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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 27TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 26TH MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1029
- Confirmed cases: 964
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 642

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

Kasese District

Achievements

- The District Task Force (DTF) agreed on the following action points:
 - Request the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) for security of the EVD tents at Mirami and Kisolholho Points of Entry (PoEs).
 - The District Health Educator to seek clarifications from partner organizations on the mode of payment of allowances for lower health cadres.
 - RDC and DHO to follow-up the land issue at Mirami PoE.



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- The Chief Administrative Officer will write to the NTF for clarification on utility bills at Mpondwe PoE.
- DHT to submit the sustainability plan to NTF as soon as possible.

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- The DTF agreed on the following:
 - The DHO will request for solar power for back up.
 - DHO to inquire about the status of motorcycles promised by WHO for Surveillance and risk communication work
 - CAO to always attend the DTF meetings be directly represented.
 - DTF to explore way of acquiring furniture for Bundinamandi PoE.
 - DHO to select two health workers to supervise volunteers at the PoEs.
 - Save the Children started support supervision for 200 Village Health Teams (VHTs); community dialogues; and will also provide IPC supplies.
 - The DTF noted with concern that the deaf have been left out on EVD risk communication. A meeting is going to be organized with their chairperson to organize an information package for them through the special needs trainer and school inspector of special needs.
 - DTF will write to the National Task Force about mobilets for PoEs.
 - The hand washing facilities supplied by UNICEF to the PoEs, health facilities and schools are more than enough. The remainder will be redistributed to some private health facilities, private schools and some institutions.
 - The VHTs will be motivated with T-Shirts, gumboots and raincoats.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 27th March 2019.



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No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	6922
2	Kayanzi	8
3	Mirami	371
4	Kisolholho	208
5	Kithoma	656
6	Katwe	49
	Total	8,214

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- Surveillance team conducted supportive supervision and active search at Busunga HCII. No unreported or missed cases of EVD recorded at the facility. Three health care workers (3) were mentored and sensitized on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and EVD.
- The team also carried out on-the-job training for the health sub district surveillance focal person on the use of the ODK and on effective integrated support supervision.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

Community Based Disease Surveillance (CBDS) going on in the communities.

Gaps and Challenges

- There is no transport and field allowances for the district surveillance team.

Kikuube District



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- The District Health Team with support from Care and Assistance for Forced Migrants (CAFOMI) conducted four community dialogues in high risk sub-counties of Kyangwali and Kabwoya on EVD. They were attended by 415 people.
- The Ministry of Health deployed a film van to the district for 6 days which has intensified community sensitization and awareness on EVD.
- The DHT has planned to orient religious leaders and Local Council 1s on EVD preparedness and response scheduled for 29th March 2019 Kiziranfumbi and Kabwoya sub counties.
- Health facility and CBDS by VHTs continue to be implemented. No cases were reported on 27th March 2019.
- 245 new arrivals were screened at Sebagoro and Nsonga PoEs. No alert or suspected case detected.

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 26th and 27th March 2019.

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
		26 th March 2019	27 th March 2019
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube	117	27
Sebagoro	Kikuube	33	68
Total		150	95

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Kasese District

Achievements

- The UNICEF delegation was in the district on 27th March 2019. They were presented with urgent issues on chlorine mixing and risk communication/community engagement. They also visited one primary schools and some communities.
- UNICEF provided WASH facilities which are being distributed schools and health facilities. However there is need to clarify on the installation and utilization of the rain water tanks.
- There is airtime on light FM and Guide radio for awareness and mobilization.
- Save the Children continues with dialogue meetings and VHT support supervision.



Gaps and Challenges

- There is lack of quality IEC materials in local languages.
- Lack of water at some health facilities and ETU
- No field allowances for health workers
- Irregular payment of volunteers by Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS).

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- The health workers are going on with Health education talks at all PoEs
- Case definition job aids are being utilized to identify suspected cases.
- No case under management.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

Achievement

- URCS volunteers visited 183 households and reached 394 people with EVD messages. They conducted eight community meetings involving environment protection, boda-boda riders and building construction workers attended by 132 people. They distributed 94 posters, 127 leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers conducted two community meetings in Kibiito and Katebwa sub counties attended by 311 people (46 males, 44 females and 221 children).



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- They visited 161 households and reached 582 people (205 males, 252 females and 125 children) with EVD messages. They distributed 70 posters and 54 Ebola facts flyers.

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