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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 20TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 19TH MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 980
- Confirmed cases: 915
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 610

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

Achievements

- The District Task Force (DTF) met and agreed on the following action points:
 - They will look for a development partner such as Baylor to facilitate the 10 non-functional Points of Entry (PoEs).
 - URCS will coordinate delivery of preparedness supplies to the district.
 - Save The Children will support supervision of Village Health Teams (VHTs), community dialogues and IPC supplies.



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- The police will be included in investigating sudden deaths so that once Ebola is ruled out they take over further investigations.

Gaps and Challenges

- Poor attendance of DTF and sub-committee meetings.

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- The DTF met at Kibuku district headquarters and agreed on the following action points:
 - DTF will send a written reminder to National Task Force (NTF) about the second ambulance.
 - All sub-committees will provide typed daily reports to WHO EVD Field coordinator and weekly reports to DTF.
 - WFP will transfer a tent from district stores and set it up at Buguma PoE.
 - Faulty infrared thermometers will be replaced on presentation at the store.
 - UNICEF will train 40 para social workers in child protection and EVD.
 - UNICEF will provide the audio jingles to the District Health Educator for use in markets and video halls.

Gaps and Challenges

- Field allowances for health workers.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 20th March 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	-
2	Kayanzi	7
3	Mirami	395



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4	Kisolholho	173
5	Kithoma	-
6	Katwe	47
	Total	622

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- Surveillance team conducted supportive supervision and active search at Bundimulangya and Ngamba HC IIIs. No unreported or missed cases of EVD recorded at the facilities. 12 Health care workers, three VHTs and 80 community members were oriented on EVD. Copies of IEC materials were distributed at the facilities.
- Temperature screening is ongoing at PoEs conducted by Uganda Red Cross Society staff.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of telephone airtime and field allowances for health workers.
- 10 PoEs are non-functional and people are just crossing in the country.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Community-Based Disease Surveillance (CBDS) going on in the communities.
- Active search done at Mitandi HC III. No EVD alert case Reported.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- There was an alert case of TA a 33 year old male resident of Kamazima village currently in isolation at Kyakasene HC II in Kagadi Town council. He was admitted on 19th March 2019 presenting with cough, headache, vomiting blood, joint pain, chest pain, general body weakness, red eyes, skin rash, abdominal pain, sensitivity to light, bloody urine and low appetite. He has no history of travel to DRC, no consumption



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of bush meeting and had not taken care of an EVD suspected patient. He however attended to a measles suspected case. A blood sample was picked and taken to Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) for testing.

- 166 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 20th March 2019 in both districts.

No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 20th March 2019

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		59
Sebagoro	Kikuube		107
Kaiso	Hoima		00
Total			166

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- Letters were drafted for Chief Administrative Office (CAO) for signature and delivery to banks and Cocoa selling institutions to provide hand washing facilities for their clients.

Gaps and Challenges

- Stock out of gloves

Bunyangabu District

Achievements



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- IPC orientation and mentorship going on in schools.
- Follow up visit done in Mitandi HC III.
- Hand washing being done.
- There is proper waste segregation and disposal in health facilities.
- Basic PPE are being used by staff.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

Achievements

- Risk Communication team visited 173 households and reached 360 people with EVD messages. They also sensitized 103 people in five community meets. They distributed 97 posters and 12 leaflets.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of IEC materials in Rutooro and Runyoro languages

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers conducted four community meetings in Rubona Town Council, Kibiito sub-county attended by 194 people (11 male 8 female 175 children).
- They visited 162 households reaching 565 people (200 males, 244 females and 121 children). They demonstrated proper hand washing and distributed 95 posters and 44 flyers in the community.

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