



# **SOUTH SUDAN EVD TASKFORCE MEETING**

## **6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Update on South Sudan's preparedness and response  
readiness capacities**

# NTF Meeting Agenda; 6/11/2018

Item	Description	Time	Responsible person
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-Introduction</li> <li>Communication from the Hon. Minister</li> </ul>	2:00-2:05 pm	Dr Riek Gai Kok
2	Review of action points from previous meeting	2:05-2:20 pm	Dr Lul Lojok – Ag IM
	Proposed composition & TORs for the NTF and TWGs	2:20-2:35	Dr Wamala
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latest Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC</li> <li>Epidemiology, Surveillance and Laboratory status in South Sudan</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>	2:35-2:45 pm	Dr Ifeanyi
4	Updates on EVD TWGs per thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Status/progress made</li> <li>Update from STFs</li> <li>Update from Health Cluster</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p>	2:45-3:20 pm	TWGs leads & Co. leads
5	A.O.B	3:20-3:30 pm	All



## Key action points from meeting held NTF: 25/10/18

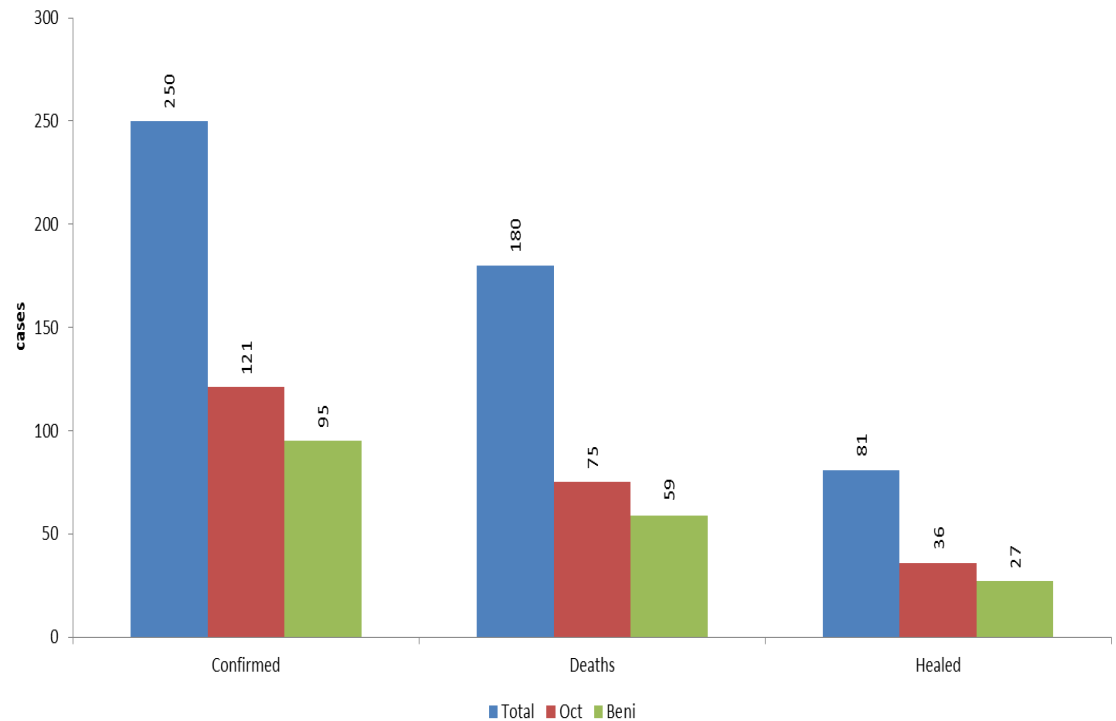
Action	Description	Responsible
1	Conduct joint support supervision at JIA	MoH/CDC/WHO
2	Develop a checklist for a comprehensive schedule for support supervision at all PoE	BH/PoE TWG
3	Revisit the frequency of NTF meetings to once a week	MoH
4	Circulate the membership of all TWG	Secretariat
5	TWG Lead/Co-Lead to meet with the IM	TWGs
6	Develop ToR for all TWGs	WHO
7	Develop a template for TWG reporting to NTF	Secretariat
8	TWG to update the mailing list with names of focal persons	TWGs
9	Develop a mechanism to monitor rumors	Risk Comm. TWG
10	Expand the recipient of EBZ vaccine to include all health workers in prioritized states	Vacc./Therapeutic TWG



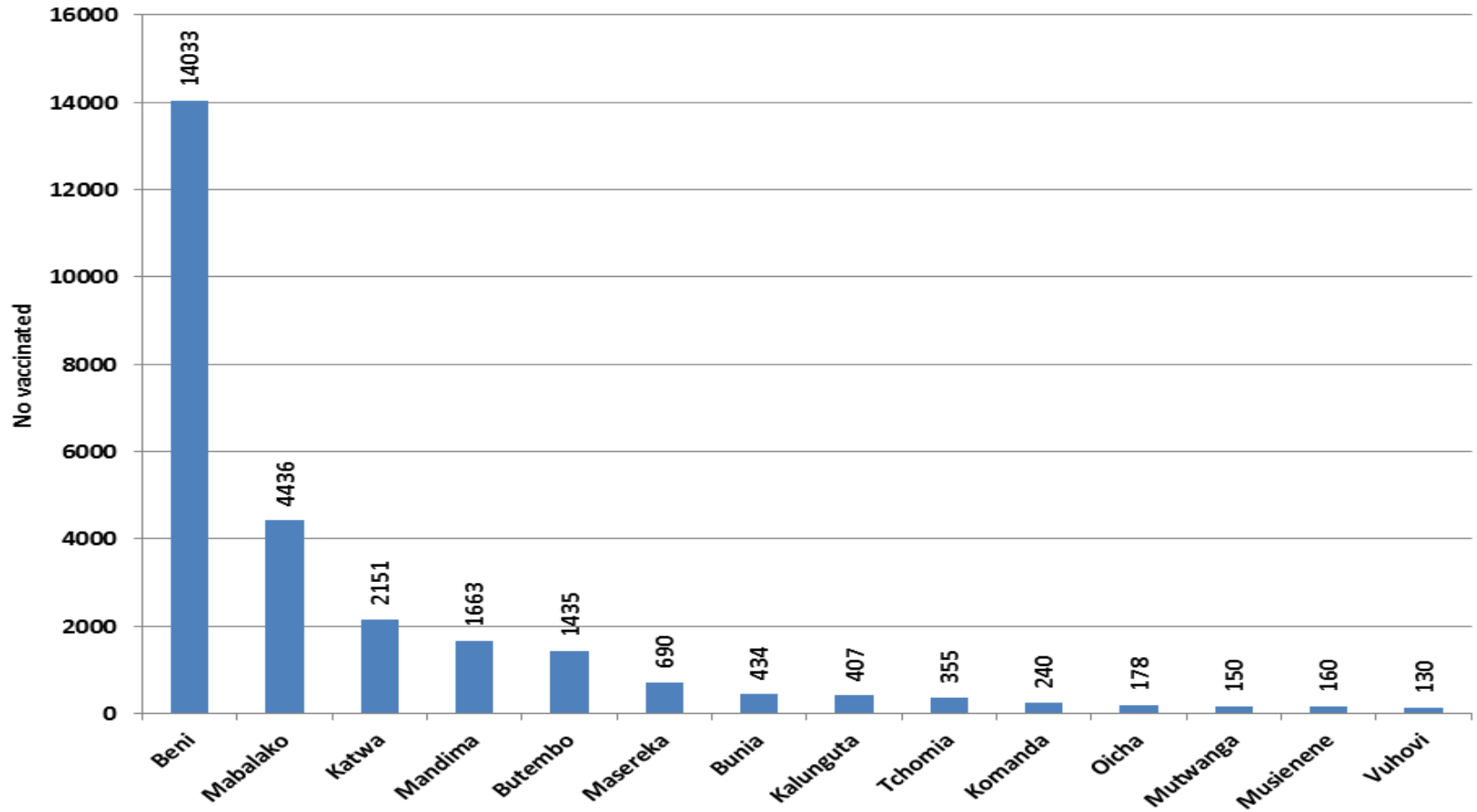
## Update on Ebola in DRC for 4<sup>th</sup> November

- Total cases: 300
- Deaths: 186
- Confirmed: 265
- Probable: 35
- New cases: 2
  - Beni:1
  - Kalunguta: 1

DRC: October 2018 data



## DRC: Number vaccinated per health zone



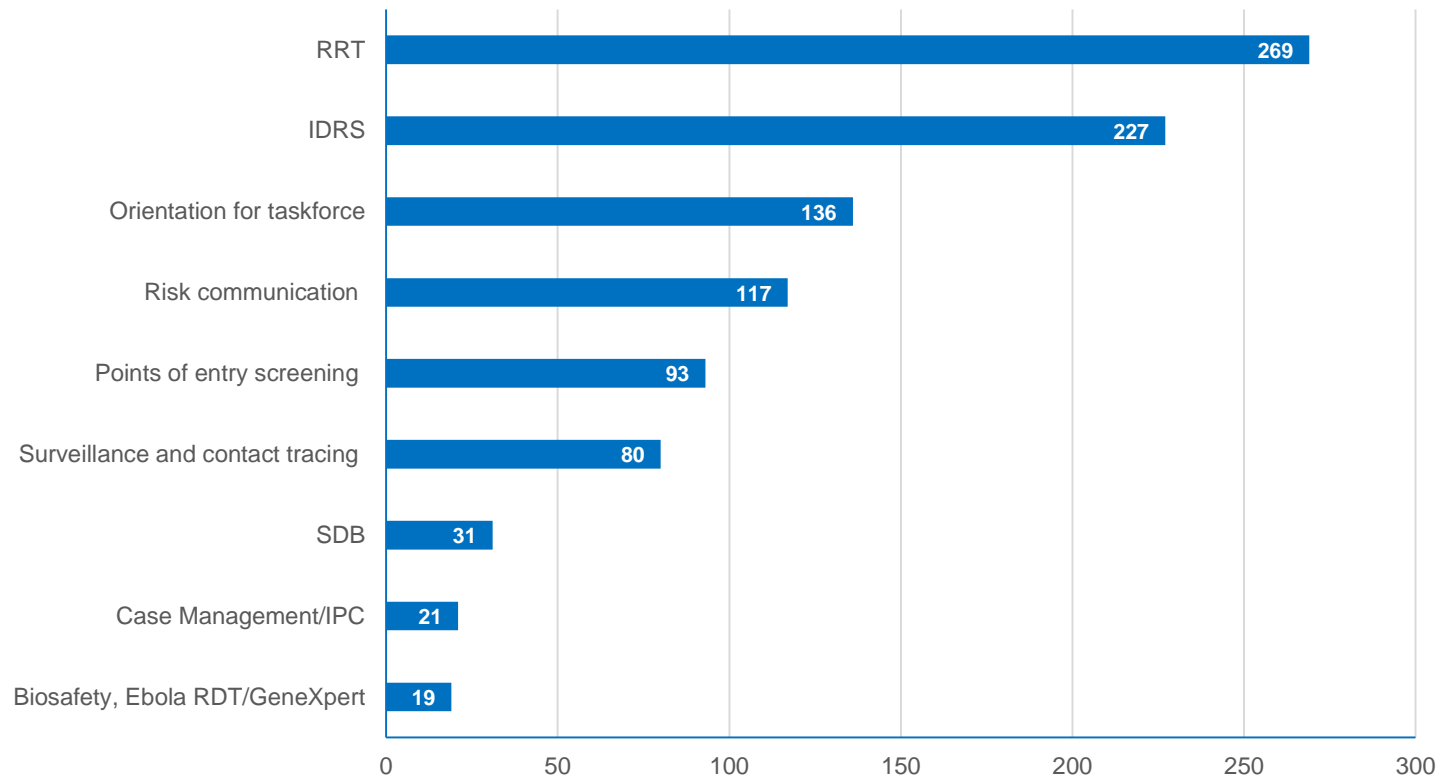
# Coordination

- Vaccine expert and Incident Manager are in-country.
- 6 consultants (Epi, CM, IPC, Risk Comm. & Coordinator) have been deployed to high risk states.
- Weekly STF meetings in Torit, Wau, Yei, and Yambio
- Still no updates from Jubek state
- All SOPs to be validated next week; 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov



# Trainings/Capacity Building

- 993 staffs of different categories trained on EVD preparedness and response. These include;



# Surveillance Updates

- Reviewed and finalized the case definition for EVD
- Ongoing RRT training in Torit; 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Ongoing RRT training in Yambio; 29<sup>th</sup> Oct- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov





# Yambio Alert...1/2

## Background

- Deputy Governor of Gbudue State originated the alert on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct at 05: 20pm
- An in-patient, a 32 year old male from Hai –Sura (21) Northwest Yambio
- History of bloody diarrhea, headache, and fever (38.2<sup>0</sup>C); no travel history to DR Congo; no history of contact with suspect or confirmed Ebola case.
- Not notified to the national MoH/PHEOC/WHO in Juba.
- Case was investigated by the state surveillance officer alone without any other RRT member
- Blood sample collected in a syringe and transported in a syringe
- Case did not meet case definition



# Yambio Alert...2/2

## Gaps

- Knowledge gap on Ebola case definition and the sample to collect for bloody diarrhea
- No immediate notification to MoH, PHEOC, and WHO.
- No Ebola sample collection techniques
- Sample delivered to NPHL on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 after 72 hours of collection
- Inappropriate packaging of suspected Ebola samples.
- RRT training in Yambio not yet conducted as at 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018.



# Nimule Alerts...1/2

## Alert 1

- On 29/10/18, 10:00am: 6 year old boy identified at Nimule checkpoint with temp 38.4°C
- A Ugandan family, resides in Elegu, Uganda borders Pageri County
- Child has been ill since 25/10/18
- Treated with anti-malaria at home
- Fever and headache persisted
- Referred to hospital
- RDT for MP was negative at Nimule hospital
- Temp 38.2°C & 39.1°C at 12:50 pm
- Temp 36.4°C at 16:00 hours
- Child isolated in a room in the hospital
- Sample collected

## Alert 2

- On 29/10/18, a 9 year old boy lives in Nimule Motoyo area
- Mother reported at screening desk at 10:00 am
- Child had fever, headache and nose bleeding
- Onset of nose bleeding – 28/10/18
- Screening desk referred him to Nimule hospital
- Sample collected



## Nimule Alerts...2/2

### Strengths

- Surveillance is active
- Immediate reporting of the alerts to MoH/EOC/WHO
- Screeners are aware of referral to secondary screening points
- Availability of sample collection kits and triple packaging materials
- Adequate knowledge of sample collection and packaging

### Weaknesses

- Delayed sample delivery to Juba.
- No alternative sample delivery mechanism

# Border health and points of entry update

## Border crossing point



**39** identified  
**14** prioritized  
**14** functional

## Screening of Int. travelers



**418,805** screened  
**16** alerts

## Ebola isolation center



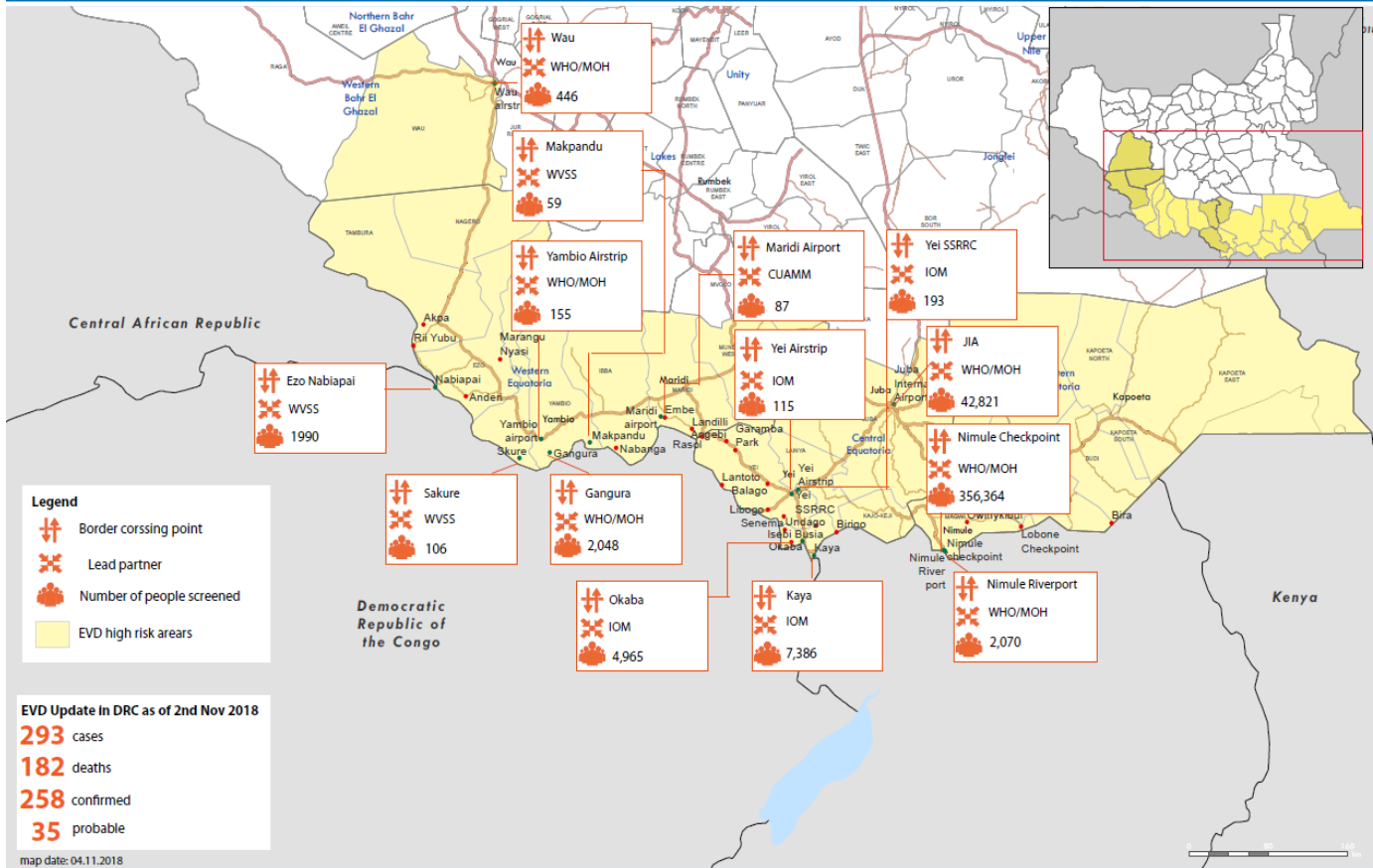
**10** identified  
**0** functional

## Designated Ambulance



**10** needed  
**0** available

## South Sudan: Points of Entry Screening for EVD, Week 43 of 2018



The map reflects the currently available data and is subject to change according to further updates to the data. Data source: South Sudan Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), OpenStreetMap. Map production: WHO Health Emergency Programme.

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# Border health and points of entry update

- Developed and shared a supervisory checklist for BH&POEs with TWG members to review
- Scheduled a joint supervisory visit to JIA on Friday 9.11.18
- IOM is working opening two additional screening points in Pure and Korijo IDP camp
- Developed and shared a POE matrix tool online to track POE activities



## Area of focus

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- Task Tracker
- SOPs
- Setting up Isolation facilities
- Frontline health care facility strengthening
- Psychosocial issues in EVD



# Task Tracker: Progress from **16 & 23 Oct**

## 1. Letter from National MOH to State MOH, to include:

- Name of the facility identified for Isolation Facility
- Name of the Implementing, Logistics and Technical Partner
- Design specifications for Isolation facility
- Request for support and coordination
- Request for land space identification at the designated facility and relevant approvals as well as communications to NSS, SSPDF, Police and other stakeholders

## 2. Recommend participation of

- Health Cluster lead / representative in the Case Management TWG meetings
- Implementing, Logistics and Technical partner representatives in the Case Management TWG meetings

## 3. Agree upon timelines for setting up Isolation Facilities:

- Need to identify new facility for Jubek
- Trainings proposed to start from 29 October 2018

## 4. Isolation facility tent set up:

- WFP has delivered Tents at all the above States except Juba
- Phase-I facilities set up in Yei and Nimule





# SOPs

- TWG level review of SOPs completed last week
  - Hand Hygiene
  - Isolation facility
  - IPC
  - Screening and Triage of patients
- Training tool kits and Job aids
  - Work in progress



# Isolation Facility – Status update

Site / Location	State	Implementing Partner	TA Partner	Status
Gabad PHCC*	Jubek*	IMC / Health Link	IMC	No Progress
Yei Civil Hospital*	Yei*	AAHI	SP	Phase-I established
Morobo County Hospital	Yei	AAHI	SP	No Progress
Nimule Hospital*	Nimule*	CordAID	SP	Phase-I established
Maridi Hospital	Maridi	CUAMM		No Progress
Makpandu PHCC	Gbudwe	World Vision SS		No Progress
Yambio Hospital	Yambio	World Vision SS		No Progress
Sakure PHCC	Yambio	World Vision SS		No Progress
Ezo PHCC	Tambura	World Vision SS		No Progress
Wau Hospital	Wau	CordAID	IMC	No Progress

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\*Phase-II proposed; all others Phase-I



## Isolation facilities – Samaritans Purse

- Developed a training isolation facility at the rear of the SP compound in Juba
- Training ongoing for Yei and Nimule
- Yei and Nimule have both erected the WFP tents (phase-I Isolation facilities set up)
- Traveling to Yei and Nimule to assess the isolation facility sites, provide site level TA on structure/layout and additional training on managing 'Special populations' (children and pregnant women)



# Isolation facilities – IMC

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- Sites in Jubek and Wau states not finalized
- Given one week time to work with State MOH and State Task Force with support from NTF and WHO State focal persons

# Frontline Healthcare Facility Strengthening

- In the process of finalizing comprehensive IPC and WaSH assessment tool
- Proposing for end-to-end strengthening approach:
  - SOP for Frontline healthcare facilities for IPC & WaSH
  - Training toolkit for the frontline health care facility staff
  - Undertake assessment through the Health Cluster partners to use it as baseline information and measure of progress over time
- End to end approach
  - Assessment
  - Staff training
  - Provision of supplies
  - Supportive supervision



# Psychosocial issues in EVD

- Discussed and agreed to include Psychosocial issues, survivor stigma issues in the CM-TWG (during the preparedness phase)
- Develop a one page concept note on this topic
- To map the current in-country expertise and experience on these topics and Include them into the TWG (consider external support as needed)



## Update on SDB TWG

- SDB roundtable discussion conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018
- SoP finalized, ICRC collated the comments
- Yei SDB joint training ICRC/SSRC/WHO for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- SSRC awaiting 2 colleagues to support them on SDB activities
- SSRC finally takes the lead on SDB; with WHO's technical support



# Isolation Facilities (n=10)

Logistics and IPC/WaSH Partners: UNWFP and UNICEF/WaSH Cluster

Site / Location	State	Implementing Partner	TA Partner
Gabad PHCC	Jubek	IMC / Health Link	IMC
Yei Civil Hospital	Yei	AAHI	SP
Morobo County Hospital	Yei	AAHI	SP
Nimule Hospital	Nimule	CordAID	SP
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Ezo PHCC	Tambura	World Vision SS	
Wau Hospital	Wau	CordAID	IMC



# Risk Communication TWG

## Rumor Monitoring

- A strategy to monitor and manage rumors is under development. It will be shared with UNICEF and the RC TWG by Thursday 8.11.18 for their input.
- Discussions are ongoing with Internews to integrate Ebola related rumor monitoring in their existing network within the the PoCs. This will also include engaging the media to monitor rumors.
- The hotline 6666 is also being strengthened to track and monitor the rumors
- Training of community leaders is also being considered to empower them to monitor rumors.
- The other strategy is to strengthen linkages between the surveillance and the community mobilisers at grass root level.



# States' Update- Yei River State

## Activities

- 50 community leaders and other stakeholders sensitized on EVD relevant information (UNICEF, WHO and other partners)
- The STF dispelled an existing rumor among the community leaders that Ebola travels only by water or wind from DRC to South Sudan
- IPC/CM training conducted for 21 clinicians (MoH, WHO, UNICEF, and SSDO).
- There are active on-going humanitarian coordination and STF meetings in Yei state.
- WHO continues to provide technical support to SMOH and ICRC on the installation of isolation facility at Yei hospital.

## Challenges

- STF members do not receive NTF meeting minutes

## Action Points

- STF members to contact their IT personnel to check the bandwidth of their email
- PHEOC Secretariat to create a google drive link as an alternative dissemination channel

# States' Update- Gbudue, Yambio

## Activities

- WFP delivered all the required tents at the prioritized PoEs
- WFP expedites the clearance of emergency preparedness materials from Customs offices.
- State Task Force has developed Ebola preparedness budget on the 29th October 2018.
- The State Task Force meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly

## Challenges

- State Task Force requests for: Thuraya phone, VHF radio, bicycles, motorcycles, posters, fliers and banners
- Payment of allowances for SMOH members of staff

## Action Points ???

# States' Update- Wau

## Activities

- Wau STF identified all required committees.
- Risk comm./Soc. Mob. committee working with WASH cluster in creating awareness on Ebola relevant information.
- The STF resolved to conduct STF and health cluster meetings on alternate schedules (every Wednesday)
- The STF tasked WHO to mobilize more partners to attend STF meetings.
- The STF is planning to reactivate the county taskforce

## Challenges

- Some partners are still absent during STF meetings
- Different representations of partners during STF meetings

## Action Points

- Partners to nominate a focal person to attend STF meetings.
- WHO to share guiding documents for county task force

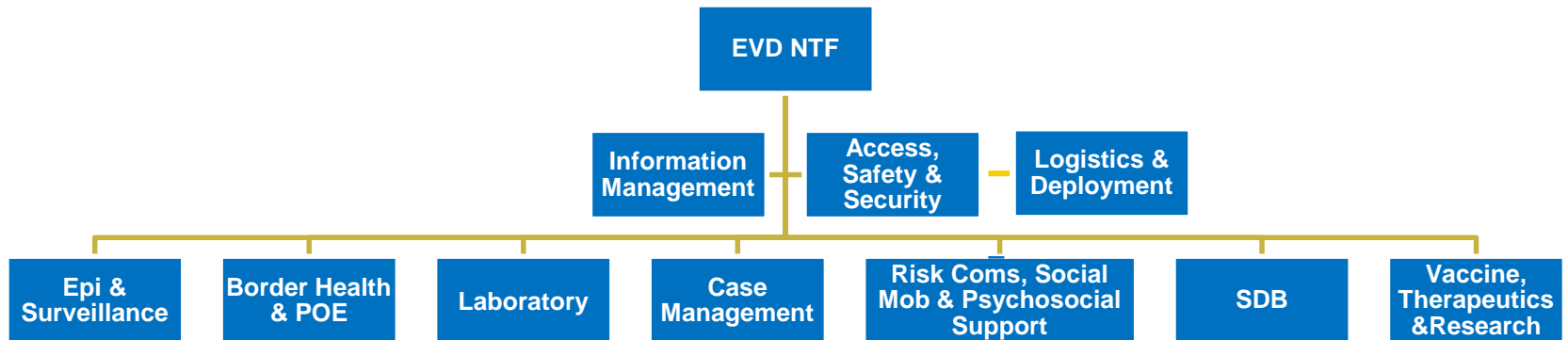


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## Proposed Structure for the EVD TWG TORS



# Proposed EVD Organogram



Technical Work Group	MOH Lead & contact	Partner lead & contact	MOH + WHO + Other members / Agency	Remark
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Epi & Surveillance	Dr. Mathew Tut (MOH) 0916010382 <a href="mailto:tut1988@yahoo.com">tut1988@yahoo.com</a>	Dr. Joseph Wamala & Dr. Alice Igale (WHO) 0923362401 <a href="mailto:wamalaj@who.int">wamalaj@who.int</a> .	CDC, UNHCR, IOM, DFID, USAID ...etc.	
Border Health	<a href="mailto:Mr.Anyang.David.Ayuen.Emmanuel.Nyawel@mo.gov.sd">Mr. Anyang David Ayuen &amp; Emmanuel Nyawel (MOH)</a>	Derebe Tadesse (IOM) 0921667188 <a href="mailto:dkintamo@iom.int">dkintamo@iom.int</a> . Mr. Malick Gai (WHO) 0916664265 <a href="mailto:gaim@who.int">gaim@who.int</a> .	WHO, USAID, CDC, Mo-Interior, WVSS , UNOCHA, IOM, UNHCR, AWG, WFP, USAID, CDC, Mo-Interior, SPLA, WVSS ... etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposing to have someone from Immigration or senior person from MoH</li> <li>Look for a replacement for Malick</li> </ul>
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SDB	Mr. Brian Mamur (MOH)	Mr. Alex Freeman (WHO)	MSF, CDC, IMC, USAID, ICRC, UNICEF, ALIMA, IRC, SCI, UNHCR, IOM ...etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss with IFRC and ICRC for an alternate, also get an alternate for Alex</li> </ul>
Case Management; IPC & WASH	Dr. Pinyi Nyimol 0916285676 <a href="mailto:pinyiaupur@gmail.com">pinyiaupur@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:m">m</a>	Dr. Henry, Alex Freeman and David Wasambla (WHO) & <a href="mailto:SamaritanPurse@gmail.com">Samaritan Purse</a> <a href="mailto:hskyob@gmail.com">hskyob@gmail.com</a> .	MSF, CDC, IMC, USAID, ICRC, UNICEF, ALIMA, IRC, SCI, UNHCR, IOM, Samaritan Purse, ...etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult with Samaritan Purse for an alternate</li> </ul>

Technical Work Group	MOH Lead & contact	Partner lead & contact	MOH + WHO + Other members / Agency	Remark
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Vaccine & Therapeutics	<a href="#">Dr. Anthony Lako (MoH)</a>  <a href="mailto:kirbaka@who.int">kirbaka@who.int</a>	Dr Peter Githua (WHO) and Mr Terri Bolagun Charles (WHO), Baboucarr Bouy (UNICEF)	UNICEF, MSF, CDC, DFCA ...etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOH to identify an MOH lead</li> </ul>
Information Management and resource tracking	MOH	Malick Gai and Jemila Ebrahim, OCHA	WHO, IOM, UNICEF and OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOH to identify a focal person</li> <li>OCHA to identify a focal person</li> </ul>



# Generic TWGs ToRs

1. Produce weekly updates during the taskforce meetings on the TWG activities
2. Develop and regularly update strategy to enhance preparedness and readiness capacities under the thematic area
3. Identify and agree on key priorities in their areas of work
4. Based on the strategy developed & update priority activities for the Ebola contingency plan
5. Coordinate the systematic implementation, supervision and reporting of thematic area activities that are included in the Contingency plan through meetings; supervision; field visits; evaluations
6. Develop and update SoPs to facilitate the implementation of the contingency plan
7. Present emerging cross-cutting and policy issues to the inter technical working group meetings
8. Support the response to emerging preparedness needs that warrant the competences of the TWG
9. Representation at the weekly NTF meetings



## **Model state coordination structure will be composed as proposed below**

- 1. State Minister of Health**
- 2. DG State Ministry of Health**
- 3. Director of Community and Public Health**
- 4. State Surveillance Officer**
- 5. State Monitoring and Evaluation Officer**
- 6. State EPI manager**
- 7. State Director Health Promotion and Education officer**
- 8. State Laboratory Focal Point**
- 9. State Director Environmental health**
- 10. Representative of state Ministry of Education**
- 11. Representative of state Ministry of Animal Resources**
- 12. Representative of Urban and Rural water**
- 13. Representatives from Health Partners in the State**
- 14. State security – police; national security; medical corps**



# Risk Communication TWG Updates



## Risk Communication and Community Engagement WG

Partners: MoH, UNICEF, WHO, CDC, IOM, SSRC, HLSS, Internews, REACH & NNGOs

# Name of TWG: Risk Communication and Community Engagement

Date: 6/11/2018

s/n	On-going Activities				Planned Activities			
	Activity	Progress/ Achievements	Challenges	Action points	Activity	Justificati on	Timelines	Remarks
1	Mass Media Broadcasting of key messages on 18 Radio stations	12,528 Spots aired 62 Talk-shows reaching about 40 Percent population Internews started airing in POCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media dark areas</li> <li>High cost</li> </ul>	Use other channels  Negotiating with stations	Continue airing spots and talk-shows  More orientation of journalists		Nov-Dec, 2018	
2	Mass Media: Public Address System	Twice a week in Yei in Dar el salam, Maridi road, Kaya road, Gimunu village, Luitaya, Erap, Arise, TTC and Kinji villages, estimated 2400			Continue with PA		Nov-Dec, 2018	
3	Sensitization of Community Leaders	280 community leaders oriented in Juba, Yei, Maridi and Wau		More orientation of leaders and regular meetings	800 leaders yet to be oriented in the high risk areas		End of Nov, 2018	
4	Training of Community Mobilizers/HHPs	318 community Mobilizers trained in Yei, Nimule, Maridi, Yambio and Nzara by UNICEF/SMoH/SSRC		Trained mobilizers to conduct social Mob	More Community Mobilizers to be trained in Tambura, Juba, Nimule and Kajo-Keji		End of Nov, 2018	

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s/n	On-going Activities				Planned Activities			
	Activity	Progress/ Achievements	Challenges	Action points	Activity	Justification	Timelines	Remark
5	Training of Community Mobilizers/HHPs	222 community Mobilizers trained in Yei, Nimule, Maridi, Yambio and Nzara by UNICEF/SMoH 96 HHPs by SSRC in Yei, Nimule and Maridi	Trained mobilizers to conduct social Mob	More Community Mobilizers to be trained in Tambura, Juba, Nimule and Kajo-Keji			End of Nov, 2018	
6	Trained Community Mobilizers/HHPs conducting house-to-house mobilization	<b>10,564 Households</b> 1840 HHs reached (4733 people) by SSRC in Nimule, Yei and Maridi 6000 (36,000 people) HHs reach in Yei 834 HHs in Yambio 992 HHs in Nzara 898 HHs in Maridi	Access					
7	Mass Awareness through schools, markets, Church/Mosques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 19 schools and 2556 peoples reached in Yei maridi and Nimule</li> <li>○ 35 Water point awareness sessions in Yei</li> <li>○ 1280 church/mosques announcements in Yei, Yambio, Maridi, Nzara</li> </ul>						



s/n	On-going Activities				Planned Activities			
	Activity	Progress/ Achievements	Challenges	Action points	Activity	Justification	Timelines	Remarks
8	Translation, design and printing of IEC materials	Over 70,000 different IEC materials printed		More IEC materials yet to be printed	Printing of 15,000 IEC materials in Arabic		By 15 Nov, 2018	
9	Mapping of partners and reporting	Mapping almost remaining SSRC and AAHI inputs					By 12 Nov, 2018	
10	Formative Research (KAP)	Partner identified and questionnaires under review						
11	Rumor Tracking and Management	Internews/UNICEF to support in incorporating rumor management in all the trainings Develop rumor tracking tool and perceptions						
12	Hot-line and Bulk-sms	Hot-line active Letter with key messages at NCA for approval	Hot-line unable to call back missed calls	MoH to request NCA and Telecoms	MoH to send request letter to NCA and telecoms			





**Thank you**