



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
Date & Time of report	20 th July 2019	Investigation start date	1 st July 2019
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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Today (Sunday Jul 21, 2019) is **Day 21** since the death and burial of the confirmed EVD case in Ariwara, DRC
- No cases reported from Ariwara, DRC
- No confirmed EVD case in Arua District
- One alert and a community death under investigation
- Follow up of 1,554 vaccinated health workers continues

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 District 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 20th July 2019, there is one alert admitted in Oli ETU for investigation. One sudden death was reported in Odramachaku.

Summary of cases

1	New suspect cases today	01
2	New deaths	00



3	Cumulative cases	00
	Suspect	03
	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	01
	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 21 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	00
19	Cumulative specimens collected	06
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

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:
 - Assign a dedicated driver for the ambulance
 - DHO to seek guidance from NTF after completion of 21 days after death of the case in Ariwara
 - DTF planned for Monday 22nd July 2019



- MOH with support from WHO is planning a regional meeting to review EVD operational readiness in the districts of West Nile

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- A community alert was reported from Ewafala village, Mite parish, Adumi sub-county of a 36 year old woman with, fever, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, general body weakness, and vaginal bleeding. The patient visited Adumi HCIV and a private facility before she was referred to Oli HCIV ETU. A sample was collected and shipped to UVRI for investigation
- Sudden death was reported in Odramachaku trading centre of a 25 year old female which occurred around 9-10am. The deceased was reported to have been active in the morning prior to her death. There was no history of travel to EVD affected areas in the DRC. A safe and dignified burial was not carried out as the team found the body already in a coffin. An oral swab was collected
- 832 front line health workers and 51 laboratory personnel have been mentored
- 902 travellers were screened at the four points of entry as follows: Lia 423, Vurra 288, Odramachaku 130, and Airfield 61. In total, 17,129 travellers have been screened from 1-18 July 2019 at the four points of entry in Arua District
- 754 VHTs have been oriented on community case definitions, reporting and IPC

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

- One alert case admitted in Oli ETU of a 36 year old female from Ewafala. Malaria RDT was positive and managed on artesunate and ceftriaxone. The patient is better but has vaginal bleeding

Next steps

- Distribute job aides on chlorine mixing to health facilities
- Sensitize and encourage communities to use soap for hand washing

RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- The risk communication team visited public spaces including 9 cells in Arua Municipal Council and conducted small group sessions. In one cell 24 households were visited reaching 97 individuals.
- In total 533 individuals were reached and 580 SBCC materials on EVD were distributed
- Cumulatively, 40,392 people have been reached and 4,867 materials distributed



Next steps

- Conduct sensitization of communities where the sudden death occurred when the results from UVRI are returned
- Orient media team on how to give tailored messages during radio talk shows
- Share EVD talking points with heads of religious institutions for dissemination to lower churches and mosques
- Orient bus operators and long distance drivers/conductors to always integrate EVD messages in their briefs to travellers before departure and on arrival

LOGISTICS

- Vehicles offered from Arua RRH, UNICEF, and IDI

4. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- Limited funding to support preparedness and response in Arua district
- No dedicated ambulance for Oli ETU

5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- NTF requested to fund the enhanced EVD preparedness plan
- NTF requested to provide an ambulance to Oli ETU
- Orient VHTs and other community actors (traditional healers, religious and civic leaders) in community based surveillance and community engagement

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Psychosocial Support	URCS, UNICEF
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