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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

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1. Highlights

- EVD vaccination exercise completed in Yei River State. Since the launching of vaccination on 28 January 2019, a total of 1, 261 healthcare workers and frontline workers in Yei River State and Gbudue have received the vaccine against Ebola.
- The results of the suspected EVD alert in Tambura State tested negative for Ebola. A 15 years old male child presented to Tambura County hospital with fever, followed by bleeding from the nose, body pain and vomiting. Accordingly, the State Rapid Response Team (RRT) investigated, collected blood samples, listed all contacts, and advised the community on the preventive measures.
- The IPC/WASH TWG trained 35 health care workers from the South Sudan People's Defense Force (SSDF) from 12-14 March 2019 on EVD screening, isolation, referral, reporting and IPC/WASH.

2. Ebola Situation update from North Kivu of Democratic Republic of Congo

As of 13 March, 2019:

- 927 EVD cases, including 862 confirmed and 65 probable cases were reported in DRC. Among these, 584 deaths have been reported (CFR - 62.9%).
- EVD transmission in DRC continues in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. From 7-13 March 21 New cases were reported from 7-13 March 2019; of these, 3 in Mandima, 2 Kalunguta, 1 Marereka, 4 Butembo, 1 Biena, 8 Katwa, 1 Lubero, and 1 Kyondo.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1 Coordination

- National taskforce meeting was held on 14 March 2019 at the PHEOC in Juba. The meeting minutes with action points were shared for follow-up and implementation.
- State Task Force meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Jubek, and Nimule. The meeting minutes and action points were also shared with the TWGs for follow-up and implementation.

3.2 Resource mobilization

- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized \$12.5 million out of \$16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (76.7% of planned budget).
- Additional \$3.7 million is required to support priority activities for the coming six months. The 6 months EVD contingency plan and resource mobilization is being developed, partners involved in EVD preparedness were requested to submit their plan.

3.3 EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- The EPI-Surveillance Technical Working Group (TWG) has finalized composition of the Rapid Response Team (RRT) core group based on the Ministry of Health's RRT Standard of Operation Procedures with defined duties and responsibilities of the RRT team based on Ministry of Health's RRT SOP.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- Border health and point of entry TWG has made progress in the process of operationalization of new Points of entry/screening points.

A commutative number of screening data at the border crossing points

S/N	Location	State	Cumulative total screened	Average Screening per Week	Secondary Screened (week 8)	Alerts (week 8)
1	JIA	Jubek	109,227	3,523	-	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	59,186	2,573	-	0
3	NimuleCheckpoint	Torit	1,098,945	39,248	-	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudue	11,644	431	-	0
5	Sakure	Gbudue	7,272	280	-	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudue	3,462	128	-	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,131	40	-	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	494	21	-	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	58,160	2,423	3	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	631	25	-	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	23,800	1,035	2	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudue	3,064	139	-	0
13	Ezo	Gbudue	35,119	1,672	-	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	317	14	-	0
15	Tikori	Yei River	3,361	187	-	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	35,908	2,565	-	0
17	Pure	Yei River	31,161	2,226	1	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	8,735	971	23	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	250	28	-	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudue	1,735	347	0	0
21	James Diko	Gbudue	533	107	0	0
22	Sangura 1	Gbudue	1,191	238	0	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudue	3,667	733	0	0
24	Sala Musalia		2,756	1,378	0	0
	Total		1,501,749		29	0

3.5 Case Management, Infection Prevention, and Control

- A total of 20 participants received Training of Trainers (TOT) on EVD case management. The participants were nominated by partner's in-charge of the isolation unit in Juba, Yambio, Maridi Yei and Nimule.

3.6 Safe and Dignified Burial

- Continue with identification of Implementing partners or entity responsible for the development of infrastructure for the EVD burial sites in the high risk areas including Jubek State.

3.7 Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization (RCCE&SM)

- The RSCMCE planning matrix (March-August 2019) was completed by TWG's planning sub-group and will be shared with all partners in the next meeting.

3.8 Logistics and Personnel deployment

- The Logistics technical working group is currently in Nimule on a follow up mission of the JMM recommendations in regards to the isolation units, personal protection equipment stocks & telecoms mapping.

- The Logistics TWG is planning to train key partners on EVD logistics standard operation procedures (SoPs).
- Personal protection equipment dashboard is being developed to capture existing stocks at the state level and central stores in Juba.

3.9 Vaccines and Therapeutics

- EVD vaccination completed in Yei River State.
- The vaccination exercise continues in Gbudue and the team in Yambio will move to Tambura State on the 16th March to continue vaccination. While some members of the vaccination team in Yei River state will move to Nimule to support the Nimule team to expedite the vaccination.

3.10 IPC/WASH

- IPC/WASH TWG supported a 3-day training on EVD screening, isolation, referral, reporting and IPC for a 35 medical team from the South Sudan People's Defense Forces (SSDF).
- International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted a 3-day training on screening, isolation, referral, reporting and IPC for 20 health care workers from the Police and Prison Primary Healthcare Care Centers and Units in Juba.

3.11 Access, Safety, and Security

- Presented the Safety, Security, and Access TWG TOR to the National Security Service Representatives and to the Hon. Minister outlining expected roles and responsibilities.

3.12 Updates from States

Yei

- Ebola vaccination exercise extended to Kajo-kaji county. So far 616 health care workers and frontline worker vaccinated in Yei River State.
- Distribution of EVD case definition, posters and fact sheets completed.

Nimule (Torit State)

- The EPI/Surveillance TWG provided orientation to community based surveillance volunteers on their TOR.
- Talk shows on EVD risk communication are on-going.
- Received the joint monitoring mission representatives from DFID/OCHA/WHO to conduct EVD preparedness and readiness assessment in Nimule.

4.0 Challenges/Gaps

- Access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge due to insecurity.

5.0 Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- Access, Safety, and Security technical working group to continue engaging armed groups to ensure unhindered access.

6.0 Conclusion

- Continue with vaccination of frontline health workers in Yambio and start the vaccination exercise in Tambura and Nimule.
- Continue with implementation of other EVD preparedness interventions as per national EVD contingency plan.

Partners involved in EVD preparedness and readiness

MOH, WHO, Health Cluster partners, UNICEF, CDC, USAID, DFID, JICA, ECHO, World Bank, UNHCR, UNOCHA, Health Pool Fund, IOM, AWG, WASH Cluster partners, ICRC, IFRC, SSRC, WFP, Min of Interior, AMREF, MSF family, IMC, ICRC, ALIMA, IRC, World Vision, America Refugee Committee, SCI, UNMISS, UNDSS, UNDP, SPLA, LS, DFCA, ARC, Samaritan's Purse, MEDAIR, REACH and UNHASS.

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