



Situation Report			
<b>Enhanced Preparedness Name</b>	Ebola	<b>District and Country affected</b>	Arua, Uganda
<b>Date &amp; Time of report</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>Investigation start date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019
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## 1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Two community deaths under investigation, sample sent to UVRI.
- No confirmed EVD case in Arua
- Follow up of vaccinated health workers continues
- The district response plan presented and approved by the District Task Force.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> July, two community deaths from Ozou in Arua Municipality are under investigation.

### Summary of cases

<b>1</b>	<b>New suspect cases today</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>2</b>	New deaths	00
<b>3</b>	Cumulative cases	00
	Suspect	<b>02</b>



	Probable	00
	Confirmed	00
<b>4</b>	Cumulative deaths (suspect, probable & confirmed cases) in	00
	Health Facilities	00
	Community	00
<b>5</b>	Total number of suspected cases on admission	00
	Cumulative cases discharged	00
	Confirmed cases that have died	00
<b>6</b>	Current admissions of Health Care Workers	00
<b>7</b>	Number Health workers discharged today	00
<b>8</b>	Cumulative cases Health workers discharged	00
<b>10</b>	Confirmed cases Health workers that have died	00
<b>11</b>	Cumulative deaths of Health Care Workers	00
<b>12</b>	Runaways from isolation	00
<b>13</b>	Number of contacts listed	00
<b>14</b>	Total contacts that completed 7 days	00
<b>15</b>	Contacts under follow-up	00
<b>16</b>	Total number of contacts of followed up today	00
<b>17</b>	Contacts no longer to be followed because the case tested negative	00
<b>18</b>	Suspect specimens collected and sent to UVRI	00
<b>19</b>	Cumulative specimens collected	<b>03</b>
<b>20</b>	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (acute)	00
<b>21</b>	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (convalescent)	00
<b>22</b>	Specimens with pending results	<b>01</b>
<b>23</b>	Date of discharge/death of last confirmed case	00

### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

#### COORDINATION

- Coordination meeting held today 7:30 a.m and well attended by district staff and partners. The main action points agreed upon include:
  - The RDC to write a letter to his DRC counterpart to initiate cross border information sharing
  - Sharing of the response plan and 4W matrix with partners



## **SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY**

- Samples from two community deaths shipped to UVRI for investigation and results awaited
- 82 health workers and 5 laboratory staff were provided with on job orientation in EVD identification and sample management respectively, in Olujobo HCIII, Anyavu HCIII, Ocea HCIII and International Medical Centre, Arua.
- In total 28 out of 30 targeted health facilities have been reached in Arua district. In total, 699 front line health workers including 34 laboratory personnel have been oriented in safe sample collection, packaging and referral from 1-15 July 2019.
- 8 VHTs were sensitized in Anyavu sub-county. Cumulatively, 726 VHTs have been oriented on community case definitions, reporting and IPC
- 1,641 travellers were screened on 15 July 2019 at the four points of entry as follows: Vurra 300, Lia 703, Odramachaku 579 and Arua airfield 59. Cumulatively, 11,238 travellers have been screened from 1-15 July 2019 at the four points of entry in Arua district

### **Next Steps**

- Continue with facility based mentorship in surveillance and laboratory
- Screening continues at all points of entry in Arua district.
- Conduct a training of 10 ETU staff in EVD sample management, BSBS and laboratory IPC

## **CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC**

- No cases admitted in Oli ETU
- Conducted safe and dignified burial for the two community deaths
- Visited Oje HCIII and some schools around the border with a population of 1100 and talked to them about EVD prevention and control and hand washing
- Cumulative number of health workers and support staff mentored in IPC is at 587

### **Next steps**

- Today 16 July 2019 is open day for the community to visit the ETU.
- Prepare for drills for the case management team at Oli ETU to build confidence and enhance skills for the health workers to manage alerts, suspected and confirmed EVD cases.
- The IPC team to support the Regional Referral Hospital, Ofua HCIII and Lazebu HCIII to observe and mentor on IPC.



## **RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION**

- The risk communication team visited public spaces including; schools, churches, markets, police barracks and villages around the municipality.
- 6,751 people were sensitized in 7 schools, 5 primary schools and 2 secondary school. They include; Arua academy, Arua demonstration, Mvara SS, Nyio P/S, Abia primary and Priciri primary. Two villages of Tongilo and Hoka in Arua Municipality, Christ Embassy Church, two markets; Owino 1 and 2, Odramachaku and police barracks.
- Cumulatively, 34,971 people have been sensitized within the municipality and neighbouring sub-counties on EVD prevention and control.
- 706 IEC materials were distributed on 15 July 2019, cumulatively 3,533 IEC materials have been distributed

### **Next steps**

- Continue engaging the Municipality and schools around the border
- Visit traditional healers in Pajulu and Odramachaku on 18 July 2019

## **VACCINATION**

- Continue follow up of front line health workers who received vaccination on day 14 and 21.

## **LOGISTICS**

- IPC supplies delivered by CAFOMI
- Mobilized 5 vehicles to support field activities
- All medical counter measure to be centralized in the district stores and all requests should be made to the district
- UVRI provided sample collection kits to be placed in ARRH as a sentinel site for VHF sample collection and a vehicle to support surveillance and laboratory activities.

### **Next steps**

- Follow up on requisition submitted to NTF
- Register all medical counter measures in the regional node



#### 4. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- Limited funding to support preparedness and response in Arua district. Most partners are using balances of funds from other programs to support the response. However, this is getting depleted
- Hold a district based partner meeting to mobilize funds for the response in Arua district

#### 5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

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<b>Thematic Area</b>	<b>Partners supporting Arua District Local Government</b>
Coordination	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, UNHCR, Malteser, Plan Uganda, Kuluva Hospital,
Surveillance	WHO, IDI, UNHCR, MTL, UVRI/CDC Arua
Laboratory	WHO, CDC Uganda, IDI
Rick Communication	UNICEF, WHO, CHC-Obulamu, URCS, UNHCR
Case Management	WHO, IDI, MSF
Infection Prevention & Control/WASH	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, Malteser
Psychosocial Support	URCS, UNICEF
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Points of Entry	IDI, UNHCR, CAFOMI
Vaccines and Therapeutics	WHO, CDC