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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 1ST APRIL 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 31ST MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1089
- Confirmed cases: 1023
- Probable: 66
- Total deaths: 679

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

Ntoroko District

Gaps and Challenges

- There is an increasing number of volunteers leaving the PoEs which subsequently become nonfunctional.
- Lack of fuel and field allowances for sub-committee activities.
- Poor attendance of District Task Force meetings.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 1st April 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	10,190
2	Kayanzi	12
3	Mirami	369
4	Kisolholho	224
5	Kithoma	814
6	Katwe	47
	Total	11,656

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of fuel and telephone airtime for EVD community activities.
- Some Surveillance Focal Persons are not well orientated on Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response.
- Poor coordination and follow-up of VHTs and opinion leaders who were trained on EVD.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Community Based Disease Surveillance going on in the communities.
- Surveillance team conducted active search at Kabonero HC III and filled the ODK tool for EVD and integrated support supervision. They noted the following:
 - The facility has EVD posters.
 - Active search is done daily at the facility.
 - The frontline health workers are knowledgeable about EVD case definition.
 - No EVD alert or suspected case reported at the facility.

Gaps and Challenges



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- Lack of transport and field allowances for EVD community work.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- IPC orientation and mentorship going on in schools.
- Follow up visit done at Kabonero HC III and noted the following:
 - Hand washing being done
 - There's proper waste segregation and disposal
 - Basic PPEs being used by staff
 - Chlorine was being utilized
 - The general sanitation was good.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

Achievements

- Risk Communication team visited 185 households and shared EVD messages with 447 people. They held three community meetings and sensitized 50 people on EVD. They distributed 122 posters, 22 leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- The Risk Communication team conducted three community meetings in Kibiito and Rwimi sub counties as well as in Kiboota Buheesi Town Council on EVD. They were attended by 177 people (53 males 75 females 49 children).
- The team visited 156 households and interacted with 594 people (189 males, 273 females and 132 children). They shared 84 posters, 67 Ebola leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

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