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

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1. Highlights

- As of 31 March 2019, a total of 1, 668 healthcare and frontline workers have been vaccinated (935 in Gbudwe and Tambura, 626 in Yei River and 107 in Nimule). The vaccination in Torit and Jubek is scheduled to start on 22 April 2019.
- Three EVD alerts were reported, two from Juba and one from Ezo. The GeneXpert analysis for the three and the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) results for the two Ebola alerts tested negative.
- The requirement and the design for burial site finalized and shared with the National Task Force and the Incidence Manager.
- Four ambulances for EVD preparedness arrived on 24 March 2019.
- New border health and point of entry screening site established in Khor Khaya/Busia.

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

- As of 27 March 2019, a total of 1, 044 (including 66 probable) cases of EVD have been reported. Of these, there were 652 deaths (CFR of 63%).
- In the past 21 days 13 health zones reported most of the new cases.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1 Coordination

- National taskforce meeting was held on 28 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 six months EVD contingency plan #2 and resource mobilization is being finalized.

3.3 EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- The vehicle requested by MOH for the RRT has been linked to EOC.
- Community based surveillance implementation planning is ongoing.
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3.4 Port Health and Screening

- A new site established in Khor Khaya/Busia.
- The second assessment to Lasu was conducted on 18 March 2019 and the report was submitted to Yei STF on the 26 March 2019.

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 11)	Alerts (week 11)
1	JIA	Jubek	118,364	3,587	-	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	60,222	3,587	-	1
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1,165,176	38,839	-	9
4	Gangura Border	Gbudue	19,304	666	-	0
5	Sakure	Gbudue	9,207	329	-	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudue	4,317	149	-	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,183	39	-	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	520	20	-	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	63,266	2,433	2	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	656	24	-	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	26,054	1,042	-	6
12	Makpandu	Gbudue	6,941	289	-	0
13	Ezo	Gbudue	48,968	2,129	-	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	360	15	1	0
15	Tikori	Yei River	3,563	178	-	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	40,510	2,532	-	0
17	Pure	Yei River	37,218	2,326	-	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	11,756	1,069	6	31
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	284	26	-	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudue	3,071	201	0	0
21	James Diko	Gbudue	1,406	201	0	0
22	Sangura 1	Gbudue	2,258	323	0	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudue	9,503	1,358	0	0
24	Sala Musalia		6,231	2,077	0	
25	Khor Kaya/Busia		1,814	1,814		2
	Total		1,642,152		57	0

3.5 Case Management, Infection Prevention, and Control

- Roll-out of Kobo Tool kit to partners for assessment of IPC status in health facilities.
- Submitted the EVD budget for EVD plan #2.

3.6 Safe and Dignified Burial

- ICRC trained 6 participants from South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) on management of the dead body from 19 -22 March 2019.

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

- UNICEF trained community mobilizers in Yei and Maridi.
- The first rumor tracking/ feedback report received from Yei.

3.8 Logistics and Personnel deployment

- EVD ambulance arrived on Sunday 24 March 2019.
- Joint mission composed of UNICEF, WFP, WHO and MSF have agreed the modification of Isolation Units in Yei, Yambio and Nimule.

3.9 Vaccines and Therapeutics

- The vaccination exercise started in Nimule on 25 March 2019.
- As of 31 March 2019, a total of 1, 668 healthcare and frontline workers have been vaccinated (935 in Gbudwe and Tambura, 626 in Yei River and 107 in Nimule). The vaccination in Torit and Jubek is scheduled to start on 22 April 2019.

3.10 IPC/WASH

- Nothing to report.

3.11 Access, Safety, and Security

- The TWG held its initial meeting with security forces at Juba International Airport. There will be a follow-up meeting and workshop in the coming week.

3.12 Updates from States

Jubek

- State Minister of Health and a team from WHO paid a visit to Rajaf and Luri to discuss about burial sites.
- There will be a joint visit to the proposed burial site in Luri County on the 3 of April 2019.

Yei

- 33 health care workers were trained on EWARS. This will help to intensify EVD surveillance in all health facilities.

Nimule (Torit State)

- Established 33 hand-washing stations in 33 private healthcare facilities.

Yambio

- Conducted Ebola orientation meeting for 100 security officers in Yambio.

4. Challenges/Gaps

- Limited joint supportive supervision from national to the state.
- Poor link between STF and NTF.

5. Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- Organize joint supportive supervision to the state.

6. Conclusion

- Continue with vaccination of frontline health workers in 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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