



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
Date & Time of report	9 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
- Results of the two suspects were released and both were negative.
- The District Executive Committee meets on Wednesday to review and approve the **UGX 1,393,009,000 response budget.**

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 9th July, the EVD results of the two suspects returned and were both negative.

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	00
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.
- District Executive Committee to meet on Wednesday to review and approve the budget.
- Vehicles provided by two IPs to support field activities.

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- No alerts responded to yesterday.
- EVD results received are all negative.
- A total 128 VHTs were sensitized today on use of EVD community case definitions from Aroi, Pajulu and Municipality and in the health facilities. In addition



- 43 Health workers were oriented on EVD surveillance in the following health facilities; Pajulu HCIII, Inde HCII
- Out of 28 EVD high risk health facilities, 8 are yet to report. Facilities should be followed up by the surveillance team. These include: ARRH, Ofua, Odwobu, Bondo, Ayivuni, Adumi, Oje.
- For reporting week 27, m-Track registered timeliness at 37.5% and completeness of 38.8% Many facilities are yet to report by the cutoff time for the week.
- Screening at 4 points of entry on going with the following travelers screened on the 9th July 2019: 198 in odramamchaku, 265 in Vurra, 34 at the Airfield and 82 in Lia. There were no suspected cases identified in any of the screening points.

CASE MANAGEMENT

- The EVD results of the two suspects at the ETU were released and both are negative
- conducted.
- Patients are stable and are due for discharge from the ETU today
- The two cases will be referred to ARRH for further management
- Further assessment of the ETU was conducted and additional improvements are being made to address the gaps identified
- All ETU staff received vaccination on the 9th July 2019.

IPC and WASH

A quick assessment was conducted in schools and Health Facilities close to the border. Hand washing stations were available in schools but using plain water.

- St Elizabeth primary school with a population of 240 pupils had no water for hand washing
- Adumi HCIV, water system broke down and so no water readily available at the facility.
- URCS provided 5 hand washing cans to Oli and 3 to prisons
- There are different concentrations for chlorine so dilution becomes a challenge to many people.

Next Steps

- Continue to strengthen mentorships on IPC in high risk Health Facilities.



RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- Identified and assigned 29 volunteers to cover six locations, Kenya, Mvara, Tankaganyika, Kamugisha, Gaza, and Awindiri to conduct risk communication activities.
- Distributed 351 posters in banks, shops, markets, schools and boda boda stages within the municipality.
- Reached Abira bati COU Primary School in which 275 pupils were sensitized on EVD
- Today 498 community members in Aroi, Pajulu and Municipality sensitized on EVD prevention and control.
- 29 prison staff reached and sensitized on EVD prevention and control messages.

Next steps

- 15 church leaders were engaged to support sensitization of their congregations on worship days.
- Device strategy to reach mobile traders, taxi parks, schools, churches, hosting communities from DRC.
- Visit the prisons medical team with EVD key messages.

VACCINATION

- The total number vaccinated on the 9th July 2019 was as follows: Vurra, Opia, Logiri, Oduobo and Ocea were 227 frontline health workers, including those working in the ETU in Oli HCIV.
- Cumulative number vaccinated in Arua district is now 811 out of 1092 targeted front line health workers.

Next steps

Vaccination planned for in the following Health facilities, namely; St Asumpta HCIII, Pajulu HCIII, Lazebu HCIII, Anyabu HCII, Bondo HCIII, Ocea HCIII and Siripi HCIII.

3. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- Schools and some health facilities still lack essential supplies for IPC.
- High demand for vaccines among the population.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- Integration of teams to address the limited transport means
- Following the IPC assessment, logistics to supply detergents to schools and health facilities.