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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

29th MARCH 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE NO 110

SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 28TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 27TH MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1044
- Confirmed cases: 978
- Probable: 66
- Total deaths: 652

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

Kabarole District

Achievements

- The District Task Force (DTF) meeting resolved the following:
 - To integrate EVD messaging into other service delivery activities.
 - IRC is to conduct an orientation on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for the district IPC team and health workers.
 - Village Health Teams (VHTs), sub county leaders and community champions will be oriented on EVD to improve community alert reporting.



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- UNICEF will support Risk Communication activities in the district.
- UNICEF will support EVD coordination meeting for 15 districts (one day for 15 District Health Officers [DHOs] and 3days for 15 District Health Inspectors [DHIs])
- Contracts for EVD talk shows will be finalized with FM radio stations
- ODK to be used during integrated support supervisions by the IPC team.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- The DTF meet and agreed on the following action points
 - The District Surveillance Focal Person (DSFP) and the UNICEF consultant will relocate the recently delivered hand washing facilities to schools in high risk areas.
 - UNICEF consultant will follow-up translation of IEC materials into local languages.
 - UNICEF will provide and distribute IPC/Chlorine mixing SoPs in schools.
 - Private schools will be encouraged to procure and use hand washing facilities.
 - DHI will request funding from UNICEF to orient 77 schools on chlorine mixing and hand washing.
 - DSFP will orient of Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) volunteers on the ODK tool.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 28th March 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	6,092
2	Kayanzi	07
3	Mirami	456
4	Kisolholho	231
5	Kithoma	233
6	Katwe	43



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	Total	7,062
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Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- Surveillance team conducted support supervision and active case search at Bubukwanga HCIII. No unreported or missed cases of EVD recorded in the facility. Eight health care workers and 53 community members were mentored and sensitized on EVD.

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- Surveillance team conducted support supervision at Rwangara and Rwebisengo HCIIIs as well as the ETU. The also visited Rwangara, Katanga and Kamuga PoEs. Issues:
 - The EVD integrated support supervision checklist was used and posted on the ODK.
 - No alert or suspected EVD cases have been detected in the last one month
 - Some people are crossing without washing hands or being screened due to absence of enforcers.
 - Katanga PoE has been closed for over three weeks due to lack of a record book and allowances for volunteers. However, local politician bought the book and allowances were promised.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of fuel to respond to alerts.
- Lack of field allowances for surveillance officers.
- Lack of IEC materials e.g. posters in the local languages

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Community Based Surveillance by VHT and trained opinion leaders going on in communities.



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- EVD active case search done at in Rubona Medical Centre, Kabonero HCIII, Kakinga HCIII and Kibiito HCIV.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- 31 schools out of 108 in the district as well as 93 health facilities have been supplied with hand washing facilities donated by UNICEF.
- Health workers continue with Health Education talks at all PoEs.
- No EVD case under management.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers visited 188 households and shared EVD information with 420 people. They held four community meetings with, among others, Mpanga farmers, boda-boda riders and women groups totaling to 71 people. They distributed 123 posters, 14 leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

Gaps and Challenges

- URCS volunteers, VHTs and other groups doing community worker urgently require rain coats, gumboots and umbrellas.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- URCS volunteers conducted one community meeting at Nyamugoro in Kibiito sub-county. It was attended by 46 people (14 males 23 females 9 children).



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- They visited 168 households and shared EVD messages with 675 people (221 males, 294 females and 160 children). They distributed 90 posters, 47 Ebola leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

Gaps and Challenges

- URCS volunteers, VHTs and other groups doing community worker urgently require rain coats, gumboots and umbrellas.

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