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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 21st MAY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 20th MAY 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1,847
- Confirmed cases: 1,759
- Probable: 88
- Total deaths: 1,223

a) EVD SITUATIONAL UPDATE IN UGANDA

- **There is NO confirmed EVD case in Uganda.**
- Active case search continues in all communities, health facilities and on formal and informal border crossing in all districts especially in the high-risk ones.
- Alert cases continue to be picked, isolated, treated and blood samples picked for testing by the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). The alerts are highlighted in the specific district reports below under the Surveillance section.

b) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

COORDINATION

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- The District Health Officer (DHO) will follow up on the motorbike promised to the risk communication and surveillance teams.
- Points of Entry (PoEs) throughout the district will intensify screening in anticipation of a large influx of Congolese pilgrimage for Martyr's day to be held in Namugongo on 3rd June 2019.
- UNICEF and the DHO will follow-up the issue of payment of arrears for Live FM incurred for hosting radio talk shows.



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- The Resident District Commissioner (RDC) and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) will follow-up the issue of the cemetery land at Rwebisengo Town Council.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- 10 stores managers were trained on logistics management.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 21st May 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	25,059
2	Kayanzi	6
3	Mirami	493
4	Kisolholho	212
5	Kithoma	226
6	Katwe	58
	Total	26,054

Bunyangabu District

Achievements



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- Community-Based Disease Surveillance (CBDS) going on at health facilities, in communities and at PoEs.
- There is sufficient EVD information (Case Definition) among frontline health workers in the district.

Gaps and Challenges

- There is no standby vehicle to support active case search and community engagement activities.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Kasese District

Achievements

- The MoH delivered food allowances for 90 days for staff at the ETU.
- The district received funding to facilitate a simulation exercise at the ETU for three days.
- The local service provider will continue supplying meals to patients admitted in the ETU.
- There was a Case Management subcommittee meeting held at the ETU that agreed on the following:
 - The hospital administration to intensify temperature screening at the hospital entrance and strictly enforce hand washing.
 - Regular case management trainings and drills will be conducted at the ETU.
 - The staff members at the unit to adhere to the duty roster at all times.
 - The MSF focal person will be invited to attend the next subcommittee meeting.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of transport and fuel for staff at the ETU

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- The Case Management team conducted a drill at the ETU attended by 6 health workers.

Gaps and Challenges

- Rwebisengo HCIII
 - The ETU fence is still not repaired.
 - Water in the hand washing facilities is not chlorinated.
 - There are no reports on the use of the chlorine generator.
 - There is only one pit latrine at the facility shared by staff and clients
- Ntoroko HCIII
 - The hand washing facility at the health center is not regularly replenished with water.
 - Minimum IPC supplies are not available.
- Karugutu HC IV
 - Hand washing facilities not utilized due to lack of water at the health center.
 - The solar panel and batteries were stolen.
 - Lack latrine facility.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

Achievements

- 42 students (27 females, 15 males) and two teachers (1 male, 1 female) of Basecamp Primary School in Kasese Municipality were sensitized on EVD preparedness and reporting.
- Continuing Medical Education is planned on 22nd May 2019 for staff of Bwera hospital to rejuvenate EVD preparedness activities

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- Nine (9) community meetings were held in which 1,060 people (283male and 777female) were sensitized on EVD readiness and preparedness.
- Risk communication team conducted EVD awareness activities for various religious denominations.



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- Supervised the newly operational PoE in Kanara sub country.

Gaps and Challenges

- There is no facilitation for risk communication activities in the district.
- There is lack of hand washing facilities at some churches and mosques within the district.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Distribution of IEC materials and other EVD supplies going on.
- Health education talk shows regularly hosted on FM radio stations.
- Trained Village Health Teams continue to do EVD community engagement and sensitization activities.
- Health education talks continue to be organised and conducted by the risk communication team and other community resource persons.

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