

### Situation Update

As south Sudan was categorized under priority 1 countries, the Country office with support from the WHO Regional Office Preparedness Support teams initiated preparedness activities. An assessment was carried out using the WHO consolidated EVD preparedness checklist to determine the baseline and inform the development of Contingency plan.

### Preparedness Assessment

Using the WHO checklist, it was established the country had critical gaps in almost all the 13 areas assessed under the checklist with most scoring less than 50%. The areas that needed urgent attention included Coordination, Risk Communication, Case Management and IPC, Surveillance and Laboratory, Safe and Dignified Burials, RRT and Logistics. Lack of appropriate skills in all 13 areas was flagged alongside the absence of relevant guidelines and SOPs. These were to be addressed immediately. In response, WHO country office has provided both technical and logistical support in all the high risk areas to strengthen EVD preparedness as of the last three months.

### Key Achievements

#### Coordination



- 17** Coordination meetings conducted with national force members.
- 7** High level advocacy meetings conducted in all EVD high risk states and relevant ministries at national level.

#### Surveillance



- 13** alerts reported and verified.
- 5** met EVD case definition but samples tested negative for EVD.
- 5** RRT deployed.
- 4** vehicles deployed to Yei to and Yambio support surveillance activities.
- 2** flights chartered for RRTs to verify alerts.

#### Case management/IPC



- 1000** PPEs prepositioned in the high risk states.

#### Resource Mobilization



- 16.3m** required for the national EVD preparedness.
- 1.3m** received by WHO (core funds; CFE, DFID, Canada)
- 13.1m** Funding gap for National EVD plan.

#### Trainings/Capacity Building



- 993** staffs of different categories trained on EVD preparedness and response. These include rapid responders, case managements, IPC, safe and dignified and journalists.

#### Expert Deployment



- 20** expert mobilized.
- 12** already in country and deployed.

#### Border Health & Points of Entry



- 39** official points of entry identified.
- 14\*** points of entry are providing screening for incoming travellers.
- 100** infra-red thermometers procured and distributed.
- 362,619** incoming travellers screened as of week 42.

#### Risk Communication



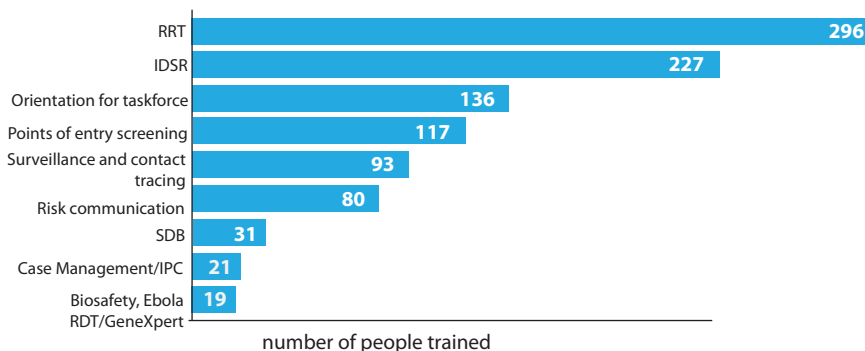
- 5000** leaflets in english printed and distributed.
- 2000** leaflets in arabic printed.
- 2** hand held phones procured for the toll-free hotlines **66 66**.

#### Safe & Dignified Burial

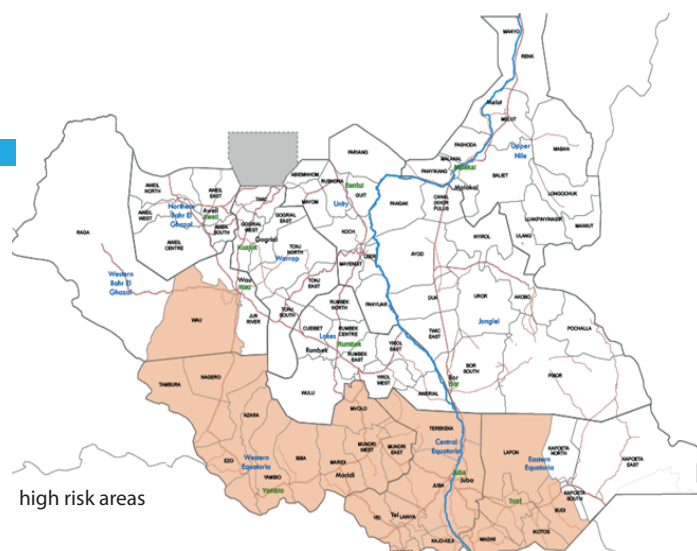


- 31** personnel trained on safe and dignified burial.

### Trainings on EVD preparedness



### EVD risk map



\*4 out of the points of entry are fully supported by WHO