



# **SOUTH SUDAN EVD TASKFORCE MEETING**

## **15<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
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	<p>Updates on EVD TWGs per thematic areas:</p> <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



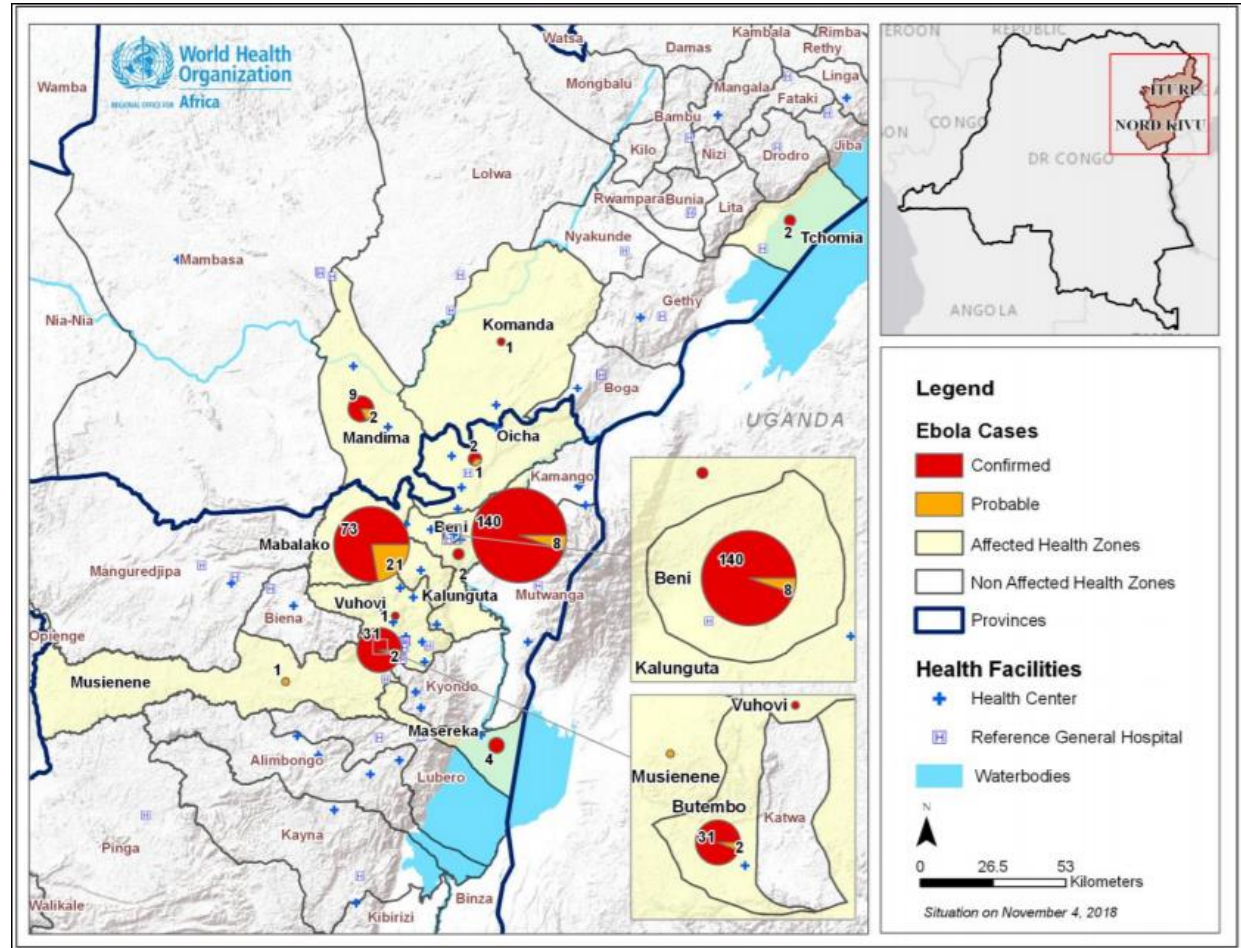
## Key action points from meeting held NTF: 8/11/18

Action	Description	Responsible
1	Sensitize airport employees on Ebola relevant information	BH & PoE TWG
2	Conclude processes to monitor rumors through social media	Risk Comm. TWG
3	Fast track the installation of isolation facility in Juba	IMC
4	Determine the state teams with felt need for Thuraya satellite phones	WHO
5	Revisit the NTF organogram showing distinct positions for Coordination, Information Management and Secretariat.	WHO
6	Include the 4 new screening points that IOM supports	Information Mgt
7	Graphically show the number of alerts, people screened at the primary and secondary isolation facilities.	Information Mgt
8	Disaggregate the mapped health facility workers by county and category of health worker	Health Cluster
9	Share TWG meeting days, time and venue	Secretariat
10	Share the structure of the EVD taskforce at state level	Secretariat



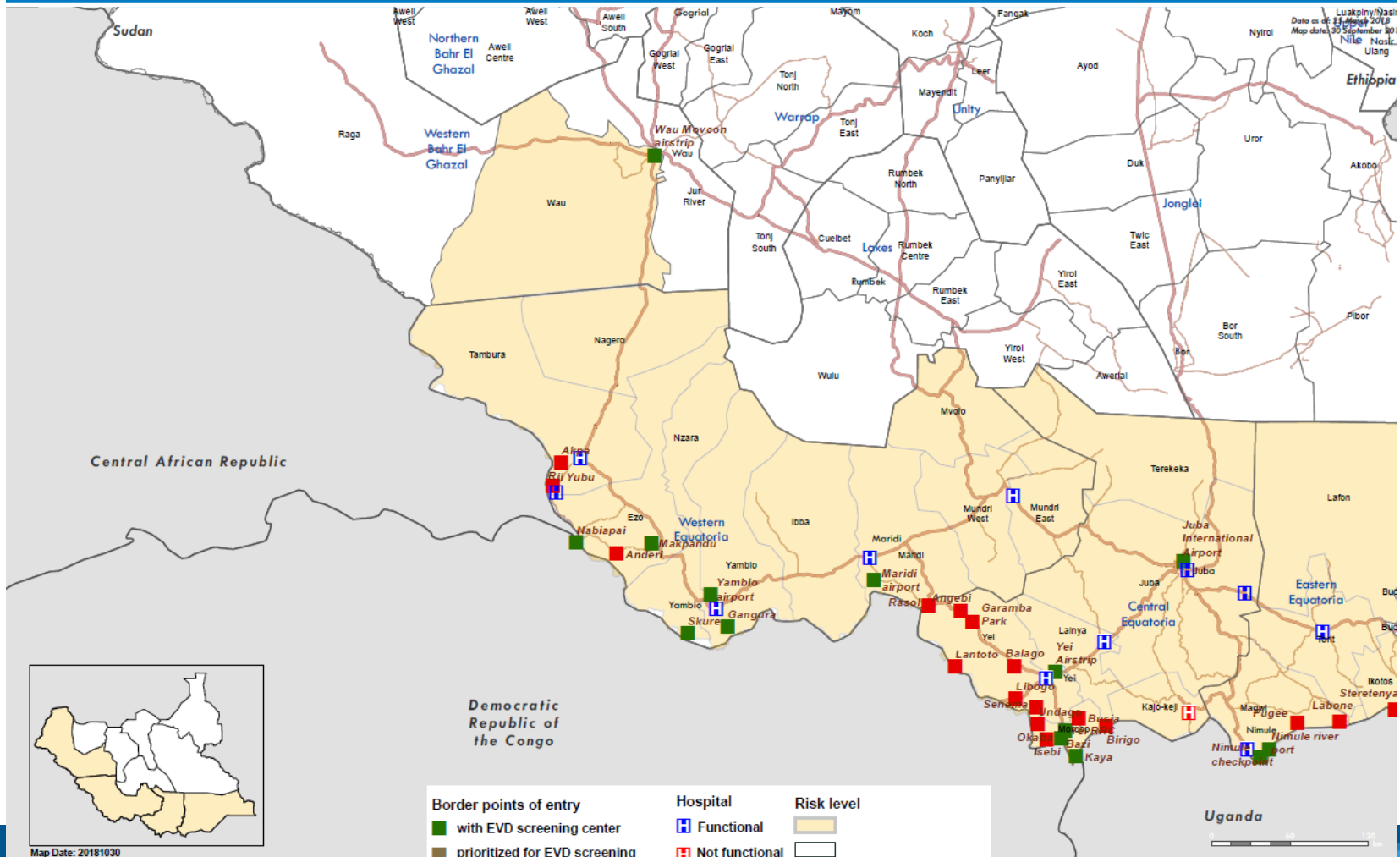
# EVD update in DRC as of 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

- Total cases: 341
- Deaths: 215
- Confirmed: 303
- Probable: 38



# South Sudan EVD Risk Map

South Sudan: - Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Risk Map, 2018



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## Risk Communication TWG



# Ministry of Health EVD Preparedness and Response National Task Force (NTF) Weekly Meeting Updates Reporting

REPORTING TWG: RISK  
COMMUNICATION AND  
COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT

DATE OF MEETING: 8/11/2018

مرحبا في جنوب السودان

الاستفراغ الصدغ الاسهال الحمى

اذا تطور لديك اي من هذه الاعراض خلال ثلاثة اسابيع بعد عودتك من دولة منتشر فيها الايبولا اتصل بالرقم المجاني التالي:-

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او اتصل باقرب مركز صحي



## Pa gbaraga EBOLA

Ebola nga kere kaza naye na kpio

Ebola na gbaraga tihe kati du nga kpoto boro zadi agia he dure:

<p><b>Biriko roko boro kaza</b></p>	<p><b>Agua mara sunge mangi yo sunge nani ti boro kaza zanga raha rogo fafai ime</b></p>	<p><b>Kure boro kaza ngagu kaa kura rogo gani aro</b></p>
<p><b>Irimo boro kaza</b></p>	<p><b>Sure boro kaza</b></p>	<p><b>Suka ngaga boro kaza</b></p>
<p><b>Randimo boro kaza</b></p>	<p><b>Gbgebererago boro kaza</b></p>	<p><b>Zada nyanvuo, unga ru tingia kangbaru</b></p>

Kamo bi gi kpia pai re kuti boro watadu kutiro nisaro, mo mangi ruru pai, kimbu koda tiro na agua aboro adunga kaza tiyo ya, na me gumba pa agi kpia pai re rogo gu mbembei bambu ngua du tini. Ka ino pai gbee, mo yembu gu namba dure

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# Status of follow-up Actions from last meeting

Key Follow-up Actions	Status and Remarks
Create a page in the social media with information that dispels rumors on EVD – Risk Comm. TWG	<b>Rumor tracking tool, SOP and strategy developed, will be discussed in the upcoming TWG.</b> <b>Concept note on how to use Social media developed. Existing MOH, Facebook will be revitalized and existing Facebook accounts of partners will also use to disseminate Ebola facts/alerts.</b>





# Performance Update of Planned Activities

Performance/Activity Outputs	Remarks
<b>Mass/Traditional Media:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Broadcasting of key messages on 18 radio stations</li> <li>•Public Address system in Yei</li> <li>•Internews broadcast through Bodaboda Talk Talk</li> <li>•Composition of song on Ebola (Arabic, Bari, Zande)</li> </ul>	Radio spots and talk-shows on-going PA ongoing 12 times a day in six languages <b>Ebola prevention song produced</b> Airing of PSA through Boda-boda Talk Talk in POCs Draft scripts under review
Sensitization/training of community leaders and mobilizers	On-going in Tambura, Juba and Ezo
House-to-house mobilization and surveillance by trained community mobilizers	On-going in Yei, Maridi, Yambio, Nzara, Nimule and Morobo
Mass Awareness through schools, markets, Church/Mosques	Ongoing Yei, Maridi, Yambio, Nzara, Nimule and Morobo
Formative Research (KAP).	IP identified, tool developed and under review
Conducted rapid assessment of Ebola knowledge in select community in Yambio - WHO	Findings being used to inform the messaging



# Performance Update of Planned Activities

Performance/Activity Outputs	Remarks
Reaching school children and youth with Ebola prevention messages and promoting toll-free number( 6666)	<b>Ebola prevention song produced, ready for broadcast</b>
<b>Dissemination of communication materials to communities, entry points, schools etc.</b>	<b>On-going 500 posters, 15,000 travelers information cards and 10,000 leaflets disseminated to Juba airport, Yambio and Yei</b>
Training of journalist and reporters on reporting on Ebola Virus Disease and other health emergencies	Training for journalist from Juba and other high risk states is scheduled for next week in Juba
Bulk-SMS of Ebola key messages	Letter approved by NCA and submitted to the 2 mobile service providers MTN and Zain for broadcast
Following the death of the Ebola alert in Loke, the social mobilization team engaged with community leaders and some community people regarding their doubt and fear about Ebola.	Sustained community engagement and sensitization



# Key Challenges, actions, required inputs

Identified challenges/issues	Planned interventions	Required support from senior leadership/partners
Access to high risk population especially in some parts of Yei, Morobo, Maridi and Tambura	Reach through community leaders (Chiefs, religious and women and youth groups) Collaborate with partners	
Media dark areas  High cost	Intensify use of other channels (house-to-house mobilization by volunteers, churches, mosques, schools, markets and water-points  Negotiating with media houses.	



# Upcoming events/key planned activities

Planned activities/events	Schedule/time and place	Required actions/support
Complete sensitization and training of Community leaders/Mobilizers Monthly community leaders meetings	In Juba, Tambura, Morobo, Nimule and Kajo-Keji by before end of Nov, 2018 All high risk areas	
Formative Research (KAP)	All high risk areas (3-4 weeks)	
Review existing Risk Communication and Community engagement Strategy	Covering all high risk areas by end of Nov, 2018	Draft strategy to be reviewed and updated during the next TWG based on the current context.
Review the draft Rumor Tracking tools, and strategy and feedback mechanism Rumor management training module	Covering all high risk areas by end of Nov, 2018	



# Facts, figures, pictorials on recent activities (share with Information Management TWG)

## ● Mass/Trad Media

Broadcasting of radio messages ongoing on 18 stations.

- 12,096 times spots aired

- Over 63 Talk-shows

- 51 journalists oriented in Juba and Yei

## House-to-house mobilization

**10,837 Households**

1840 HHs reached (4733 people) b

in

Nimule, Yei and Maridi

6000 (36,000 people) HHs rea

947 HHs in Yambio

992 HHs in Nzara

1058 HHs in Maridi



## Public Places Awareness

○ 34 schools and 4,091 school children and teachers reached in Yei maridi and Nimule

○ 35 Water point awareness sessions in Yei  
○ 2950 people in Maridi were reached during market outreach session

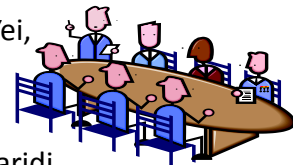
○ 1704 church/mosques announcements in Yei, Yambio, Maridi, Nzara



## Trainings

222 community Mobilizers trained in Yei, Nimule, Maridi, Yambio and Nzara by UNICEF/SMoH

96 HHPs by SSRC in Yei, Nimule and Maridi



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# Vaccine & Therapeutics TWG



## Slide 1: Activities

- Geneva team update on Vaccine quantities 3000 doses
- Support with Logistics and Cold Chain from HQ forthcoming. EVD vaccine scientist and logistician to come from Geneva Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018
- PI identified, protocol adapted and Ethical Review Board approval given.
- Target population of eligible Health and frontline workers mapped 4000
- Vaccination SOPs validation ongoing by vaccines TWG. To be complete by 15 Nov 2018



# Slide 2: activities/accomplishments

- WHO HQ support staff arrive this week
- Vaccination teams to be trained in Good Clinical Practice.
- 2 teams of 15 to be trained centrally and deployed as needed. Training plan to be finalised with Vaccine scientist
- Vaccine Supply – after Authority to import in country granted (pending/challenge)
- Micro-planning for vaccination ongoing, complete by 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Cold chain logistics – to be procured centrally from WHO procurement process ongoing





# Slide 3- challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Local decision on final number of eligible vaccine recipients
- Identification of Vaccination Team members



# TIMELINES

TIMELINES FOR HW AND FLW EVD VACCINATION

Activity	Nov 12 -13	Nov 14-17	Nov 17-21	Nov26-30	Dec 3-7	Dec 10-18	Dec 18-31												
Obtained ethical approvals for importation of vaccine	█																		
Obtained regulatory approvals for importation of vaccine	█	█																	
Order and receive cold chain equipment		█	█	█															
Conduct microplanning at national & sub-national level	█	█	█																
Constitute and establish teams to conduct vaccination in the high risk areas			█																
Implement communication activities on Ebola vaccine and vaccination in the identified high risk areas	█	█	█	█	█	█	█												
Review and revise immunization tools			█																
Confirm space at the national cold store and cold stores in the counties to accommodate Ebola vaccine	█	█																	
Clear vaccine supply from customs				█	█														
Review training materials/ conduct training				█	█														
Conduct trainings for health workers on GCP and vaccination with Ebola vaccine				█	█	█													
Transport and install cold chain equipment at sub-national level			█	█	█	█													
Transport vaccine to counties					█	█													
Conduct vaccination at prioritized sites					█	█	█												
Collect data on vaccination						█	█	█											
Analyze data							█	█											
Write preliminary report of vaccination							█	█											
Submit final report								█	█										
Sensitization of the national AEFI committee																			
Order and receive cold chain equipment																			



# Slide 4: priorities for the upcoming week

- GCP training curriculum and plans finalised
- IEC for vaccine-specific sensitization of frontline health workers
- Micro-planning for state-level finalised by 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.
- Cold chain logistics assessment

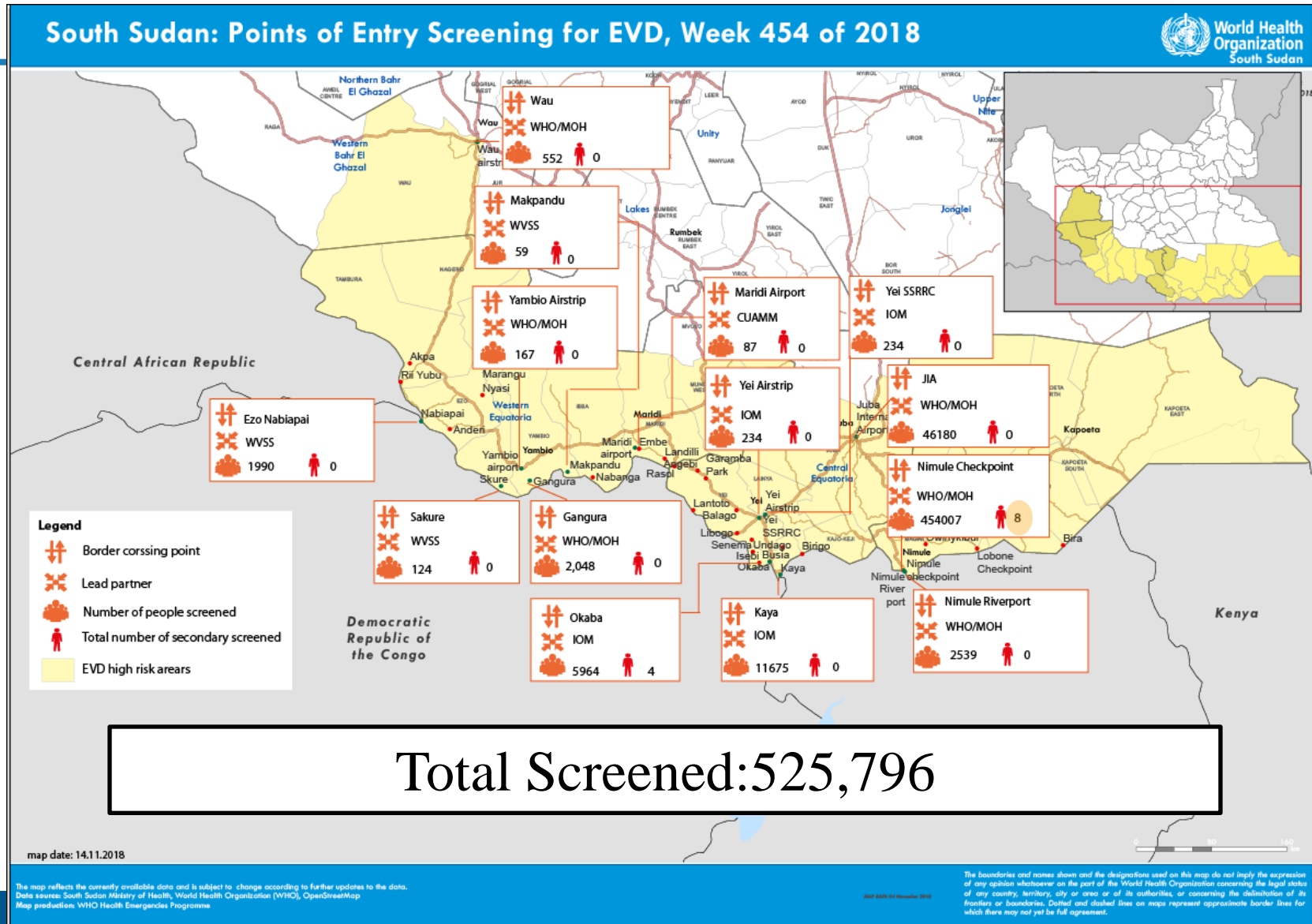


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## Border Health & Points of Entry TWG



# Slide 1: Border health and points of entry update



# Slide 2: activities/accomplishments

- BH&POE TWG members conducted supervisory visit to JIA on Friday (9/11/2018).
  - Identified some gaps and action points with time frame agreed to rectify the gaps.
- 4 additional POEs screening points established by IOM and the total functional screening points reached to 18.



# Slide 3- challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Harmonization of daily incentive payment.
- Lack of dedicated ambulance in case of suspected cases in the screening points for referral to isolation facility .



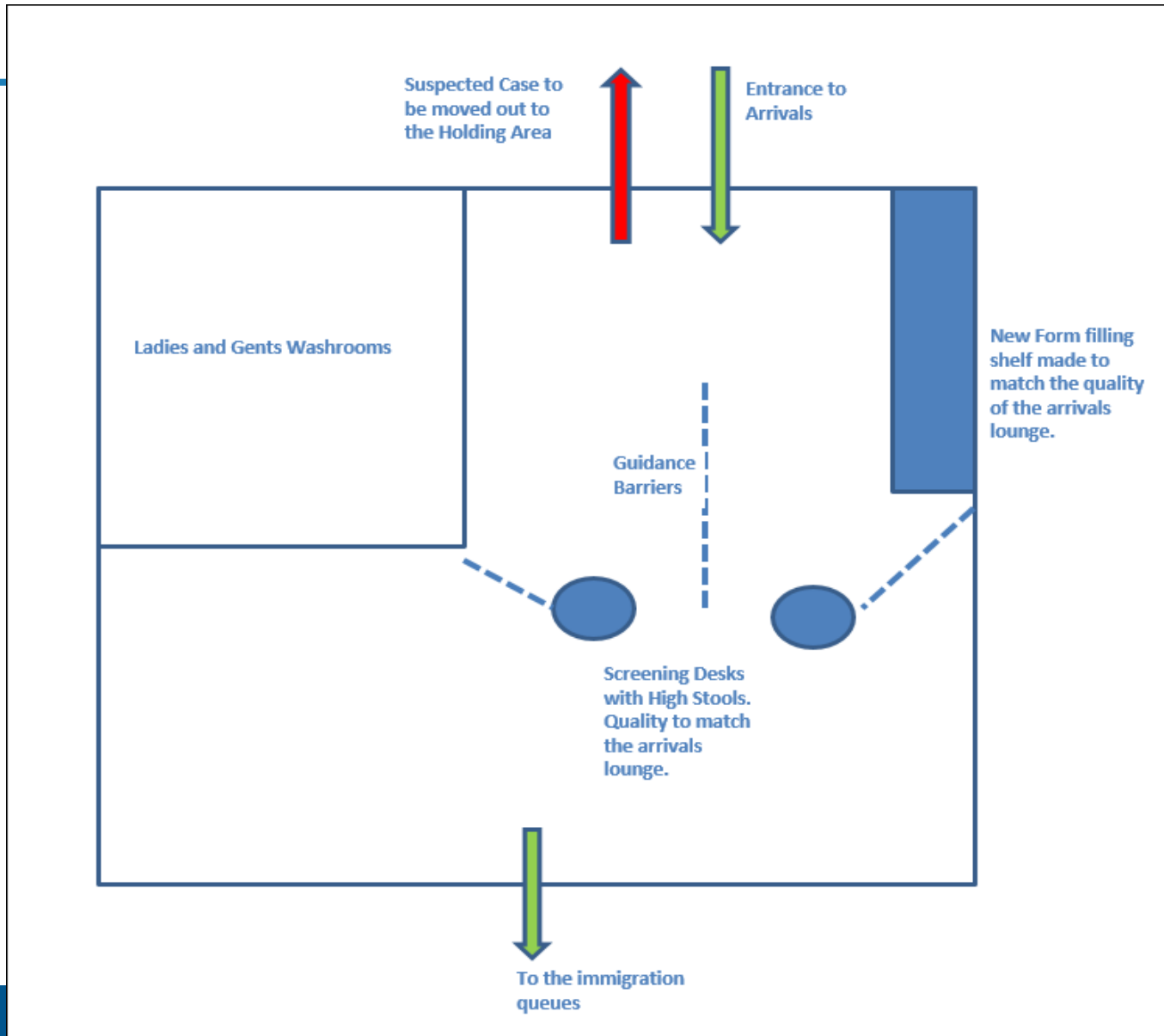
# Slide 4: priorities for the upcoming week

- Convening weekly TWG meeting
- Sanitization of JIA authority on EVD and getting their support to reinforce airline companies to avail arrival screening forms for travelers on board.
- Completing list of focal points and alternatives members from TWG member organizations.
- Establishing screening points in JIA in VIP arrival.
- Sharing updated POEs screening functionality matrix with the partners.

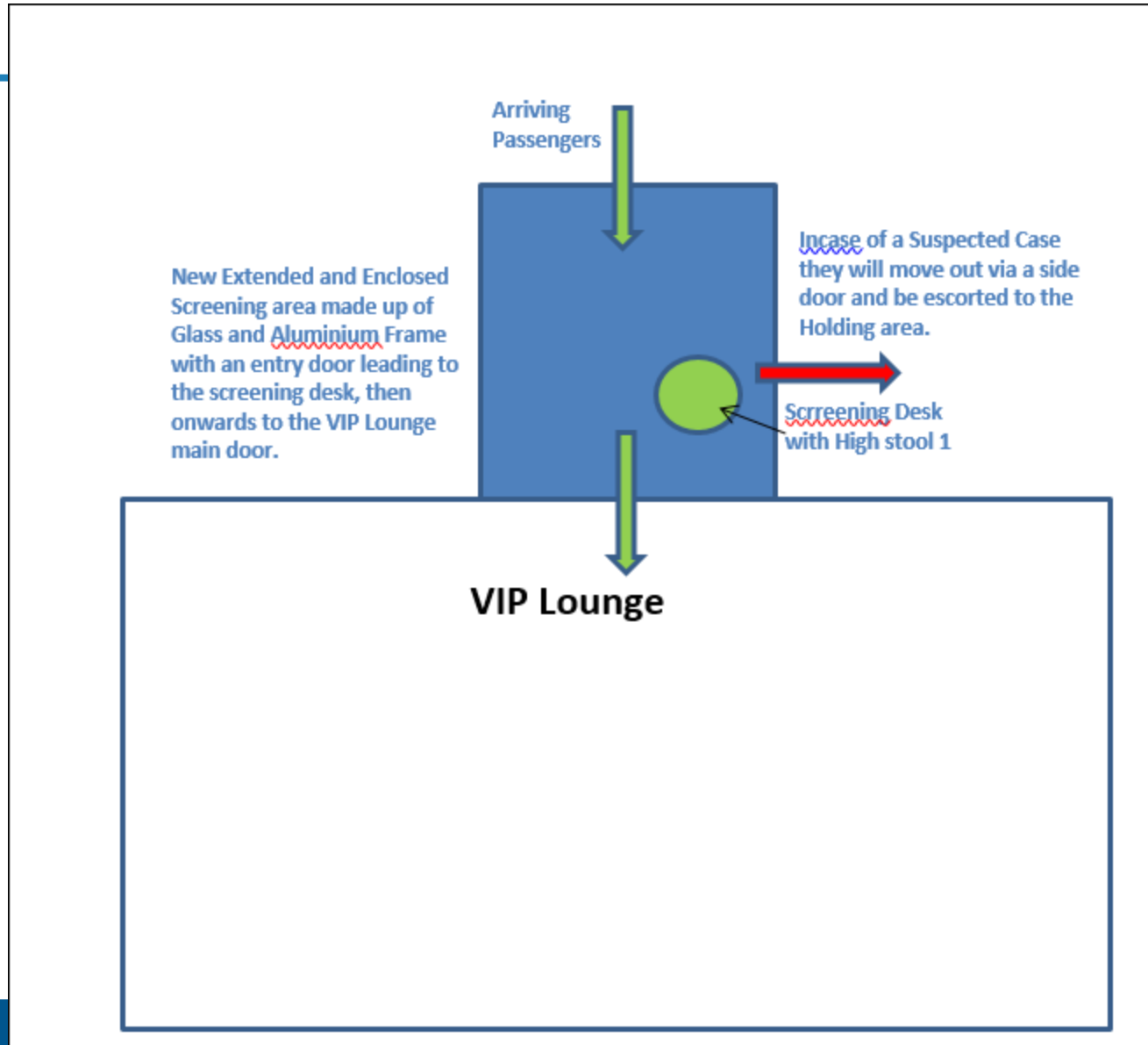




# Proposed plan for JIA Screening Point



# Proposed plan for JIA VIP Lounge Screening Point



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# Case Management TWG



# Infection Prevention and Control/ Case Management: Ebola Treatment Unit in Juba



Honourable Dr Riek Gai Kok and his team, Dr Olu and partners posing for a group photo during the visit. Photo: WHO



The Ebola Treatment Unit constructed by WHO. Photo: WHO

# Infection Prevention and Control/ Case Management: **Activities/ accomplishments**

- Construction of a 24 bed Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) in Juba; visited by a delegation led by the Hon. Minister for Health, Dr Riek Gai Kok
- SOPs for IPC and CM currently under review at a validation workshop (ongoing 14- 16 Nov 2018)
- Yei State RRT independently responded to alert case of suspected EVD death indicative of a successful recent trainings on RRT and IPC/CM
- SDB training for Yei completed last week 6-8 Nov 2018
- IPC assessment (training needs and isolation facility) conducted in Nimule



# Infection Prevention and Control/ Case Management: Challenges and Priorities for Next Week

## Challenges

- Support in obtaining approval for Isolation Facility location in Juba. IMC were denied access last week

## Priorities for Next Week

- Operationalization of the Juba ETU for commencement of trainings
- Compilation of SOPs into the manual
- IPC training for health workers from 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018- Nimule



# Lab TWG





# **Emergency Preparedness and Response Weekly Meeting**

**EVD Preparedness and Response National Task Force (NTF)  
Weekly Meeting Updates Reporting**

**Reporting TWG: Laboratory Thematic Area**

**Presented by: Chair and Co-Chair**

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



# Status of follow-up Actions from last meeting

Key Follow-up Actions SOP's Developed	Status and Remarks
Updates on the specimen/Yei tested using GeneXpert was Negative	Testing for Zaire strain only. And the other specimen sent to UVRI
SOP on blood collection, packaging and transport of category A infectious substances by air	Done
SOP for buccal swab collection of a cadaver with suspected Ebola virus disease and other hemorrhagic fevers.	Done
SOP Testing of Patient Samples from Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Using GeneXpert. (On-going)	Needs final review with the TWG

# Performance Update of Planned Activities

Performance/Activity Outputs	Remarks
The two staff trained for the mobile laboratory are back and trained for a Month in Homburg Germany	Mobile lab will be received the Mobile lab next year by June 2019
Four staff are trained in the UVRI Entebbe Kampala for GeneXpert molecular testing and PCR molecular testing to assist in the EVD testing and other VHF's in the country	The four will be ready to perform if the PCR machine is installed in the country or the PHL
The laboratory items and consumables were deployed to the PHL WHO Data office for utilization	Needs more verification/ Some are tips



# Key Challenges, actions, required inputs

Identified challenges/issues	Planned interventions	Required support from senior leadership/partners
<p><b>1. The IDSR/RRT trainings in country/Lab not involved</b></p>	<p><b>1. Plan to train lab staff in the risk areas and other states/GeneXpert testing EVD</b></p>	<p><b>Required support from WHO/CDC/MOH</b></p>
<p><b>2. No certified IATA specimen packaging/shipment/transportation across</b></p>	<p><b>2. Conduct trainings on specimen/shipment and certified IATA. States/ Counties</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Lost of lab personnel to NGO's across the nation</b></p>	<p><b>3. Conduct support supervision and assessment in the high risk areas</b></p>	<p><b>WHO/MOH</b></p>



# Upcoming events/key planned activities

Planned activities/events	Schedule/time and place	Required actions/support
1. Plan to train lab staff in the risk areas and other states/GeneXpert testing EVD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of December 2018	Logistics/ Financial/ training materials
2. Printing of the SOP's, dissemination and training	1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of December 2018	Logistics/ Financial
3. Conduct trainings on specimen/Shipment and certified IATA. States/ Counties	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of January or 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2019	Logistics/ Financial



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# State Update



# Update on EVD Alert in Yei River State

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> a 30-year-old male hunter from Loka in Lainya County, Yei River State complained of generalized body pain, headache and fever.
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> he started vomiting blood and watery diarrhoea. On 9<sup>th</sup> November the patient he went to Loka Round PHCU for treatment
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> November at around 3 am the patient passed away. The samples were collected and family members were advised not to proceed with the burial awaiting laboratory results.
- The EVD Task Force in Yei River convened an emergency meeting to provide guidance on the emergency response for the EVD alert.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> November, WHO deployed a Rapid Response Team to support the packaging and transportation of the sample to Juba and onward shipment to Uganda Virus Research for laboratory confirmation.
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> geneXpert was conducted and result were negative
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Sample sent to UVRI for further confirmation

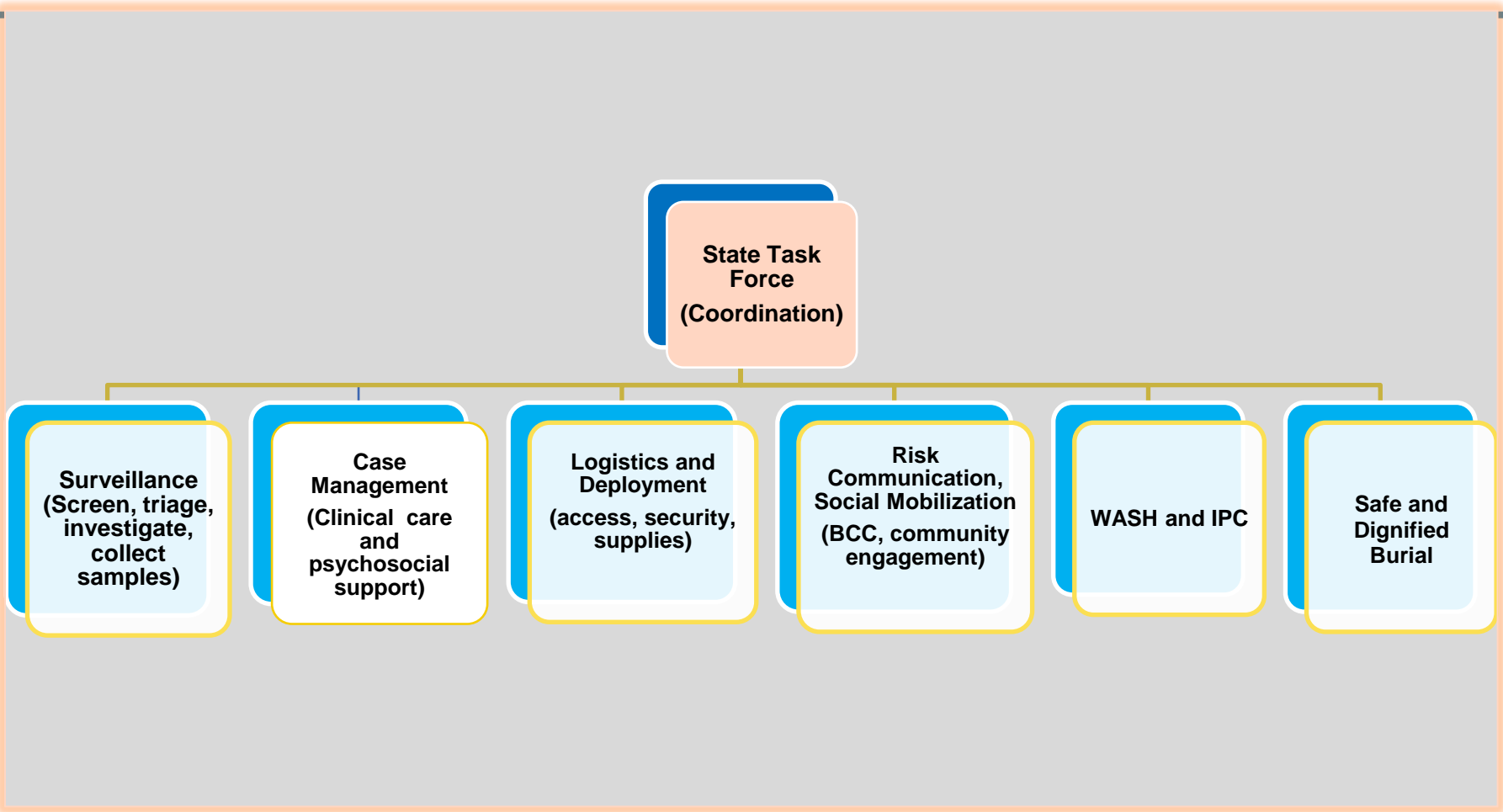


# Yei River state

- Support the State Ebola TF to obtain an ambulance for exclusive use for possible Ebola cases.
- Support State Ebola TF to ensure sensitization in areas beyond Yei Town including measures to sensitize armed groups and access to protection equipment.



# Proposed State Task Force Structure





# Tentative Coordination Meeting Schedule and Venues (to be revised)

s/n	TWG	Day of meeting	Venue	Time
1	Coordination/NTF	Every Thursday	PHEOC	2:00pm
2	Laboratory	Every Monday	PHEOC	12:00pm
3	Epi Surveillance, Border Health and Points of Entry	Every Monday	PHEOC	10:00am
4	Safe and Dignified Burial	Every Monday	PHEOC	2:30pm
5	Access, Safety and Security	Every Monday	PHEOC	3:00pm
6	Risk Communication and Social Mob, Psychosocial Support	Every Tuesday	MOH	10:00am
7	Vaccination and Therapeutics	Every Tuesday	PHEOC	10:00am
8	Case management/IPC and WASH	Every Tuesday	PHEOC	11:00am





**Thank you**