

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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

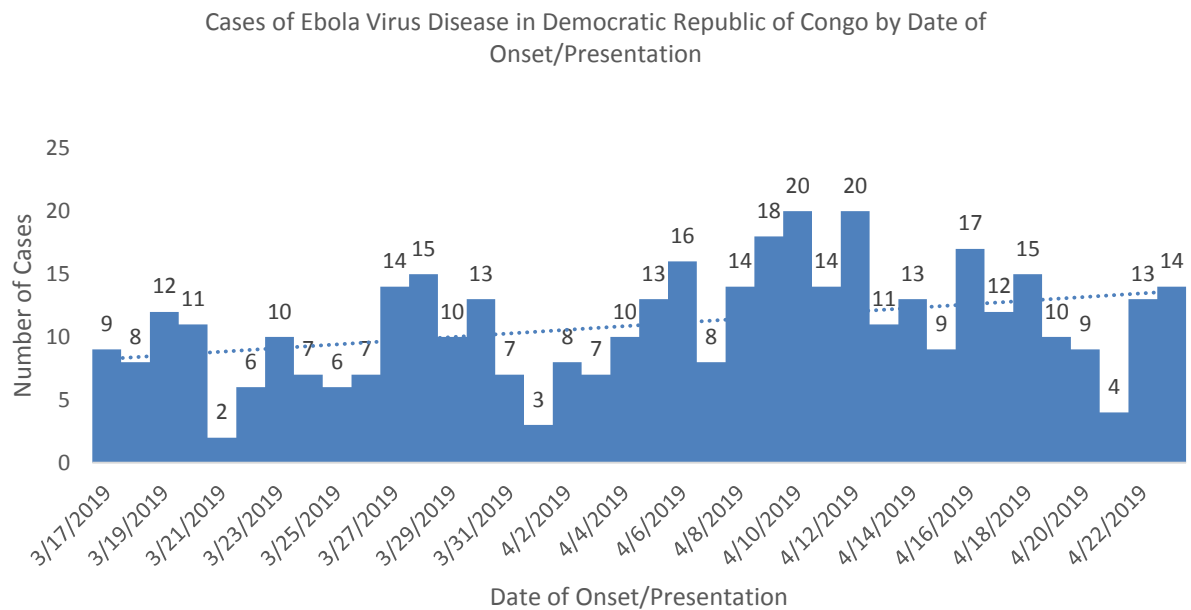
Update # 34
Date: 27 April 2019

1. Highlights of the week

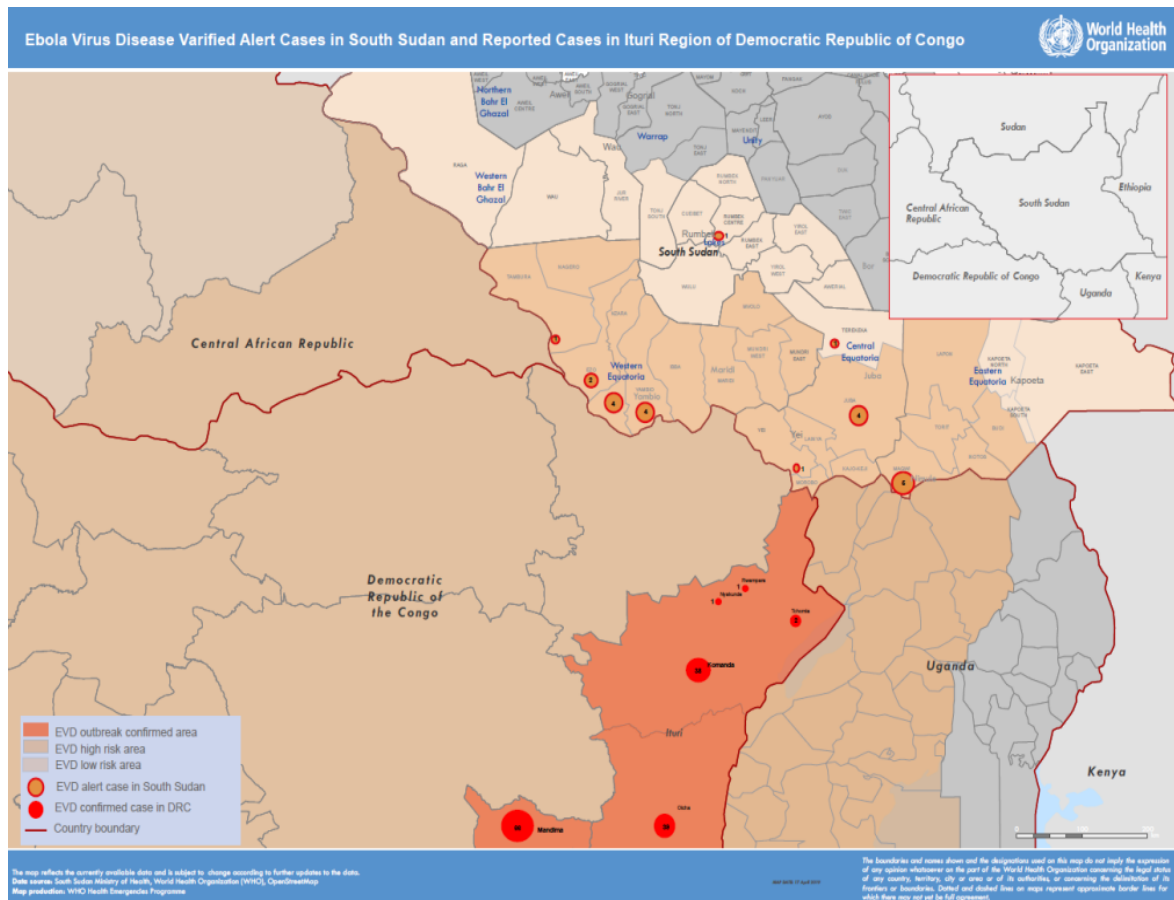
- Preparations to kick start Ebola vaccination exercise in Jubek State, including refresher training of vaccinators, have been finalized, the vaccination is expected to commence on 29 April 2019 in Juba. Vaccination will be extended to other high risk areas.
- Since the launching of the Ebola vaccination exercises on 28 January 2019, a total of 1, 904 health care and frontline workers received Ebola vaccination in Yei State River, Gbudue State and Nimule/Torit State.
- Two (2) new points of entry (PoE) sites were established in Owiny Kibul and Loboni, Torit State, bringing the number of screening points/points of entry to 30.
- 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) are negative for Ebola.

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

- As of 23 April 2019, a total of 1,367 cases and 885 deaths (CFR=64.7%) have been reported. 65 new cases and 42 deaths over 1-week period (18 April- 24 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.



Map showing Ebola Virus Disease Varified 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 15 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, Yambio, Jubek, and Nimule. The meeting minutes and action points were also shared with the TWGs for follow-up and implementation.
- Taskforce meeting was not held in Yei on Tuesday, 16 April 2019 due to the visit of the Special Representative of the Secretary General and his delegation to Yei River State all humanitarian agencies were engaged during the visit.

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 that was approved by the NTF is being operationalized.

3.3 EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- The EPI/ surveillance technical working group finalized work on the six-month operational plan and submitted it to coordination.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- Finalizing plan for a supportive supervision and monitoring visit to Morobo and Kajokeji (IOM)
- Two (2) new points of entry (PoEs) sites established in Owiny kibul and Loboni, Torit 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	Screening per Week	Secondary Screened (Week 16)	Alerts (Week 16)
1	JIA	Jubek	131,254	3,547	-	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	62,062	2,140	-	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1,303,654	38,343	19	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudwe	27,004	818	-	0
5	Sakure	Gbudwe	12,014	375	-	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudwe	5,395	163	-	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,295	38	-	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	578	19	-	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	74,342	2,478	8	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	710	23	-	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	32,100	1,107	-	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudwe	7,841	280	-	0
13	Ezo	Gbudwe	64,354	2,383	-	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	420	15	-	0
15	Tokori	Yei River	4,168	174	-	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	47,922	2,396	-	0
17	Pure	Yei River	48,985	2,449	-	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	18,683	1,246	19	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	368	25	-	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudwe	4,317	392	0	0
21	James Diko	Gbudwe	3,011	274	0	0
22	Sangua 1	Gbudwe	5,156	469	0	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudwe	17,171	1,561	0	0
24	Salia Musala	Yei River	16,157	2,308	0	0
25	Khor Kaya/Busia	Yei River	12,385	2,477	0	0
26	Kerwa	Yei River	7,254	2,418	0	0
27	Lasu	Yei River	142	71	0	0
28	Bingo	Yei River	3,306	1,653	0	0
29	Owiny Kibul	Torit	158	158		
30	Lobone	Torit	202	202		
	Total		1,912,408	68,141	46	0

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

- International Medical Corps (MC) and OXFAM continued setting up the holding unit at Muktar PHCUU in Wau. Installation of tents ongoing. Also Infection Prevention, and Control training for healthcare workers from 6 healthcare facilities within Wau is ongoing.

- World Vision South Sudan continued drilling a borehole in Yambio and Ezo Isolation Units. Also, hand washing stations and waste bins has been distributed in 20 schools and incinerators installed in 12 health facilities for waste management.
- Solidarities International in collaboration with Cordaid trained 10 Isolation Unit workers in IPC/WASH in Nimule.
- SSDO distributed and installed IPC/WASH supplies (hand-washing stations) to additional 5 schools and 5 churches complemented by hygiene promotion and EVD messaging in Yei.
- Continued monitoring and supervision of activities of front-line health care facilities, Isolation Units and communities by implementing partners in all targeted locations.

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

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

3.7 Logistics

- Sent a contractor to the site in Nimule to repair the isolation unit damaged by strong wind.
- As recommended by the National Taskforce, continue to compile PPE stocks over the next 6 months submitted by agencies and implementing partners.

3.8 Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Conducted a refresher training from 25 -26 April 2019 for members of the vaccination team. The vaccination exercise is scheduled to commence in Juba on 29 April 2019.

3.9 Access, Safety, and Security

- No report during the week.

3.10 Updates from States

Jubek

- International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted a supportive supervision visit to 65 staff in 6 Health care facilities within Juba.

Yei

- Yei State Ministry of Health and WHO conducted Ebola community-based surveillance training to 11 community health workers from Lainya, Morobo and Yei as part of strengthening community-based surveillance.
- Action Africa Help International (AAH), with technical support from Samaritan purse conducted a five-day comprehensive training on Ebola case management and Infection Prevention and control to 23 health care workers from Lainya, Morobo and Yei counties.

Nimule (Torit State)

- WFP conducted a training/orientation on logistics and supplies management for implementing partners.
- Two screening points/points of entry were established in Owiny kibul and Loboni.
- Torit State Ministry of Health and WHO trained 10 community health workers to strengthen community based surveillance.

Yambio

- 15 community health workers trained on contact tracing in Tambura state.
- Awareness/Sensitization on EVD and WASH Hygiene in schools conducted.

4. Challenges/Gaps

- The roof of the isolation unit in Nimule was blown off by wind. A contractor was sent to the site to repair the roof.
- Access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge due to insecurity.
- Limited joint supportive supervision from national to the state.
- Long porous border with Ituri Province of Democratic Republic of Congo and the likelihood of importation of EVD into the Republic of South Sudan.
- Vaccine TWG reported issue of misinformation about the vaccine in the community.

5. Priorities and follow up actions

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

For more information, please contact:

Dr. Richard Lako Lino Incident Manager Email: richardlako@yahoo.com Tel.: +211 926 592 520	Dr. Pinyi Nyimol Mawien Director General PHS Email: pinyiaupur@gmail.com Phone: +211 916 285 676	Mr. Angelo Goup Thon Director EPR/PHEOC Manager Email: majakdegoup99@gmail.com Tel: +211 929 830 530
---	--	---

This report was produced with technical support from the World Health Organization.