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

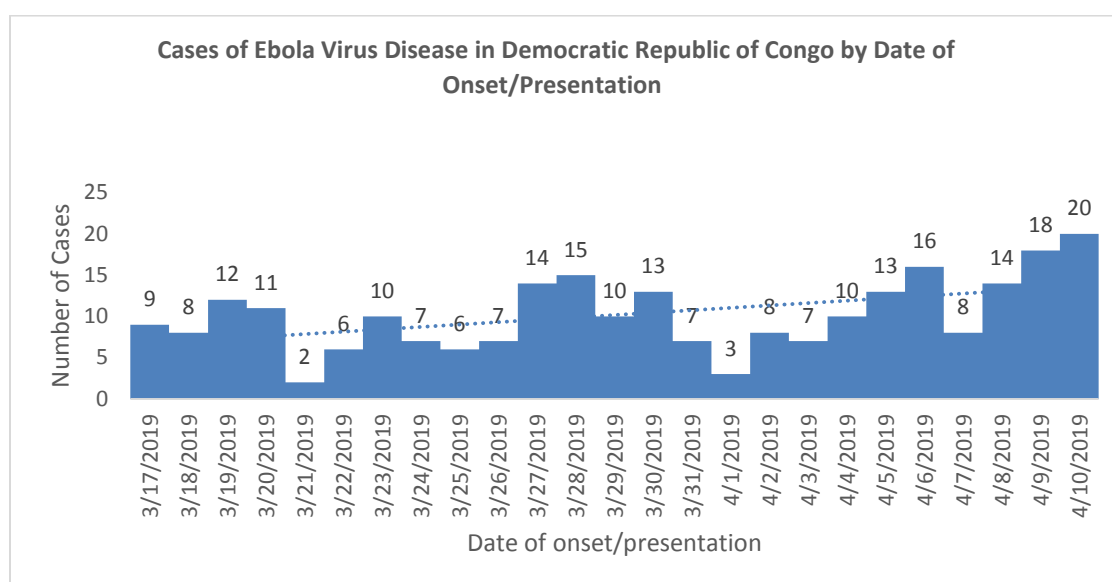
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## 1. Highlights

- Proposed Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) burial site identified in Jubek State (approximately 33 km North West of Juba city) but is still awaiting formal handover by the State authorities.
- Since the launching of the Ebola vaccination exercises on 28 January 2019, a total of 1,855 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.
- So far, 43 EVD alerts received. Of these 24 investigated and met case definitions and tested negative for EVD.
- IOM has finalised establishment of a new point of entry (PoE) site in Kerwa, Yei River State, bringing the number of screening points/points of entry to 26.
- South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross prepositioned 4 Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) and Safe and Dignified Burial kits in Maridi and Yei.
- Assessment for IPC/WASH TWG completed in 91 front line health facilities and reports preparation by partners is ongoing (Number of health facilities per state: 5 in Wau, 15 in Nimule: 25 in Yei, 23 in Yambio and 23 Jubek states).

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

- As of 9 April 2019, a total of 1,186 cases and 751 deaths (CFR=63%) have been reported.
- 79 new cases and 63 deaths over 1-week period (4 April- 9 April 2019).
- 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 11 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

- Investigated one EVD alert in Ezo, Gbudue State.
- Finalized development of community based surveillance training curriculum in the context of South Sudan and shared it with the group members.
- The Laboratory technical working group conducted a joint visit to UNICEF and WHO warehouses on 10 April 2019 to verify Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) reagents and consumables.
- The PCR refurbishment work has been concluded remaining cleaning work.
- PCR focal person has been identified by the Ministry of Health's Public Health Laboratory director.

### 3.4 Port Health and Screening

- IOM established a new point of entry (PoE) site in Kerwa, Yei River State.
- Continue with the process of establishment of new Points of entry in high-risk areas. The PoEs have already been identified.

A commutative number of screening data at the border crossing points

S/N	Location	State	Cumulative total screened	Average Screening per Week	Alerts (Week 14)
1	JIA	Jubek	125,604	3,589	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	61,265	2,269	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1,239,193	38,725	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudwe	21,009	678	0
5	Sakure	Gbudwe	9,826	328	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudwe	4,567	147	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,241	39	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	546	20	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	68,685	2,453	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	690	24	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	29,460	1,091	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudwe	7,389	284	0
13	Ezo	Gbudwe	53,200	2,128	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	398	15	0
15	Tokori	Yei River	3,758	171	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	44,841	2,491	0
17	Pure	Yei River	42,346	2,353	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	15,315	1,178	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	349	27	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudwe	3,312	368	0
21	James Diko	Gbudwe	1,743	194	0
22	Sangua 1	Gbudwe	2,531	281	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudwe	11,154	1,239	0
24	Salia Musala	Yei River	11,571	2,314	0
25	Khor Kaya/Busia	Yei River	7,743	2,581	0
26	Kerwa	Yei River	2,306	2,306	0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,767,736</b>		<b>0</b>

### **3.5 Case Management, Infection Prevention, and Control/WASH**

- Proposed burial Site identified in Jubek State (approx. 33 km North West of Juba city) but not yet confirmed.
- Managed/Investigated an Ebola suspected case in Ezo which turned out to be negative for Ebola. The suspected case was managed at EZO holding facility.
- Assessment for IPC/WASH completed in 91 front line health facilities and reports preparation ongoing by partners (# Health Facilities per state: 5 in Wau, 15 in Nimule, 25 in Yei and 23 in Yambio and 23 in Jubek) states. Kobo tool kit and paper based methodology used and single report will be produced by TWG.

### **3.6 Safe and Dignified Burial**

- South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross prepositioned 4 Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) and Safe and Dignified Burial kits in Maridi and Yei.
- SSRC/IFRC conducted SDB Simulation exercises for 3 SDB teams in Yei, Maridi and Yambio.

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

- Agreed on harmonized incentive rates for mobilizers and supervisors.
- Briefed Education Cluster partners (national level) on South Sudan EVD preparedness and response activities.
- Conducting radio broadcasts, house-to-house visits, community leader's engagement meetings, and activities in high risk areas.
- Rumor tracking/response reports being received from selected areas.

### **3.8 Logistics and Personnel deployment**

- Updated personal protection equipment stock reports and EVD Logistics snapshot for March finalized.
- Conducted warehouse training for partners in Yei.

### **3.9 Vaccines and Therapeutics**

- Continued with vaccination exercise in Nimule area/Torit State. In total, 1,855 health care and front line workers have been vaccinated in South Sudan (626 in Yei River State, 935 in Gbudue State and 294 in Nimule/Torit State).

### **3.10 Access, Safety, and Security**

- Monitored the first OCHA led convoy that travelled from Yei to Lasu without force protection on 9 April. OM and UNHCR were part of the convoy.
- Shared UNMISS Force Patrol Plan for Greater Equatorial to partners.

### **3.11 Updates from States**

#### **Jubek**

- IPC/WASH assessment conducted in 23 health care facilities and submitted to Kobo tool.
- IMC trained 29 Health Care Workers from Military Hospital, Prison Facilities from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- Samaritan Purse conducted an IPC assessment to 3 health care facilities in Jubek.

#### **Yei**

- IPC WASH assessment conducted by IOM in 3 health care facilities.
- SSDO conducted EVD orientation session and WASH activities in Schools, Churches, markets, and Isolation facility has completed assessment of the above and distributed IEC materials.
- SSDO conducted Infection, Prevention and Control orientation to 14 staff.

## Nimule (Torit State)

- Solidarity International conducted IPC WASH assessment in 15 health care facility.

## Yambio

- World Vision International conducted IPC WASH assessment in 23 health care facilities.

## 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 operationalization of the EVD phase #2 contingency plan that was approved by the National Task Force on April, that will support the EVD preparedness activities for the next six month.
- 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, SSRIC, 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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