



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
Date & Time of report	8 th July 2019	Investigation start date	1 st July 2019
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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- No current confirmed EVD case in Arua
- Surveillance team divided into 4 each team covering specific sub counties
- Investigated 2 alerts, 2 suspects currently in isolation, samples taken to UVRI and results awaited.
- DTF met and budget to be approved by District Executive Committee before submission to the centre. Approximately, **UGX 1,393,009,000**

2. INTRODUCTION

Descriptive epidemiology

Arua District is currently stepping up its response to a possible Ebola spill over following a case that died on 30 June 2019 in Ariwara Health Zone of DRC, that is located 8 kilometres from Uganda border. The confirmed case in Ariwara is known to have used several means of transport while enroute to Ariwara and received treatment from several public and private health facilities on the way and on arrival. The case is known to have had contact with over 200 people including many in the communities bordering Arua District.

The risk of importation of the virus into Arua is very high. Communities from the affected areas share many social services, which includes markets, churches, schools, transportation facilities and the use of health facilities on the Ugandan side by Congolese.

The District mapped a total of 11 Sub counties as high-risk location with 25 health facilities based on population mobility assessment, which include: health facilities frequented by Congolese population, location hosting refugee's proximity to the affected area.

As of 8th July, there are two suspected cases, one in the ETU and the other in Arua Regional Referral Hospital awaiting transfer to the ETU. The two are under investigation.



Summary of cases

1	New suspect cases today	00
2	New deaths	00
3	Cumulative cases	00
	Suspect	02
	Probable	00
	Confirmed	00
4	Cumulative deaths (suspect, probable & confirmed cases) in	00
	Health Facilities	00
	Community	00
5	Total number of suspected cases on admission	02
	Cumulative cases discharged	00
	Confirmed cases that have died	00
6	Current admissions of Health Care Workers	00
7	Number Health workers discharged today	00
8	Cumulative cases Health workers discharged	00
10	Confirmed cases Health workers that have died	00
11	Cumulative deaths of Health Care Workers	00
12	Runaways from isolation	00
13	Number of contacts listed	00
14	Total contacts that completed 7 days	00
15	Contacts under follow-up	00
16	Total number of contacts of followed up today	00
17	Contacts no longer to be followed because the case tested negative	00
18	Suspect specimens collected and sent to UVRI	02
19	Cumulative specimens collected	02
20	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (acute)	00
21	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (convalescent)	00
22	Specimens with pending results	02
23	Date of discharge/death of last confirmed case	00



PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

COORDINATION

- Daily coordination meeting held today at 7:30am and well attended by district staff and partners.
- DTF meeting conducted yesterday, budget of **UGX 1,393,009,000** shared and will be presented to District Executive Committee on Wednesday for approval.

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- Two alerts, both investigated and two samples sent to UVRI for investigation. One suspect at Oli ETU and one in Arua RRH. Both suspects meet the standard surveillance case definitions and had geographical links to Ariwara.
- Community Based Surveillance conducted in which 164 VHTs were sensitized as follows: River Oli-6, Adumi HCIV-78, Adumi Oje HCIV-20, Yinga HCIV-60
- 19 community case definitions were distributed.
- IEC materials distributed to a tune of 275 copies.
- 185 health workers in 3 health facilities (Adumi, Yinga and Adumi-Oje) sensitized on surveillance.
- Screening at 4 points of entry on going with the following travelers screened on the 8th July 2019: 428 in Odramamchaku, Vurra-no data, Airfield 67, Lia 883, with no with isolated cases.

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Two suspects under care in the isolation unit
- A female suspect in her early 30's was clinically reviewed and continues to be managed conservatively.
- Additional frontline health workers at Oli HCIV will be vaccinated on the 9th July 2019.
- Additional PPE previously prepositioned at the district has been moved to the ETU.
- With support from WFP, suspected cases at the ETU to be provided with food.

IPC and WASH

- Following gaps identified, WASH and IPC supplies are being boosted at the health facilities at high risk including the ETU
- 137 municipal health workers were oriented in IPC at Oli HCIV.

Next Steps

- Conduct a rapid assessment of IPC and WASH in all high risk health facilities
- Strengthen mentorships on IPC



RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- 3,270 pupils, students and teachers from two primary schools were reached and with EVD prevention and control messages and provided with IEC materials.
- Hand hygiene promotion activity was conducted
- 45 boda boda riders in 7 boda-boda stages were reached with EVD prevention and control messages.
- Engaged with religious leaders at Christ the king church.

Next steps

- Through the interreligious council, plan to engage with all the religious leaders.
- Engagement with the political and cultural leadership within the district

VACCINATION

- Cumulative total of health workers vaccinated is 584 of 1092 targeted from 15 health facilities. This is 53.47% as achieved

Next steps

- Continue with Oli, Vurra and Ocea Health facilities.

3. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- There is need for more vehicles and funds to run the activities.
- Vehicles are yet to arrive from Kampala

4. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- Integration of teams to address the limited transport means