets in the area.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of IEC materials in local languages.

Bunyangabu District

- Risk Communication teams conducted activities in Kibiito, Kabonero, Rwimi, Katebwa, Kisomoro sub counties and Kyamukube, Buheesi, Rubona, Kibiito and Rwimi town councils. They visited 180 households and interacted with 527 (240 male, 287 female) people on EVD. They distributed 95 posters and 39 flyers in the area.

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