



EVD TASKFORCE MEETING

Meeting Name	EVD Taskforce meeting
Meeting Objective	Strengthen Multi-Sectoral Preparedness for EVD
Date	9 th October 2018
Time	2:00 – 4:25pm
Chaired by	Hon Minister of Health
Rapporteurs	David Wasambla, Malick Gai, and Ifeanyi Udenweze
Participants	MoH, WHO, UNICEF, USAID, UNHCR, WFP, CDC, SSRC, DFID, World Bank, MSF-S, WVSS, UNMISS, UNOCHA, IOM, SCI, HC, SPLA, CUAMM, ECHO, MEDAIR

Agenda:

- Self-Introduction and Communication from the Chair – Hon Minister for Health
- Review of action points from previous meeting
- Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC
- Updates on the death alert case in Yei
- Way forward

ITEM/SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTION POINTS
<p>1. Introduction and Communication from Chair The meeting was chaired by the Incident Manager and co-chaired by Dr Lul Lojok Deng.</p>	
<p>2. Follow up on key action points from the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Cluster to confirm with ICRC their current stand on support for SDB. No communication from ICRC on their position. • WHO to take up SDB capacity building activities as a stop-gap measure pending the time ICRC will upgrade their in-country presence and capacity building. Done. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a presentation on a strategy for the rolling out of SDB training. This should include job aid materials and SOPs • Support coordination between NTF and STF and strengthened communication between the two



- WHO to fill any identified gap in supporting the EVD preparedness activities in the absence of any partner support. Done. Gaps filled include SDB support, technical support for WASH and technical/case management support to manage the isolation facility.
- MSF to make a presentation on their EVD preparedness activity in the next NTF meeting. Done.
- SDB subgroup to report next week on status of SDB formation. SDB TWG asked to present their strategy for rolling out SDB training.
- WHO to communicate with their counterparts in Sierra Leone and Liberia for peer support in case of EVD outbreak in the country. Done.
- MSF to continue to engage Yei state Task Force on identification of potential sites for ETU due to the distance and insecurity in Yei. On-going.
- UNOCHA, UNDSS and other security partners to meet after NTF meeting to activate safety and security TWG. Done. Asked to communicate TWG activities to states' task Force.
- WHO to share SOPs for WASH by end of the week. Done.
- MoH delegation to Uganda on EVD vaccine deployment discussions to update NTF on their mission. Done.
- WHO to finalize the RRT refresher training schedules for national and sub-national teams. Training schedule developed.
- All TWGs to consider training a dispatch team in Juba that could be deployed immediately to support EVD response activities in case of an outbreak. On-going. Trainings to be conducted next week.
- All TWGs to submit slides on their conducted activities to NTF secretariat at least 4 hours before NTF meeting. Done.
- WFP to provide information on new locations of the isolation facilities to update the mapping that was already conducted. Done.
- Establish temporary holding centers in all high risk areas to reduce the risk of EVD spread in case of an outbreak
- Follow up with the SMOH for the allocation of land for isolation centers. The land should be close to a health facility
- Provide a permit document that will allow the construction of Isolation Centers and or Treatment Units
- Fast track MOFA clearance for in-coming WHO consultants
- Assign timelines and dates to the Ebola vaccine deployment activities
- Graphically represent the trend in the number of EVD cases in DRC
- Share the UN joint proposal before the donor conference meeting
- Communicate the Safety & Security TWG activities to states' Task Force
- Liaise with the IO group in Yei for more information regarding the EVD alert case that was reported last week



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO to update NTF on the EVD death alert in Yei. 	
<p>Update on EVD outbreak in DRC as of 2/10/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cases: 181 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laboratory confirmed cases: 146 ○ Probable cases: 35 • Deaths: 115 • As of 2 October, 1900 contacts are under surveillance. Cumulatively, 5,700 contacts listed for follow-up since August, 17th 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EVD assessment level has been elevated from “High” to very “High Risk” in the region. • Training schedules for national RRT trainings to be conducted from 15th to 20th October, 2018.
<p>3. Update on EVD preparedness in South Sudan 20/09/18. (For more info, refer to the ppt. presentation)</p> <p>4. Update by WHO on alert from Yei The RRT that investigated the Yei death alert presented their investigation activities. Up until now, nobody has located the residence of the dead man. UNOCHA and ICRC were tasked to liaise with the IO group in Yei for more information regarding the EVD alert case that was reported last week</p> <p>CDC Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 border experts coming from mid-October to replace the outgoing experts and continue supporting the activities • 2 EOC experts arriving mid-October to support and train the EOC team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation done • Presentation done
<p>5. Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going preparation to train national and states’ SDB teams. • Juba and Yei Isolation Facilities will be taken up by WHO. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th October, 2018 at the PHEOC.