



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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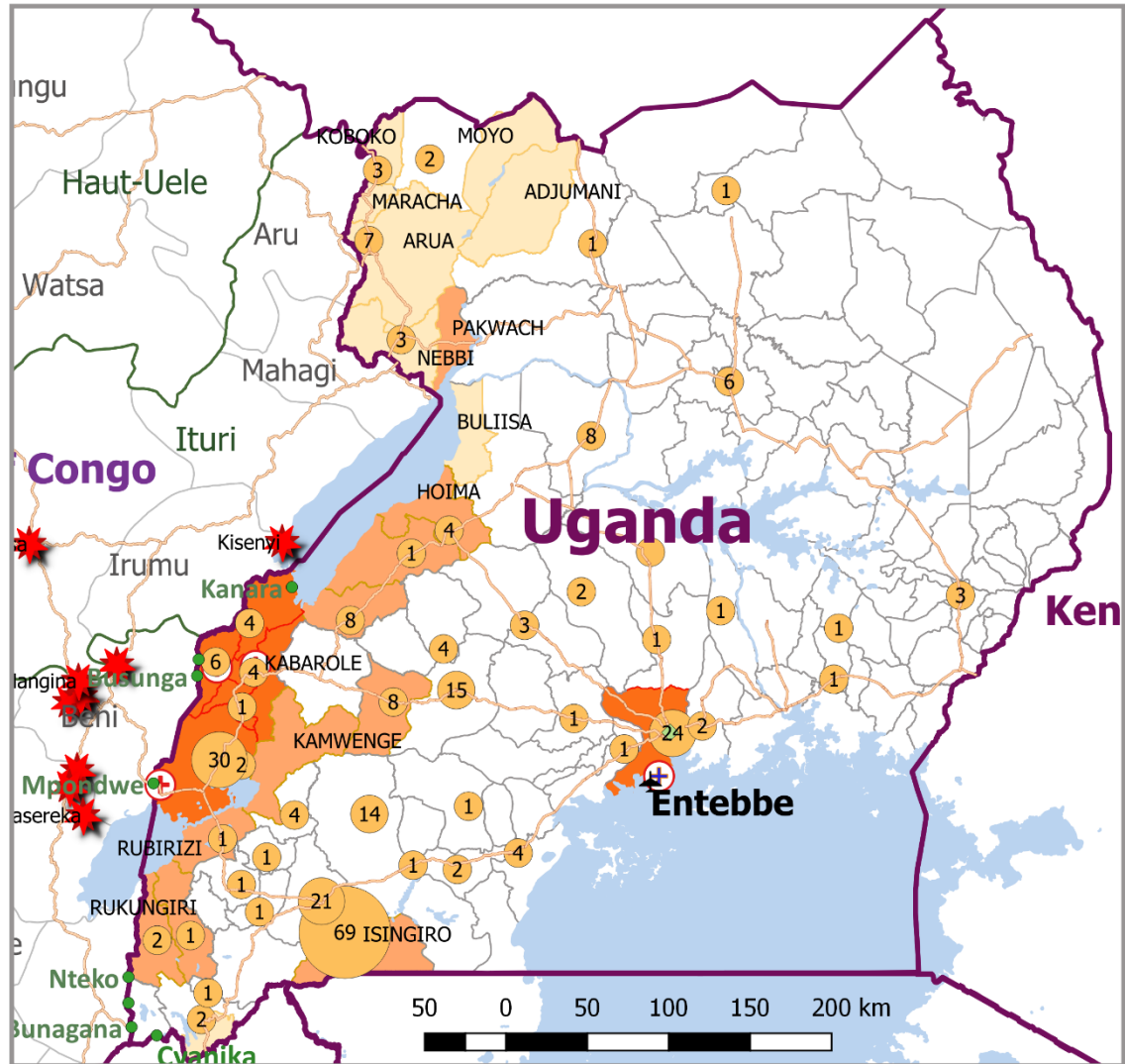
a) *SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 21ST OCTOBER 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 20TH OCTOBER 2018*

- Cumulative cases: 237
- Confirmed cases : 202
- Probable : 35
- Total deaths : 153
- Suspect Cases under investigation : 33
- 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 Surveillance section.

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
- Roads

■ Water

Key Towns

- ✈ Airport
- ◆ Capital

Alerts Location

- EVD alerts



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

COORDINATION

- The Independent Oversight & Advisory Committee for WHO Health Emergencies Program concluded a visit to the high-risk districts in which they assessed the status of WHO's and partner support to Ebola preparedness. The committee met the Minister of Health, ambassadors, high commissioners and UN representatives in Uganda and debriefed them on their findings. Overall, the committee was satisfied with the level of EVD readiness and preparedness they found in the country.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert or suspected cases reported in both Hoima and Kikuube districts as at 18:00 hours Sunday 21st October 2018. Point of Entry (PoE) EVD screening continues to take place at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso ports with a total of 18 new arrivals screened as at 18:00 hours on Sunday 21st October 2018.

Bundibugyo District

- No new alerts from communities, health facilities and at PoEs.

Kasese District

- The DHT with support from WHO visited Mpondwe Border post where they found temperature screening going on well.
- The WHO Surveillance Officer and DHO visited the community of Kanamba in Busongora West and oriented Village Health Teams (VHTs) and community members on EVD preparedness and readiness. They were also sensitized on EVD Community Case definition, prevention and control.
- The VHTs were reminded to report any EVD suspected cases to the nearest health facility and on actions to take in case they come across any alert cases. They were also urged to promptly report any inexplicable death that occur in their communities to health workers.

Ntoroko District

- No alerts reported over the weekend.



- The WHO team, Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) and DHT conducted an orientation meeting for 15 administrative officers of three Kingdoms in Karugutu town council. They were briefed about the EVD situation in DRC and given information on the mode of transmission, signs and symptoms, prevention and the community case definition for alerts. They were asked to be vigilant in their communities and to report any case that meet the community ase definition to the nearest health facility or to the district surveillance team.
- WHO and DHT conducted supportive supervision at Fridge landing site where the volunteers were reminded about EVD infection prevention and urged to be continuously vigilant about reporting alert cases.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- The ETU at Kasonga is now ready to admit patients. However, it requires electrical installation, additional tents for psychosocial support and laundry areas and ambulance decontamination area. UNHCR has been requested to provide security and materials (Marram for ambulance decontamination area, plastic sheets for psychosocial and laundry tents) as well as the electrical installations.

Bundibugyo

- The two patients admitted at the Bundibubyo ETU were discharged after their negative results were received from UVRI. They were given their last doses of antibiotic treatment. The District Rapid Response and case management team still has logistical challenges related to allowences. Discssions were held with Baylor Uganda that has promised to explore ways to address the problem.

Kasese District

- The DHT with WHO visited Bwera ETU which was found to be ready for any cases. There were no alert cases at the ETU and the hospital medical waste management has improved tremendously. The Infection Prevention and Control training budget for Kasesewas was developed and shared with the WHO Incident Manager.

Bunyangabu District



- The burial team from Kabarole successfully carried out Safe and Dignified Burial of the alert case that died suddenly.

Ntoroko District

- No alert cases identified over the weekend.
- The fence at Rwebisengo ETU was damaged by a heavy storm on Saturday. The WHO team assessed the damage and planned for adjustments to improve the patient and staff flow within the ETU. IPC for staff and patient protection within the isolation tent were also addressed. There was quantification of IPC material for Ntoroko health Centre III and Stella Maris health center III.

VACCINATION

- The Uganda National Council of Science and Technology (UNCST) will meet the Principal Investigator and team on Thursday this week to review and take action on the vaccination protocol for compassionate use and related documents that were submitted last week.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

- UNICEF finalised review for the district risk communication budgets and funds are expected in the districts this week.
- EVD radio messages and spots continue to be broadcast on FM station in all districts supported by UNICEF.
- All DHT are distributing IEC materials with support from WHO, URCS and UNICEF
- VHTs and URCS volunteers continue to implement community engagement activities in the various districts.

CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES

Bundibugyo District

- No EVD alerts identified at the border points in the district. The WHO team collected the weekly data at the border point of the people screened for further analysis. The team provided 10 liters of Jik, 2 bars of



soap and 1 box of disposable Gloves to health workers manning the border point. However, the health workers complained about lack of allowances since they started working. Uganda Red Cross Society will be contacted on this matter.

Kasese District

- No alerts from the all border points at the weekend. At Mpondwe border post, temperature screening was going on well and the team is waiting for construction of the container to house the thermo scanner provided by the World Food Programme (WFP).

LOGISTICS

Bundibugyo District

- WHO coordinated transportation of blood sample from alert cases to UVRI in Entebbe that had been mistakenly left behind on 18th Oct 2018.

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