



<b>Situation Report</b>			
<b>Enhanced Preparedness Name</b>	Ebola	<b>District and Country affected</b>	Arua, Uganda
<b>Date &amp; Time of report</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>Investigation start date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019
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## 1. HIGHLIGHTS

- The results of the 9-year-old (male) community death returned negative
- No confirmed EVD case in Arua
- Follow up of vaccinated health workers continues
- High level meeting with Arua municipality leadership

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> July, there are no suspected cases in isolation or contacts being followed up.

### 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>00</b>
<b>23</b>	Date of discharge/death of last confirmed case	00

### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

#### COORDINATION

- The stakeholders meeting was held for Arua municipality leadership to raise awareness about Ebola and solicit their support for EVD prevention and control and was attended by the RDC, the Mayor, councillors and technical officers.
- Coordination meeting held today 7:30 a.m and well attended by district staff and partners. The main action points agreed upon include:
  - Profile partners in the 13 prioritized sub-counties



## **SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY**

- Results from the community deaths returned negative for VHF
- No alerts
- 49 health workers and 4 laboratory staff were provided with on job orientation in EVD identification and sample management respectively, in Ofua HCIII, Odwobu HCIII and Arua Regional Referral Hospital
- In total 28 out of 30 targeted government health facilities have been reached in Arua district. In addition, 748 front line health workers including 38 laboratory personnel have been oriented in safe sample collection, packaging and referral
- 731 VHTs have been oriented on community case definitions, reporting and IPC
- 783 travellers were screened on 16 July 2019 at the four points of entry as follows: Vurra 281, Lia 328, Odramachaku 142 and Arua airfield 34 Cumulatively, 11,969 travellers have been screened from 1-16 July 2019 at the four points of entry in Arua district

### **Next Steps**

- Conduct facility based mentorship in surveillance and laboratory in Bondo HCIII, Lazebu HCIII, Ocia HCIII and Pioneer Hospital.
- Orientation of lab personnel at the ETU
- Distribute SOPs and guidelines for sample management, IPC and BSBS in all the above facilities

## **CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC**

- No cases admitted in Oli ETU
- IPC mentorships have been conducted in 23 public, 6 private not for profit, 4 private health facilities. 704 health workers including support staff have been mentored

### **Next steps**

- IPC team to continue supporting Arua Regional Referral Hospital 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.
- 618 people were sensitized in 16 clinics, 9 butchers, 4 pharmacies and 1 school.



- Cumulatively, 35,589 people have been sensitized within the municipality and neighbouring sub-counties on EVD prevention and control.
- 60 IEC materials were distributed on 16 July 2019, cumulatively 3,593 IEC materials have been distributed

### Next steps

- Continue sensitization in the markets, schools and communities along the border and within Arua municipality

### LOGISTICS

- Stock level of English posters are depleted, local language IEC materials will be used
- Malteser/CAFOMI international delivered assorted medical counter measures to Arua Regional Logistics Node

### 4. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- Limited funding to support preparedness and response in Arua district.
- Limited transport and fuel to support field activities
- No dedicated ambulance for Oli ETU

### 5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- Hold a district based partner meeting to mobilize funds for the response in Arua district
- NTF requested to provide an ambulance to Oli ETU

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Surveillance	WHO, IDI, UNHCR, MTI, UVRI/CDC Arua
Laboratory	WHO, CDC Uganda, IDI
Rick Communication	UNICEF, WHO, CHC-Obulam, URCS, UNHCR
Case Management	WHO, IDI, MSF
Infection Prevention & Control/WASH	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, Malteser
Psychosocial Support	URCS, UNICEF
Logistics	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, MSH, WFP, AMREF, World Vision, Malteser, UNHCR
Points of Entry	IDI, UNHCR, CAFOMI
Vaccines and Therapeutics	WHO, CDC