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

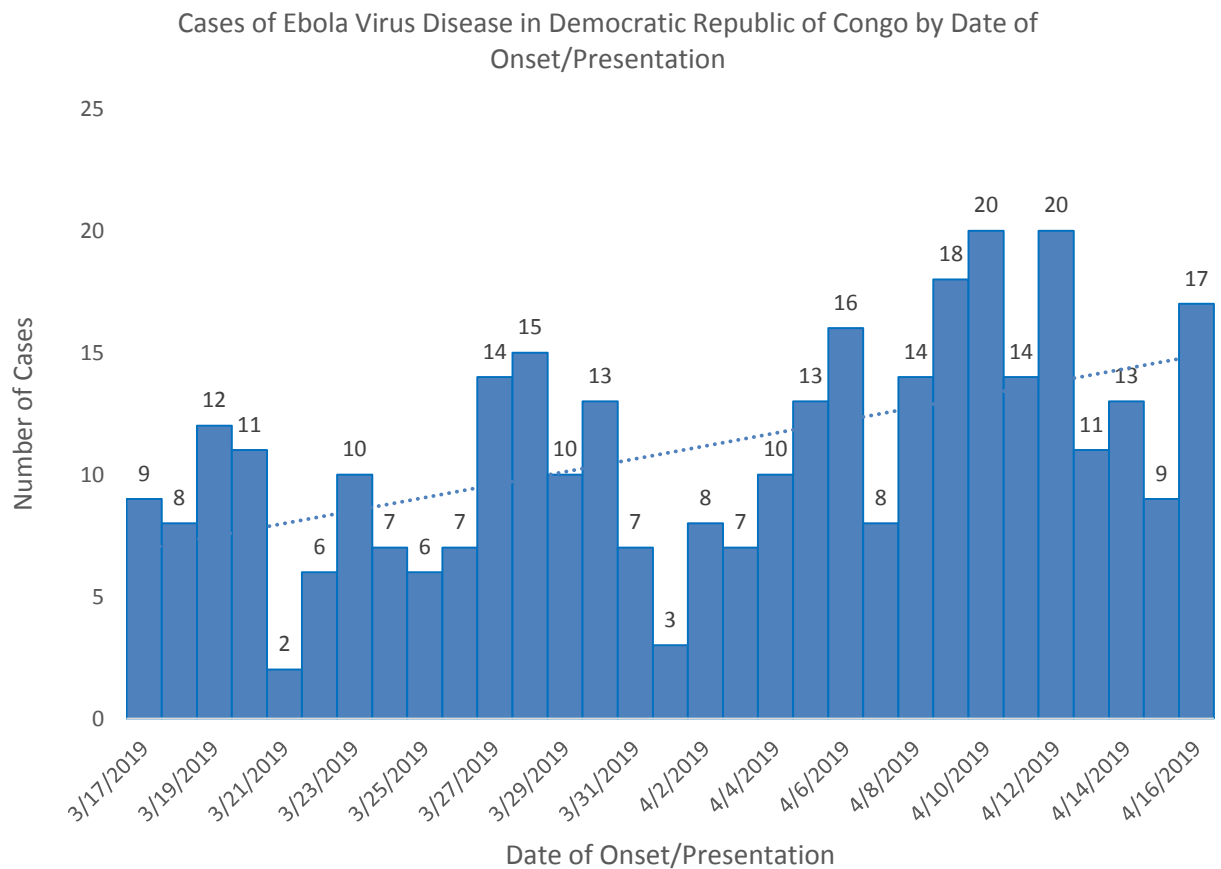
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## 1. Highlights of the week

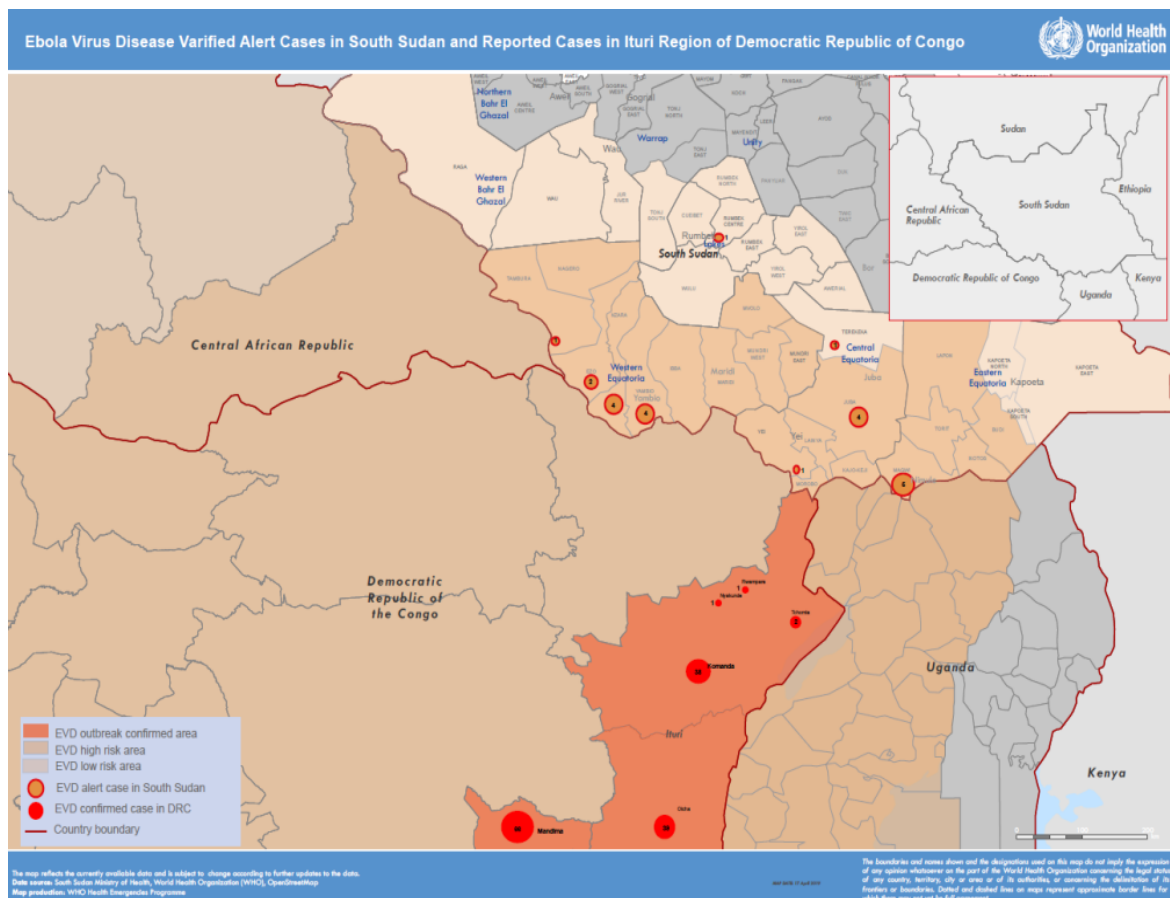
- In addition to Yambio and Yei, the Ebola vaccination exercise was completed in Nimule/Torit. Vaccination will be extended to other high risk areas. Since the launching of the Ebola vaccination exercises on 28 January 2019, a total of 1,904 health care and frontline workers received Ebola vaccination in Yei River, Gbudue and Nimule/Torit States.
- IOM established two new points of entry (PoE) site in Lasu and Bingo, Yei River State, bringing the number of screening points/points of entry to 28.
- WHO and Jubek State Ministry of Health trained 14 community health workers on Community Based Surveillance in Juba.

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

- As of 16 April 2019, a total of 1,290 cases and 833 deaths (CFR=64.5%) have been reported with 104 new cases and 82 deaths over 1-week period (10 April- 16 April 2019).
- No new geographic spread to the north. The following EPI Curve shows the trend of new EVD cases.



*Map showing Ebola Virus Disease Varied Alerts in South Sudan and reported cases in Ituri region of Democratic Republic of Congo*



### 3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

#### 3.1 Coordination and personnel deployment

- National taskforce meeting was held on 18 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 Technical Working Groups (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 (78% of planned budget) from donors and other partner agencies.
- The EVD phase #2 contingency plan that will support the EVD preparedness activities for the next six months that was approved by the NTF is being operationalized.

#### 3.3 EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- Completed a two day community based surveillance training in Juba, Yei river state and Nimule.
- The Laboratory technical working group conducted tracking of the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) lab reagents and consumables and the list shared with WHO Africa Regional Office (AFRO).
- Recruitment for PCR lab technical officer is underway.

#### 3.4 Port Health and Screening

- IOM established two new points of entry (PoE) site in Lasu and Bingo, 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	Secondary Screened (Week 15)	Alerts (Week 15)
1	JIA	Jubek	128,611	3,573	-	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	61,584	2,199	01	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1,271,366	38,526	38	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudwe	24,974	780	1	0
5	Sakure	Gbudwe	11,269	364	1	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudwe	5,117	160	-	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,295	39	2	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	554	19	-	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	71,556	160	6	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	701	23	-	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	30,958	1,106	1	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudwe	7,690	285	-	0
13	Ezo	Gbudwe	59,714	2,297	2	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	415	15	-	0
15	Tokori	Yei River	4,091	178	-	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	46,313	2,438	-	0
17	Pure	Yei River	45,515	2,396	-	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	17,128	1,223	30	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	367	26	-	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudwe	4,010	401	0	0
21	James Diko	Gbudwe	2,609	261	0	0
22	Sangua 1	Gbudwe	3,879	388	0	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudwe	14,562	1,456	0	0
24	Salia Musala	Yei River	13,836	2,306	0	0
25	Khor Kaya/Busia	Yei River	10,065	2,516	3	0
26	Kerwa	Yei River	4,941	2,471	0	0
27	Lasu	Yei River	65	65	0	0
28	Bingo	Yei River	1,082	1,082	0	0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,844,267</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>

### 3.5 Case Management, Infection Prevention, and Control/WASH and Safe and Dignified Burial

- International Medical Corps (IMC) provided hand-washing stations to 13 out of 20 health facilities in Jubek.
- OXFAM commenced procurement of hand washing kits for six Primary Health Care Centers including AlMuktah PHCC in Wau.
- Solidarities International in collaboration with Cordaid is currently conducting Infection Prevention, and Control training in Nimule to 10 health care workers.
- AAHI with support from Samaritan Purse are currently conducting training on Comprehensive case management to 24 health care workers from various primary health care center (PHCC) and primary health care unit (PHCU) in Laniya, Minyori, Mugwo, Kaya, Loka, Rodaba and Morobo.
- IOM completed the rehabilitation of a water supply system in Morobo.

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

- RSCMCE TWG re-examined incentive rates for mobilizers and supervisors as per National Task Force comments.
- Conducting radio broadcasts, house-to-house visits, community leader's engagement meetings, and activities in high risk areas.

### **3.7 Logistics**

- Conducted warehouse training for partners in Nimule.
- WFP ready to airlift EVD ambulances to the various locations.

### **3.8 Vaccines and Therapeutics**

- Completed vaccination exercise in Nimule/Torit State. In total, 1,904 health care workers and front line workers have been vaccinated in South Sudan (626 in Yei River State, 935 in Gbudue State and 343 in Nimule/Torit State).

### **3.9 Access, Safety, and Security**

- No report during the week.

### **3.10 Updates from States**

#### **Jubek**

- WHO and Jubek State Ministry of Health trained 14 community health workers on community based surveillance.
- International Medical Corps trained 187 frontline and health care workers on screening, isolation and IPC practices.

#### **Yei**

- Yei State Ministry of Health, WHO and South Sudan Development Organization (SSDO) with support from IOM facilitated Ebola screener refresher training for point of entry staff.

#### **Nimule (Torit State)**

- EVD vaccination of health care and front line workers completed with 323 participants being vaccinated.
- A dedicated Ebola ambulance was handed over to Cordaid and the plate number processed.
- Social mobilization activities are on-going at the points of entry by the six social mobilizers prepositioned by South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC).

#### **Yambio**

- Received WFP engineers to reassess the Yambio Isolation Unit.
- Conducted surveillance data analysis and developed weekly bulletin.

### **4. Challenges/Gaps**

- Access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge due to insecurity.
- Limited joint supportive supervision from national to the states.
- Poor link between State Task Forces and National Task Forces.
- Long porous border with Ituri Province of Democratic Republic of Congo and the likelihood of importation of EVD into the Republic of South Sudan.

## 5. Priorities and follow up actions

- Organize joint supportive supervision to the state.
- 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 months.
- Start vaccination of health care and frontline workers in Juba, Jubek State.
- 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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