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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

12th November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 52

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 11th November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 10th November 2018

- Cumulative cases: 329
- Confirmed cases : 294
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 205
- Suspect Cases under investigation :
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated

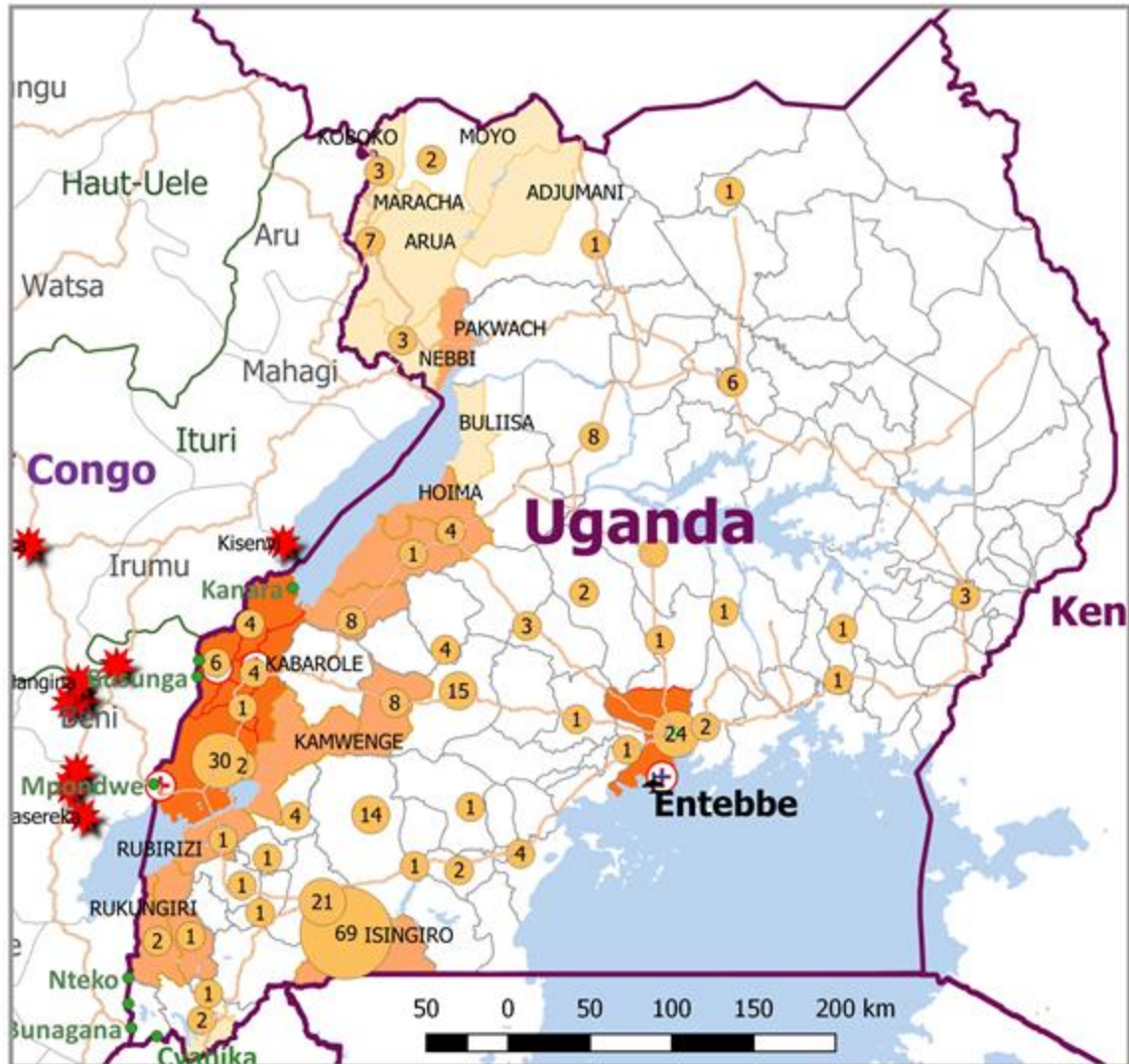
b) EVD SITUATIONAL UPDATE IN UGANDA

- **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 seven (7) EVD contacts from DRC who had disappeared last week were located. They were counselled and later vaccinated against EVD. They are under follow-up in DRC.***



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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

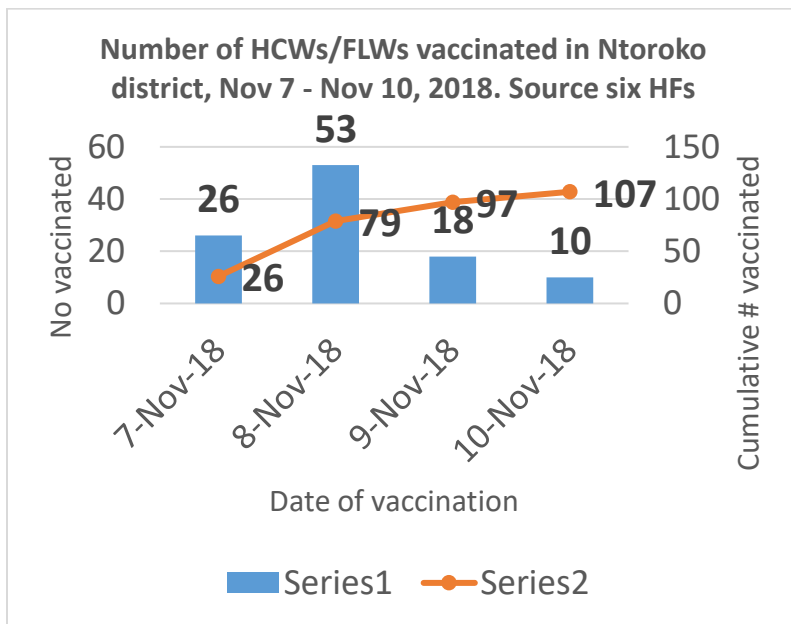
c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

VACCINATION

Kasese District

- Continued with training of three additional vaccination teams. Total participants are 43 persons who will actually conduct vaccination.
- Three teams have travelled to Kasese and will start engaging the health workers in the three big hospitals today Monday 12th Nov 2018. The hospitals are Kilembe, Bwera, and Kagando. Each hospital will have two teams. Vaccination is expected to start on Tuesday Nov 13, 2018.
- An Estimated 659 Health Care Workers/Front Line Workers will be vaccinated in Kasese district

Ntoroko District



- The total number of clients who were followed up on November 10, 2018 was 51. No reported serious Adverse Events Following Immunisations (AEFIs) identified.



COORDINATION

- The Ministry of Health/NTF approved the one plan one budget that UNICEF supported the development with support from its regional office in collaboration with partners (WHO, CDC, IDI, UNHCR).
- The NTF and incident management team appointed UNICEF as secretary for the psychosocial support subcommittee chaired by the MoH.
- The incident management team of the NTF appointed UNICEF as lead coordinator in the districts of Kisoro, Kanungu and Rukungiri that currently have no Ministry of Health teams on ground.
- UNICEF continues to co-convene the risk communication and social mobilisation subcommittee
- Districts operating the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) have not accessed funds appropriated by the Ministry of Health. Only Bunyangabu and Ntoroko (not using IFMS) have accessed the funds.
Need: MoH should follow up with Ministry of Finance to expedite transfer.
- Frontline workers at the Points of Entry (PoEs) have not been paid allowances. This cuts across all the points of entry in the region.
Need: DHTs and partners should urgently address this issues.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kabarole

- No alert case reported over the weekend
- Enhanced surveillance ongoing

Bunyangabu

- No alert case reported over the weekend
- Enhanced surveillance on-going

Kasese

- DHT and WHO visited Mpondwe border Point of Entry where temperature screening was ongoing. The team met the staff, security personnel, and the local community leaders. The team was informed about Kitebe and Kalitunsi PoEs were about 500 people cross into Uganda on a market day.
Need: DHT and partners should establish temperature screening at these two PoEs.

Bundibugyo

- There were no alerts cases from the community and all health facilities over the weekend
- DHT/WHO team visited four PoE and found that they lack PPEs and allowances for the volunteers



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Need: DHT and partners should help address these urgent needs.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert or suspected case detected in both Hoima and Kikuube districts on Sunday 11th November 2018 as at 18:00 hours.
- VHTs and community leaders conducted active case search in refugee settlement and along lake Albert shores, no alerts cases reported on Sunday 11th November 2018.
- Forty (40) arrivals from DRC were screened Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso PoEs. No alert cases as at 18:00 hours Sunday 11th November 2018.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

As of November 12, 2018, UNICEF delivered a total of 884 hand washing facilities, 34 buckets (1,485 kgs) of HTC chlorine, 679 cartons of soap and 323 boxes of water purification tablets to Kisoro, Kasese, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kabarole, Kikuube, Kyegegwa, Kamwenge, Bunyangabo, Kanungu, Rubirizi and Rukungiri.

Bunyangabo

- UNICEF carried out end user monitoring of WASH supplies (hand washing facilities with soap and calcium hypochlorite granular) in 3 health facilities (Kibito Hospital, Kiyomba HC III, and Kisomoro HC III).

Kabarole

- UNICEF carried out end user monitoring of WASH supplies (hand washing facilities with soap and calcium hypochlorite granular) in 1 health facility (Verika Hospital).

Rubirizi

- UNICEF carried out end user monitoring of WASH supplies (hand washing facilities with soap and calcium hypochlorite granular) in 11 health facilities (Rugazi HC IV, Kichwamba HC III, Katerera HC III, Katunguru HC III, Ndangaro HC II, Rumuri HC II, Kyenzaza HC II, Kyabakara HC II, Kashaka HC II, Kazinga HC II, and Kishenyi HC II).

Kisoro

- UNICEF carried out end user monitoring of WASH supplies (hand washing facilities with soap and calcium hypochlorite granular) in 3 border points (Bunagana, Busanza, and Kyanika border points).



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- UNICEF together with the DHI Kisoro conducted monitoring of screening activities at the border points (Bunagana, Busanza and Kyanika border points) feedback on identified gaps/issues shared in the DTF meeting.

Kanungu

- UNICEF participated in coordination meeting and monitored the use of WASH supplies (hand washing facilities with soap and calcium hypochlorite granular) at 3 health facilities (Kanungu HC IV, Kihihi HC IV, and Kambuga Hospital) and 1 border point (Ishasha border point).

Kasese

- UNICEF carried out end user monitoring of WASH supplies (hand washing facilities with soap and calcium hypochlorite granular) in 22 health facilities (Bwera Hospital, Kasanga HC II, Kagando Hospital, Kisolholho HC II, Bikunya HC II, Musyenene HC III, Kayanja HC II, Ihandiro HC II, Kikyo HC II, Mweya HC II, Kasenyi HC II, Katunguru HC II, Hamukungu HC II, Kahokya HC II, Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation HC IV, HHC Ilma laa (UCI) HC IV, Kahendero HC II, Kanamba HC III, Karusandara HC III, Kasanga Phc HC III, Kinyamaseke HC III, and Nyamirami HC IV), 1 border point (Mponde border point), and 1 landing site (Katwe landing site).
- The 12 year old child from Lubiriha, DRC is admitted at Bwera Ebola Treatment Unit. A blood sample was collected from him for Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers (VHFs) testing at Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). Results are expected today, 12th November, 2018.

PSYCOSOCIAL SUPPORT

- The Chair of the Case Management Sub Committee from the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, WHO and the Ministry of Health lead person of the Ministry of Health convened a meeting on 7 November to discuss the way forward and support required to ensure the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub Committee is well-functional. UNICEF has provided standard Information Management tools to the Ministry of Health lead person and will continue to provide any support as required to ensure a functional coordination mechanism.

District-level update

- With support from UNICEF, URCS volunteers trained on psychosocial support continue to provide support in 7 targeted districts (Kasese, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kabarole, Bunyangabo, Kisoro, Kanungu).

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

- MoH and UNICEF co-convened the Risk Communication and Social Mobilization (RCSM) committee meeting on 7 November. Key issues discussed included: Representation and engagement of security personnel on the RCSM subcommittee - Uganda People's Defense Force (UPDF) and Uganda Police. MOH to develop a formal training package on EVD for security personnel (Army, Police and Prisons); and formal letter to be circulated from MOH to relevant security bodies to enable proactive engagement of the security personnel in district and community engagement activities. Child friendly Ebola poster was reviewed and finalised.
- Disbursement of funds to districts for EVD RCSM interventions: 16 out 22 districts at risk (70%) have received funding from UNICEF for RCSM and community engagement activities at district level.
- Procurement of PVC banners and billboards with key messages on EVD: to improve visibility and durability of key messages on Ebola at key points of entry and in other hubs of activity like major highways/roads, markets and landing sites with support from UNICEF.
- Progress on Ebola media campaign: Completed 83% of the planned radio talk shows, that is, (35 out 42) were conducted as planned. UNICEF is extending the media campaign for another three months.
- EVD messages continued to be aired in FM radio stations
- Uganda Red Cross Volunteers and VHTs implemented house-to-house mobilization in the high-risk districts.

Kabarole

- With support from UNICEF ongoing public awareness happening through radio talk shows – the RDC was on the panel for 3 radio talks this past week.
- Community engagement activities ongoing in Kabarole: URCS with support from UNICEF has reached 6,989 households and 15,699 individuals with messages.
- URCS with support from UNICEF has reached 777 Community groups including schools with messages on EVD, reaching 41,092 individuals
- URCS with support form has distributed 15,726 Posters and 12,130 Leaflets of the first batch that was received from UNICEF



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Kabale:

- 3 radio talk shows supported by UNICEF on Voice of Kigezi radio have been conducted and radio spots on EVD are still running
- A second batch of IEC materials printed and distributed by UNICEF through URCS was sent and received through the District Health Officer's office – these are mainly translated versions in Runyankore-Rukiga regional language: 14,250 leaflets and 14,775 posters
- 140 VHTs from 3 sub counties out of 13 sub counties in the districts, received EVD IEC materials that they will use as part of the ongoing community engagement for EVD preparedness and response.

NUTRITION

- UNICEF supported the Nutrition Division of the Ministry of Health with the adaption and preparation of the global UNICEF-WHO-WFP poster with IYCF guidance in Ebola contexts. The Nutrition Division submitted this guidance to the National Task Force in Ebola for review and clearance. The RSCM committee is expected to review and clear the poster guidance by 2 November. Once cleared, UNICEF will support the Nutrition Division of the Ministry of Health with the printing of materials, which will be further disseminated to at-risk districts and implementing partners managing ETCs/ETUs. The development of IYCF guidance has been led by UNICEF with support from other UN agencies (i.e. WHO, WFP, UNHCR). A joint statement at the national level showing the adapted messages is being prepared.
- UNICEF is procuring a contingency stock of ready-to-use-infant-formula (RUIF) for pre-positioning purposes.
- UNICEF is supporting MoH with plans to orient health workers at ETUs on the infant and young child feeding recommendations in Ebola.

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