



Ministry of Health

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

8th November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 50

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 7th November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 6th November 2018

- Cumulative cases: 308
- Confirmed cases : 273
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 191
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 39
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated
- Security concerns limiting contact tracing.

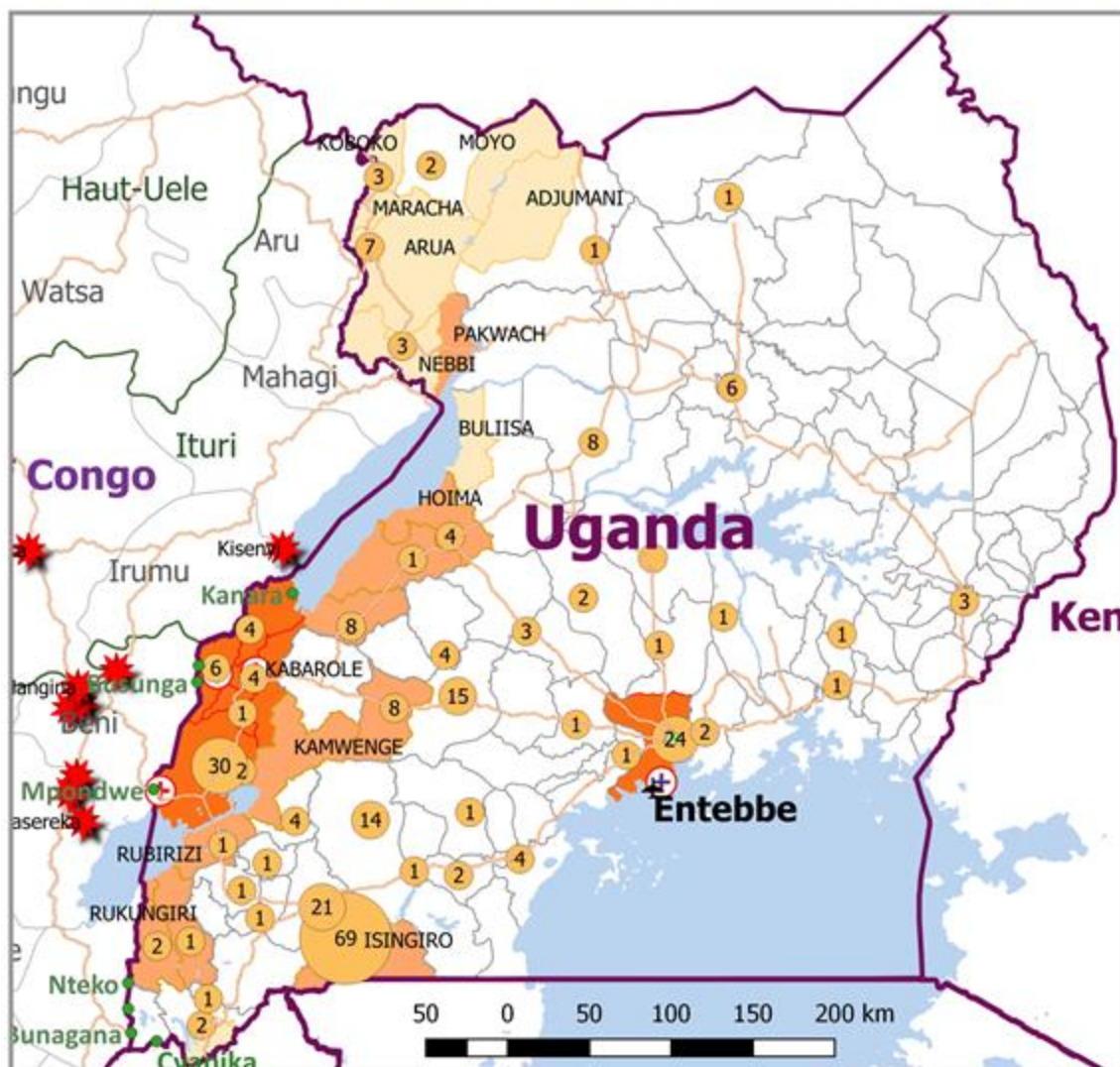
b) EVD SITUATIONAL UPDATE IN UGANDA

- **There is NO confirmed EVD case in Uganda.**
- Active case search continues in all communities, health facilities and on formal and informal border crossing in all districts especially in the high risk ones.
- Alert cases continue to be picked, isolated, treated and blood samples picked for testing by the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). The alerts are highlighted in the specific district reports below **under the Surveillance section.**
- Vaccination of frontline health workers started on 7th November, 2018 and will cover the five high-risk districts of Bundibugyo, Kaseses, Bunyangabu, Kabarole and Ntoroko.



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
Ministry of Health

EVD High risk districts and VHF Alerts since May 2018



Legend

District Classification ETUs

- Other districts
- High risk
- Moderate risk
- Low risk
- EVD sites in DRC

- + ETU in preparation
- + Ready ETU
- Border Crossing
- International Border

Water

Key Towns

- ✈ Airport
- Capital

Alerts Location

- EVD alerts

c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

VACCINATION

- Vaccination of frontline health workers started on 7th November 2018 in Ntoroko district without any incident.
- Twenty (26) targeted health care/frontline workers at Karugutu HC IV, Stella Maris Ntoro HC III and Rwebisengo HC IV were vaccinated.
- There is high demand for the vaccine in the district
- MoH and WHO are going to increase the number of vaccination teams to meet the demand. Over the weekend, 4 teams with 12 members each will be trained.

COORDINATION

Kasese District

- DTF meeting was held chaired by Deputy Resident District Commissioner (RDC). He called for increased vigilance because Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) was on the rise the Democratic Republic of Congo yet population movements into Uganda are very high.
- The DTF requested WHO to train another burial team to be positioned in Kasese Town. WHO was also requested to repair the District Health Officer's (DHO) vehicle and motorcycles to support surveillance and community engagement activities.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kabarole District

- No alert cases reported.
- The blood samples of the three (3) alert cases reported in Update 49 were negative for EVD and other Viral Haemorrhagic Fever viruses.

Bunyangabu District

- No alert cases reported.
- Eight (8) health worker at Kibito and Kibuta Health Centers (HCs) were oriented on EVD detection, surveillance, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and reporting.



Ntoroko District

- No alert cases reported.
- Supportive supervision conducted at Rwebisengo HC II by the DHT and WHO team. Health workers were updated on EVD, case definition, IPC and surveillance.
- WHO and DHT conducted supportive supervision and data collection at Kyapa Point of Entry (PoE) where temperature screening was ongoing. The volunteers working at the PoE were given more tips on screening, detection and handling of alert cases.

Kasese District

- The DHT and WHO team visited Buhaghora and Mbunga HCIIIs and interacted with six (6) health workers and two (2) Village Health Teams members. They discussed EVD preparedness especially the case definition, community-based surveillance and reporting. However, the facilities lack IPC policies, hand hygiene units and basic PPEs such as gum boots, heavy duty gloves, aprons, disposable gowns, masks and goggles.

Bundibugyo District

- Kakuka HC III, Butama HC II, Buhanda HC II and Bubukwanga HC III were visited and health workers mentored on EVD surveillance, IPC and reporting. They were urged to have a high index of suspicion especially for patients who came to the facilities with bleeding tendencies.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert or suspected case detected in both Hoima and Kikuube districts on Wednesday 7th November 2018 as at 18:00 hours
- At all PoEs, i.e.: Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso 84 new arrivals from DRC were screened and no alerts were detected.
- A delegation European Union Ambassadors visited Kikuube district to assess EVD preparedness and health services offered in Kyangwali refugee settlement.
- VHTs are actively carrying out disease surveillance in the communities and reporting any alert detected for follow up and so far in the week, no alert has been raised in Kikuube district
- UNHCR has deployed a Public Health officer specific for the Ebola response preparedness and will be based in Hoima/Kikuube district while roving to all boarder locations to support with the Ebola preparedness activities

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

Kabarole District

- The 30 year female with Congo Crimean Haemorrhagic Fever is clinically fine. She was briefed about her results and possible discharge on Friday 9th November 2018.
- Thirteen (13) health care workers and two (2) VHTs at Kidubuli, Kahangi and Kirere HCs were mentored on EVD preparedness and readiness. They were also taken through a practical hand washing, waste segregation, mixing of chlorine, cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.

Bunyangabu District

- Thirty three (33) health care workers and twenty two (22) VHTs at Rambya and Kibuta HCs were mentored on EVD. They were also taken through a practical hand washing, waste segregation, mixing of chlorine, cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.

Ntoroko District

- No alert case isolation on 8th November, 2018.

Kasese District

- Forty five (45) health workers Kilembe Mines Hospital were oriented on EVD. Fifty nine (59) people including medical workers at Kilembe Army Barracks were also met and given the same orientation.
- Rwenzori Central Police, Kilembe Army Barracks and Rukooki Army Barracks were given hand washing facilities donated by Save the Children.
- DHT and WHO team visited Bwera Police Division, Rusese Army Barracks, Karambi Army Barracks and Bwera Rusese Prisons and scheduled training sessions with the authorities to be conducted next week.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

- Uganda Red Cross Society conducted house-to-house visits in seven (7) administrative areas in Kabarole district. They visited 223 households, reached 507 people with EVD messages and distributed over 123 posters. The teams also demonstrated proper hand washing to the people.

Kikuube District

- Community dialogues to raise awareness have been carried out in communities and a total of 571 individuals were reached with Ebola disease messages in Kikuube district.



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
Ministry of Health

CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES

- No alerts at all PoE in all districts
- WHO supplied JIK and disposable gloves to Butoogho and Busunga PoE

-End-

For more information, please contact:

Dr Issa Makumbi issamakumbi@gmail.com

Dr. Allan Muruta allanmuruta@yahoo.com