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

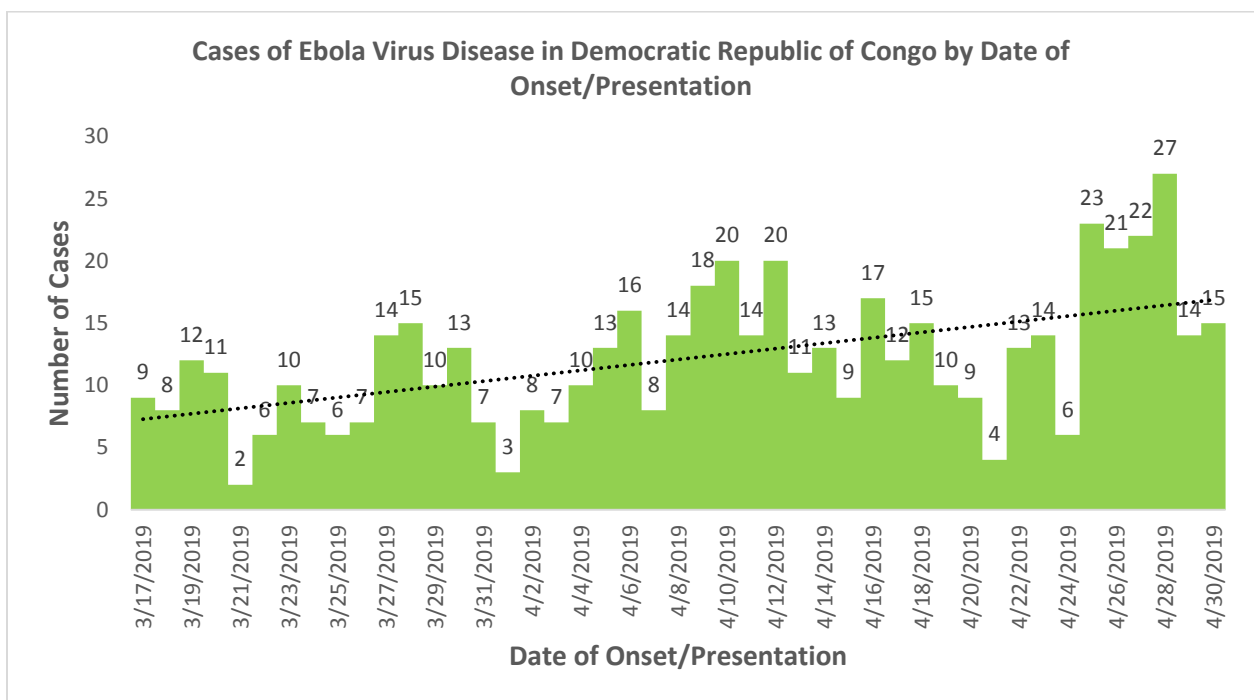
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1. Highlights of the week

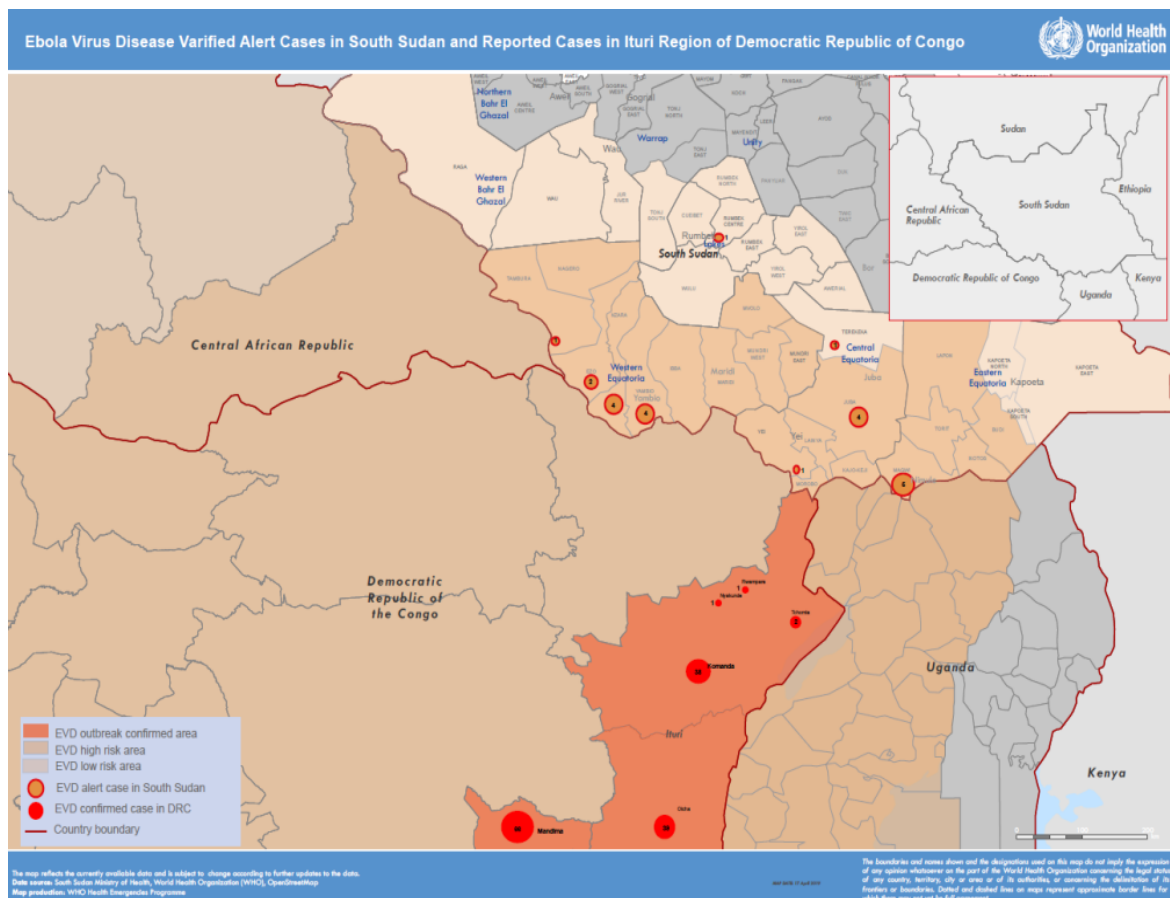
- The Ebola vaccination exercise commenced in Jubek State, Juba on Monday, 29 April 2019. So far, a total of 161 health care and frontline workers received Ebola vaccine.
- Since the launching of the Ebola vaccination exercise on 28 January 2019, a total of 2,065 health care and frontline workers vaccinated against Ebola in Yei River state, Gbudue state, Torit state and Jubek state.
- EVD dedicated ambulance for Nimule in Torit State and Yambio in Gbudue state were delivered and the ambulance for Yei River state will be delivered next week.

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

- As of 30 April 2019, a total of 1,495 cases and 984 deaths (case fatality rate of 66%) have been reported. In addition, 122 new cases and 89 deaths reported over one-week period (25 - 30 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 02 May 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, Yei and Nimule. The meeting minutes and action points were also shared with the TWGs for follow-up and implementation.

3.2 Resource mobilization

- 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

- Finalized plan for a joint supportive supervision to high- risk states. The activity will start in Jubek State next week and then will extend to other high-risk states.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- IOM team is currently in Morobo and Kajokeji on a monitoring and supervision visit as well as conducting functionality assessment of all points of entry.
- IOM and UNMISS has planned to participate in an assessment visit to Lujulu from 13-17 May 2019.
- Continue with the process of establishment of new points of entry in high-risk areas. The points of entry (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	132,207	3,479	-	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	61,584	2,053	-	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1,271,366	36,325	19	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudwe	27,570	811	-	0
5	Sakure	Gbudwe	11,747	356	-	0
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudwe	5,327	157	-	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,295	37	-	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	556	18	-	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	74,344	2,398	8	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	724	23	-	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	32,762	1,092	-	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudwe	7,885	272	-	0
13	Ezo	Gbudwe	63,598	2,271	1	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	422	15	-	0
15	Tokori	Yei River	4,184	167	-	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	47,822	2,277	-	0
17	Pure	Yei River	47,611	2,267	-	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	18,804	1,175	19	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	368	23	-	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudwe	4,333	361	0	0
21	James Diko	Gbudwe	2,983	249	0	0
22	Sangua 1	Gbudwe	5,156	430	0	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudwe	17,488	1,457	0	0
24	Salia Musala	Yei River	16,948	2,119	0	0
25	Khor Kaya/Busia	Yei River	11,741	1,957	0	0
26	Kerwa	Yei River	7,055	1,764	0	0
27	Lasu	Yei River	115	38	0	0
28	Bingo	Yei River	2,819	940	0	0
29	Owiny Kibul	Torit	158	79		
30	Lobone	Torit	202	101		
	Total		1,879,174	64,711	47	0

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

- Planned a joint supervision mission to high-risk states with EPI/surveillance TWG.
- Safe and Dignified Burial team is working to quantify the components of the kits prepositioned in high risk states.

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

- Completed the review and modification of IEC materials and working to finalize RCCE&SM 'meta indicators' for monitoring purposes.
- Conducted a radio broadcasts, house-to-house visits, community leader's engagement meetings and activities in high risk areas.

3.7 Logistics

- The Logistics TWG is working with UNICEF on Personal Protective Equipment stock replenishment.
- Completed the renovation of the Isolation Unit in Nimule that was destroyed by strong wind.

3.8 Vaccines and Therapeutics

- Started the vaccination exercise in Jubek state, Juba on Monday, 29 April 2019.

3.9 Access, Safety, and Security

- No report during the week.

3.10 Updates from States

Jubek State

- UNH conducted social mobilization at Lologo and Comboni schools.

Yei River State

- Yei State Ministry of Health conducted a supportive supervision visit to Bazi and Kaya points of entry.
- Completed the mapping of social mobilization partners.

Nimule (Torit State)

- EVD dedicated ambulance was delivered to Nimule.
- The isolation facility whose roof was blown off by windy-rain was renovated.
- Operationalization of the point of entry at Lobone is complete.

Yambio

- Awareness/sensitization on EVD messages was conducted at Sakure market.
- Conducted a briefing for the Rapid Response Team members.

4. Challenges/Gaps

- 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 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

- Continue with vaccination of health care and frontline workers in Juba, Jubek State.
- Organize joint supportive supervision to the states.
- Continue with operationalization of the approved EVD phase #2 contingency plan that will support the EVD preparedness activities for the next six months.
- Continue with the implementation of other EVD preparedness interventions as per the approved 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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