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

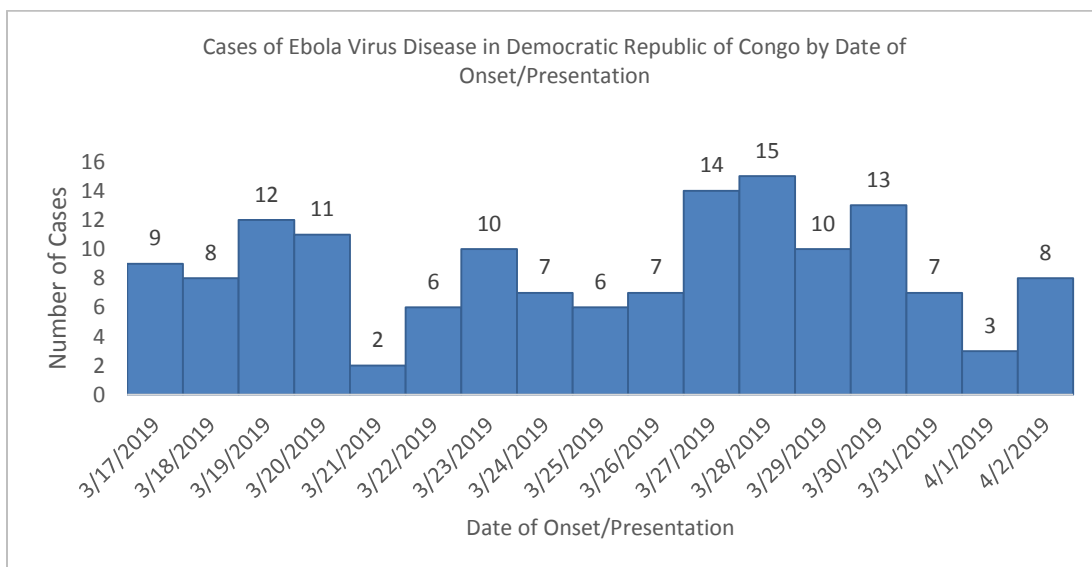
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1. Highlights

- The EVD phase #2 contingency plan that will support the EVD preparedness activities for the next six months has been approved by the NTF.
- Since the launching of vaccination on 28 January 2019, a total of 1, 706 health care and frontline workers received Ebola vaccination in Yei State River, Gbudue State and Nimule/Torit State. The vaccination exercise completed in Yambio and Yei and is ongoing in Nimule area and will be extended to other high risk areas.
- A suspected EVD alert was reported in Ezo County, Tambura State. Accordingly, the State Rapid Response Team (RRT) deployed to investigate and collect sample. The results for GenXpert and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) were negative for Ebola virus disease. The GeneXpert and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tested negative.
- So far, 43 EVD alerts received, of these, 24 investigated and met case definitions and tested negative for EVD.
- Four (4) EVD ambulances officially handed over to partners (WVSS, AAHI, CORDAID and IMC) on Monday, 1 April 2019.
- 30 health care workers from police and military hospitals trained by International Medical Corps on basic infection prevention and control and screening in Juba.
- World Vision South Sudan in Yambio and Action Africa Help International in Yei equipped the isolation units.

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

- As of 2 April 2019, a total of 1,092 cases and 683 deaths (CFR=63%) have been reported.
- 56 new cases and 41 deaths over 1-week period (28 March- 2 April 2019)
- 7,210 contacts registered for surveillance. 83-86% have been followed in the past 7 days.
- Outbreak is not under control. No new geographic spread to the north.
- The following EPI Curve shows the trend of new EVD cases.



3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1 Coordination

- National taskforce meeting was held on 4 April 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 \$12.8 million out of \$16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (78% of planned budget).
- The EVD phase #2 contingency plan that will support the EVD preparedness activities for the next six months has been approved by the NTF.

3.3 EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- EPI Surveillance and Risk Communication TWGs drafted community based surveillance training curriculum in the context of South Sudan. The document will be shared with the NTF for endorsement.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- The existing and the identified points of entry mapped. Moreover, mapping of health facilities which are attached to the points of entry finalized.

A commutative number of screening data at the border crossing points

S/N	Location	State	Cumulative total screened	Average Screening per Week	Alerts (Week 12)
1	JIA	Jubek	122329	3598	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	60778	2338	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1201800	38768	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudwe	19304	643	0
5	Sakure	Gbudwe	9207	317	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudwe	4317	144	0
7	Wau	Wau	1183	38	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	538	20	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	65931	2442	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	666	24	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	27836	1071	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudwe	6941	278	0
13	Ezo	Gbudwe	48968	2040	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	384	15	0
15	Tokori	Yei River	3657	174	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	42929	2525	0
17	Pure	Yei River	40065	2357	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	13521	1127	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	328	27	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudwe	3071	384	0
21	James Diko	Gbudwe	1406	176	0
22	Sangua 1	Gbudwe	2258	282	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudwe	9503	1188	0
24	Salia Musala	Yei River	8990	2248	0
25	Khor Kaya/Busia	Yei River	5348	2674	0
	Total		1, 701, 258	57	0

3.5 Case Management, Infection Prevention, and Control

- IOM provided 3 hand washing station and 4 latrine blocks in Birgo and Kerwa PoE.

3.6 Safe and Dignified Burial

- Nothing to report.

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

- RSCMCE collaborated with EPI-Surveillance working group on the integration/link of CBS with community engagement activities.

3.8 Logistics and Personnel deployment

- Four (4) EVD ambulances officially handed over to partners (WVSS, AAHI, Cordaid and IMC) on Monday, 1 April 2019.
- Telecommunication assessment mission conducted in Nimule

3.9 Vaccines and Therapeutics

- 14 people were trained on how to administer EVD vaccination in Nimule.

3.10 IPC/WASH

- Nothing to report.

3.11 Access, Safety, and Security

- Coordinated with UNDSS/UNMISS Security in Yei and Yambio to address EVD Safety, Security and Access issues.
- Shared UNMISS Force Patrol Plan for Greater Equatorial to partners.

3.12 Updates from States

Jubek

- Working to improve IPC/WASH capacity in frontline health facilities after assessment by the implementing partners.

Yei

- The number of people crossing the border increase by 0.8%.
- The health care workers trained on EVD case management deployed to isolation center.

Nimule (Torit State)

- 224 Health care workers and frontline workers were vaccinated in Pagari and Magwi of Torit State.

Yambio

- Responded and investigated one EVD alert.

4. Challenges/Gaps

- Limited joint supportive supervision from national to the state.
- Poor link between State Task Forces and National Task Forces.

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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