



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
Date & Time of report	21 st July 2019	Investigation start date	1 st July 2019
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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Today is **Day 22** since the death and burial of the confirmed EVD case in Ariwara, DRC
- No alert today
- No cases reported from Ariwara, DRC
- No confirmed EVD case in Arua District
- The results of the alert and a community death were negative for VHF
- Follow up of **1,554** vaccinated health workers continues

2. INTRODUCTION

Descriptive epidemiology

Arua District continues to step up preparedness and readiness 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 and other travellers who come from the affected areas in the DRC. The confirmed case in Ariwara is known to have used several means of transport while en route to Ariwara and received treatment from a number of public and private health facilities on the way and on arrival. The case had contact with more than 200 people including several in the communities bordering Arua District.

The risk of importation of Ebola Virus Disease into Arua District remains high. Communities from the affected areas share many social services, which include markets, churches, schools, transportation facilities and the use of health facilities on the Ugandan side by Congolese.

The district mapped 11 sub-counties and Arua Municipality as high-risk locations with 30 health facilities based on population mobility assessments which include: health facilities frequented by Congolese population, location hosting refugee's proximity to the affected area.

As of 21st July 2019, one alert is admitted in Oli ETU. Her test result is negative for VHF. One sudden community death reported in Odramachaku was also negative.



Summary of cases

1	New suspect cases today	00
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	02
	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:



- UNHCR delivered two tents at Oli HCIV. Partners are encouraged to deliver all items to the central stores for better coordination and information management
- Mobilize funds for handling logistics
- The DHO to mobilize other districts to participate in the regional meeting on EVD preparedness and readiness planned by MOH with support from WHO
- The district to prepare to receive the MOH and Resolve to Save Lives delegation on Friday 26th July 2019

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- No alert reported today
- Two refugees from Beni reported to Arua Regional Referral Hospital for EVD screening. They have been transferred to Imvepi Refugee settlement and will be followed up from there for follow up for 21 days as persons of interest
- 832 front line health workers and 51 laboratory personnel have been mentored in 30 health facilities
- 943 travellers were screened at the four points of entry as follows: Lia 313, Vurra 368, Odramachaku 257, and Airfield 05. In total, 18,072 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

Next steps:

- Surveillance team to meet with Medical Teams International, Arua Regional Referral Hospital to streamline screening of refugees and asylum seekers
- Surveillance teams to develop a plan for the next 21 days

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

- One alert case is admitted in Oli ETU. She is reported to be improving on treatment
- Scrub suits are depleted from the ETU, will be replenished from the central stores

Next steps

- Transfer the patient admitted in the ETU to the general ward

RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- The risk communication team visited different 5 cathedrals in Arua Municipality and conducted 10 sessions.
- In total 9,026 individuals were reached and 1,644 SBCC materials on EVD were distributed



- Cumulatively, 49,418 people have been reached and 6,511 materials distributed

Next steps

- The team is scheduled to provide feedback of the negative result from UVRI and psychosocial support to the family and community where the sudden death occurred
- The team will continue engaging communities on EVD prevention and control

LOGISTICS

- Vehicles offered from Arua RRH, UNICEF, and IDI

Next steps

- Support Zombo District with IPC supplies through the regional node

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
- Solicit funds to orient VHTs and other community actors (traditional healers, religious and civic leaders) in community based surveillance and community engagement

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