



SOUTH SUDAN EVD TASKFORCE MEETING

6th Dec 2018

Update on South Sudan's preparedness and response readiness capacities

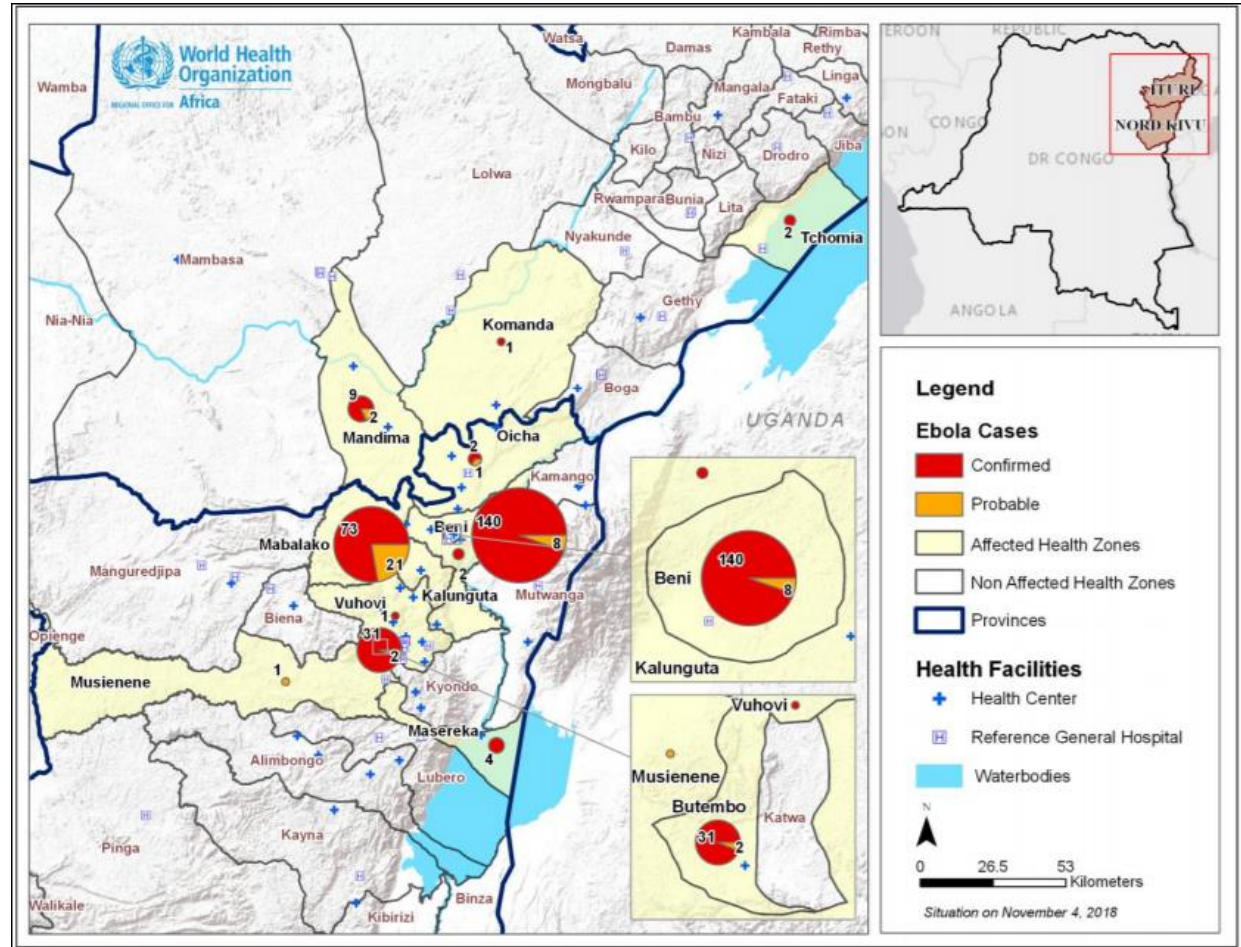
NTF Meeting Agenda; 6/12/2018

| Item | Description | Time | Responsible person |
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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Introduction Communication from the Hon. Minister | 2:00-2:05 pm | Dr Riek Gai Kok |
| 2 | Review of action points from previous meeting | 2:05-2:20 pm | Dr Richard Iako – IM |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC Dashboard, SOPs, JMM | 2:35-2:45 pm | Mathew/Dr Ifeanyi/Dr Ayana |
| 4 | Updates on EVD TWGs per thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Status/progress made Update from STFs Update from Health Cluster Discussion | 2:45-3:20 pm | TWGs leads & Co. leads |
| 5 | A.O.B | 3:20-3:30 pm | All |



EVD update in DRC as of 4th Dec

- Total cases: 458
- Deaths: 271
- Confirmed: 410
- Probable: 48
 - 5 new cases



Suspected EVD: Renk

- A 29 year-old , pregnant women (32 weeks gestation), presented to Abayok PHHC on 3/12/18
- Symptoms:
 - Severe headache,
 - cough,
 - Fever,
 - Generalized body weakness,
 - Sore throat and
 - Vomiting blood;
- Resides in Renk
- No history of travel to DR Congo
- No visit to any sick person, funeral ceremony
- Hematemesis has stopped
- GenXpert analysis result was negative for Ebola virus Zaire strain
- The PCR analysis from UVRI is awaited



Suspected EVD: Yambio

- A 45 year-old male farmer who lives in Nagori in Yambio.
- The following symptoms started on 30/11/2018:
 - *Fever (chills),*
 - *Epigastric pain and*
 - *Vomiting of blood,*
 - *Passing blood in the stool,*
 - *Generalized body weakness and*
 - *Loss of appetite*
- Symptoms developed in Kumbo Bangi in Sakure Nzara county.
- No history of travel to CONGO or contact with Ebola Patient.
- Patient travelled to Sakure for farm activities.
- Samples collected; to be delivered today, 6/12/2018, by UNHAS



Epi and Surveillance TWG



Activities/accomplishments

- WHO EVD Checklist completed
- Prioritization spreadsheet reviewed
- TORs for Epi & Surveillance TWG completed:
 - Goals and objectives
 - Activities (based on the prioritization spreadsheet)
 - Membership and contacts
 - TWG meeting schedule and structures
- Reviewed and concurred with the NTF constitution recommendations from last meet



Priorities for the upcoming week

- Review and finalization of the SOPs - Sudhir
 - Dissemination of finalized Case Definitions
- Review RRT list & make contact with individual staff: Case investigation teams – Alice / Awatta
- Constitution of ~8 National level RRTs (based on 40 staff who are trained) – Alice
- Work closely with *Risk Communication & Social Mobilization* TWG to prioritize Community level surveillance - Korsuk Scopas
- County and Health Care facility prioritization for surveillance - CDC
- Work closely with *Case Management* TWG to prioritize frontline health care facility level surveillance - David (WHO) / Ella (Medair)



Priorities for the upcoming week

- Dissemination of the Case Definition – F/up with NTF
 - Soft copy and
 - Printed hard copies
- Initiate planning for Contact Tracing Teams (at least 10 contact tracers per state) – Alice
 - Identification of staff
 - Training
- Develop a line-list format for all reported alerts – Sudhir / CDC
- Refresher training for RRTs and Table-top exercise in January – Alice / Korsuk
- TWG meeting will be once a week – Monday 2-3:30pm



Lab TWG



Status of follow-up Actions from last meeting

| Key Follow-up Actions | Status and Remarks |
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| Death alert in Yambio: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tested negative for Ebola Zaire using the GeneXpert at PHL.• Tested negative for Ebola, Marburg, CCHF, RVF and YF at UVRI. |
| Live alert in Renk: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tested negative for Ebola Zaire using the GeneXpert at PHL.• Sample sent to UVRI for confirmation and differential diagnosis. |
| SOPS | The LTWG is requesting a final review of the SOPs after prior to printing. |



Key Challenges, actions, required inputs

| Identified challenges/issues | Planned interventions | Required support from senior leadership/partners |
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| <p>There is EVD lab data management system</p> | <p>will be raised as an issue next meeting/possibly, the LTWG will adopt/domesticate any relevant data management system that will meet the situation of South Sudan</p> | |
| <p>States lab techs are not trained on safe sample collection and management</p> | <p>Training will be organized on 2nd and 3rd week of December</p> | |
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Upcoming events/key planned activities

| Planned activities/events | Schedule/time and place | Required actions/support |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. State lab training on sample management | 2 nd and 3 rd Week of December 2018 | |
| 2. Set up of the PCR lab | Depends on arrival of installing agent and readiness of the area of installation | Lab administration is planning to remove items from an identified room |
| 3. Rollout of GeneXpert testing to States | | |



Border Health & POE TWG



Slide 1: Any relevant data/ figures, pictorials on recent activities?

- Screening data (cumulative, all locations) 699,548
- Total Secondary screened= 55



Slide 2: activities/accomplishments

- Weekly BHPOE TWG meeting convened, action points shared among TWG partners
- BHPOE SOPs finalized and validated by the BHPOE TWG members
- Half-day sensitization training on Ebola conducted for Juba International Airport non-health actors on 30 Nov 2018, with participation from civil aviation authority, JIA management and airline operators



Slide 3- challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Need to identify screening desks for VIPs at JIA
- Linkage of POE with isolation sites –need for ambulance and functional isolation sites



Slide 4: priorities for the upcoming week

- Sharing of finalized and approved BHPOE SOPs with partners
- Planning for joint assessment missions
- IOM-DTM and REACH to conduct assessment and mapping of potential PoE along the border locations of Yei, Magwi, Equatos, Morobo, Kajo Keji and share findings over next 2 weeks
- Reach in to consensus in daily rate harmonization



Vaccine and Therapeutic TWG



Progress

- Vaccine Scientist from HQ on ground
- Consultant on GCP arrived (training materials are being adapted)
- Good Clinical Practice and Vaccination techniques training has started on the 04th December
- EVD Vaccine FAQs sent to Risk Communication group – to enhance their work
- Timeline of activities being finalized – to be completed end of next wk



PLANNED ACTIONS

- List of health facilities (69) to be further reviewed and finalized by next TWG
- Actual Vaccination (10th – 20th Dec) (07th Jan to end Jan 2019).
- CCEs (2 Freezers, 6 Arktek) – to be procured centrally from WHO. Procurement process ongoing.
- Cold Chain Equipment expected by end of week
- Vaccine, 2160 doses, expected in the first week of Dec.



Follow Up Issues

- Streamline incentives for EVD response.



Case Management/IPC and WASH TWG



Infection Prevention and Control/ Case Management: (ETU Staff IPC Training)



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

- IPC training for ETU Staff conducted this week 3rd to 5th December 2018
 - *12 participants trained; 5 from MOH seconded to work in the ETU*
 - *Full donning and doffing practical conducted in the ETU*
- TWG reviewed the draft training guide and made inputs for consideration
- Isolation Facilities construction commenced in Yei, Yambio and Nimule
- WASH Training concluded last week in Juba



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

Challenges

- Need for an alternate Chair/ Lead from the MOH for the TWG to backstop when the Lead is on other duties

Priorities for Next Week

- Continue discussions and follow up on prioritized activities

SDB TWG



SDB team training

- 25 SSRC volunteers trained in Juba 4 days from 28.11 – 01-12.18. From Juba 10, Yambio 5, Nimule 5 Maridi 5, + 5 invited observants. Yei covered 10 – 13th Dec. in Yei.
- In Yambio 3rd – 7th Dec: the first entire SDB team is being trained as a team. Additional volunteers attending the training will constitute the back-up team.
- Full report can be shared after return to Juba.



SSRC/IFRC SDB Equipment

- The first lot of SDB material has arrived 20th Nov.
- Finally placed in the SSRC warehouse 30th ready to be prepositioned in the 4 defined locations. Warehousing are being identified and prepared by SSRC/IFRC
- The first set of 3 vehicles immediately available in Juba ready for dispatch and deployment.
- WFP confirms to prioritize transport of vehicles and material as previously indicated.



SSRC/IFRC preparations on the ground

- SSRC/IFRC will visit the locations.
- Firstly to train the entire team as a team and organize the structure for the function.
- Clear the relations with SMoH, RRT and other formal partners on the ground.
- Discuss the question of legal burial sites with the relevant SS authority.
- Identify warehouse and dispatch base for SDB.



SSRC/IFRC priorities for the upcoming week

- Visit Yei to train the SSRC SDB team as a team with clearly defined roles for the team members.
- Establish the infrastructure for the function.
- Prepare dispatch of the first prepositioning of SDB material in Yambio



Risk Communication TWG



HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACTIVITIES



- **Juba City:** 512 radio spots and 2 radio talk shows aired
- **Torit:** 1917 individuals received key messages on Ebola
- **Yambio:** 33,0756 people sensitized on EVD prevention
- **Yei:** 4,033 people reached with key messages

JUBA CITY

- 11 schools in Juba city (5 primary and 6 secondary) were reached and received adequate information on Ebola Virus Disease and Hygiene/Sanitation.
- 1,162 schools children (507 boys and 655 girls) received information on Ebola Virus Disease and Hygiene/Sanitation.
- 75 teaching staffs and 18 none teaching staffs received adequate information on Ebola Virus Disease and Hygiene/Sanitation.



TORIT

- 1917 individuals (829 males and 1088 females) reached with key messages on EVD during Church/Mosque sessions in Torit
- 1,689 individuals (754 males and 935 females) received key messages on EVD through market awareness sessions across Torit
- 388 individuals (256 males and 132 females) received key messages on EVD prevention during sessions at different playground in Torit
- 1,743 people reached with messages at community

gatherings



YEI RIVER STATE

- 1,843 individuals in Kaya and Morobo received key messages on EVD transmission, Signs/symptoms and Prevention (IOM)
- 1,956 (906 males and 1050 females) attended Health Education Sessions at various Health Facilities in Yei
- 2375 HH (13,090 individuals) were reached with key messages on EVD



YAMBIO

- 1441 HHs in EZO were covered and 8646 people received key messages on EVD prevention
- 896 HHs were visited by social mobilizers and 5376 people were reached with key messages
- 9 awareness sessions carried out and a total of 33,0756 individuals received messages on EVD
- Nagero HHs 1236 HHs covered in Nagero and 6087 individuals received key messages on Ebola
- 12 awareness sessions conducted in Yambio and 4163 individuals reached with EVD prevention messages



Activities/accomplishments

- Rumour Tracking Matrix was completed and shared.
- Training of enumerators has been completed and data collection is ongoing
- Formative Research Sample design is complete
- 10 HHPs trained on EVD preparedness in Kajo-keji.
- 15 awareness sessions conducted and 50224 individuals reached



Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Staff movement outside Yei town suspended due to requirement to use armored vehicle.
- No phone network in Tokori and it's hindering communication with various groups.
- Local government of Khorijo and Pure wanted HHPs to be paid in Ugandan Shillings or else increase the amount of SSP. As a result, activities in Khorijo has been suspended.
- Training Module for Social Mobilization.



NEXT STEP

- Harmonization of social mobilizers/HHPs incentives to address the issue raised in Khorijo and Pure
- Implementing Partners to share social mobilization training modules for review by BCC working group
- State authorities to engage different security groups to ensure safe passage social mobilizers/HHPs



priorities for the upcoming week

- Radio talk show fixture to be shared with partners
- 180 community leaders will be oriented on Ebola awareness and prevention
- Distribution of posters on various institutions.
- Meeting with wildlife leaders on the issues of bush meat being sold in the market.
- Ebola awareness to market vendors, including bush meat dealers.



Activity Photos



CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS

With contribution from the following Risk Com/Social mob. partners:

- MoH, UNICEF, WHO, DFID, CDC, IOM, SSRC, HPF HACT/HC, SOLIDARITES, UNH, INTERNEWS, TRISS, ECS, OPEN, C AND REACH.



Logistics TWG



Update in logistic

- Vaccination Logistician is arriving today from Uganda, had attended a training there on CC
- An extra Logistician from Uganda is coming in to continue training the local teams on the handling of the CC
- Medical and Logistics Materials for the vaccination arrived from Geneva on Sunday the 3rd, will be cleared today and delivered to the warehouse (Please note this includes extra freezer and generators for backup)
- Pending to receive the main CC equipment that is being delivered by UNMISS from Entebbe this week.
- Vaccines will be shipped in only after the CC equipment is already installed.
- Our Clearing Agent is working round the clock to make sure all incoming cargo is cleared as soon as possible.
- DHL to confirm about the Tablets for the vaccination campaign if arrived or not.
- A big appreciation to the Geneva Procurement team for the speedy action taken in ensuring supplies arrive within the shortest time possible.
- PCR machine and reagents expected in the country next week
- The 13 PPE Kits ordered are ready for dispatch to Juba from Dubai, we are just pending the final Green light from the Min of Finance



State Update



Yambio

Conducted Activities

- Three alerts investigated; all the alerts were negative for all strains of Ebola virus.
- WHO, UNICEF, OCHA, WFP, UNMISS, and UNHCR visited James Diko to assess humanitarian and health situation.
- The SMOH organized a state partners forum meeting to discuss their support to the state
- UNICEF trained 9 “REACH” CBO staff on Ebola virus messaging and communication.
- Case Management and Surveillance technical working group supported Sakure screening point on the investigation of the reported EVD cases and Ezo point of entry and Yambio hospital with IPC materials
- The risk communication and community engagement technical working group conducted field investigations into the health seeking behavior, Knowledge, attitude and practices in PHCU and in the community

Planned Activities

- Mapping of religious leaders and Chiefs in the state.
- Visit to Nzara County to meet stakeholders for setting up a coordinating structure.
- Planning a meeting of RRT and the burial teams to discuss roles and responsibilities.
- Surveillance TWG to support the on-going epidemiological and entomological investigation.



Nimule

Conducted Activities

- Nimule isolation site started on Monday 26th November following the arrival of the WFP engineers.
- The final land agreement papers have been signed by all parties concerned.
- The STF agreed to open a screening point at the Nimule airstrip.
- About 46, 217 were screened in week 48. There were a total of 14 alerts from Nimule screening points.
- MEDAIR, in collaboration with WHO, conducted two-day training of healthcare workers, on EVD to private health care facilities in Nimule.
- A large quantity of IEC materials were brought in by UNICEF

Planned/On-going activities

- UNICEF to support EVD talk shows once a week and jingles four times a day for three months at the new radio station that is now operational in Nimule
- Plans have been finalized to start a comprehensive training on EVD from 3rd to 7th December, 2018.

Maridi

Conducted Activities

- The WHO Technical team engaged the SMOH on the planned activities as regards EVD preparedness in the state.
- The WHO Team engaged the implementing partner on ground (CUAMM) to familiarize itself with what CUAMM had done with regards to EVD preparedness.
- Screening is on-going at Maridi airstrip by CUAMM
- CUAMM had already trained hospital staff on IPC.

Planned/On-going Activities

- The WHO team is supporting the SMOH to conduct its first STF weekly meeting with the partners and share minutes with NTF;
- Training and formation of the state RRT.

Challenges

- Lack of funds
- Lack of vehicles
- Internet issues

● No STF/HC meetings



Yei

Conducted Activities

- The Social Mobilization TWG conducted community engagement with stakeholders, school children, teachers, and community people at Jigomdni and Yaingaybeh respectively
- UNICEF, SMOH and WHO held a meeting with radio station management regarding EVD preparedness jingles.
- WHO, AAH and SMOH participated in weekly radio talk show on EVD at spirit FM
- The STF members reviewed the EVD checklist, disseminated EVD SOPs to all the technical working groups and mapped partners in the state using the 4-W mapping matrix.

Planned/On-going Activities

- The STF is still planning the training of motorcycle riders in border communities
- The STF planning to scale-up surveillance activities in health facilities as well as at the community level
- The STF requested the circulation of the validated SoPs and EVD preparedness checklists for use in the state.





Thank you