



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
Date & Time of report	22 nd July 2019	Investigation start date	1 st July 2019
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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Today is **Day 23** 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
- 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 22nd 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	00
	Cumulative cases discharged	03
	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:



- The DHO to mobilize other districts to participate in the regional meeting on EVD preparedness and readiness planned by MOH with support from WHO
- Technical DTF meetings to be scaled down to three in a week for Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The general DTF meetings will continue every Monday afternoon.
- Daily activities in all pillars will continue for the next 21 days.
- The district to prepare to receive the MOH and Resolve to Save Lives delegation on Friday 26th July 2019
- UNICEF will provide financial support for risk communication. Request to be generated by the DHO

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- One alert from Pokea seminary under investigation, in which a seminary student presented with high fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhoea. The patient was given Coartem, metronidazole and ORS. The team will visit the facility to sensitize staff and follow up on the status of the case
- 873 front line health workers and 51 laboratory personnel have been mentored in 30 health facilities
- 1,814 travellers were screened at the four points of entry as follows: Lia 769, Vurra 210, Odramachaku 797, and Airfield 38. In total, 19,886 travellers have been screened from 1-22 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:

- The lab team to provide mentorship to Pakwach District team on triple packaging
- Investigate an alert from Pokea
- Visit privately owned facilities/clinics within the municipality and sensitize staff on EVD case definitions and reporting
- Surveillance teams to develop a plan for the next 21 days

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

- The alert case admitted in Oli ETU has been discharged

Next steps

- Mentorships of additional case management staff to support the ETU



RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- The risk communication team visited 2 general and 1 livestock market in Arua municipality, a community in Odramachaku
- In total 1,029 individuals were reached and 700 SBCC materials on EVD were distributed
- Cumulatively, 50,447 people have been reached and 7,211 materials distributed

Next steps

- Teams will sensitize communities in Pajulu sub-county and Pokea Seminary
- Avail the RDC and LCV with talking points to aid their community sensitization
- Mobilize radio talk shows
- Follow up with the planned visit to traditional healers and other key groups

LOGISTICS

- Vehicles offered from Arua RRH, UNICEF, and IDI

Next steps

- Refreshments for the technical DTF meetings will be provided by CAFOMI
- UNICEF will source for IEC materials in English from the nearby districts

4. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- Limited funding to support preparedness and response in Arua district
- No dedicated ambulance for Oli ETU
- Districts in the region are calling upon Arua District to support response to alert

5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- NTF requested to fund the enhanced EVD preparedness plan
- NTF requested to provide an ambulance to Oli ETU

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