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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

22nd February 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 91

a) **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 20TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 19TH FEBRUARY 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 848
- Confirmed cases: 783
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 529

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.**

c) **PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)**

COORDINATION

Kabarole District

- DTF was held today and highlighted the need for telephone airtime and fuel for co-ordination of EVD activities.
- Resident District Commissioner will continue to provide radio talk time for EVD issues.
- UNICEF will continue to support airtime on FM radio stations.
- The DTF will designate a vehicle for rapid response, surveillance and an ambulance for picking alert/suspected cases from the community to the Ebola Treatment Unit.

Bundibugyo District



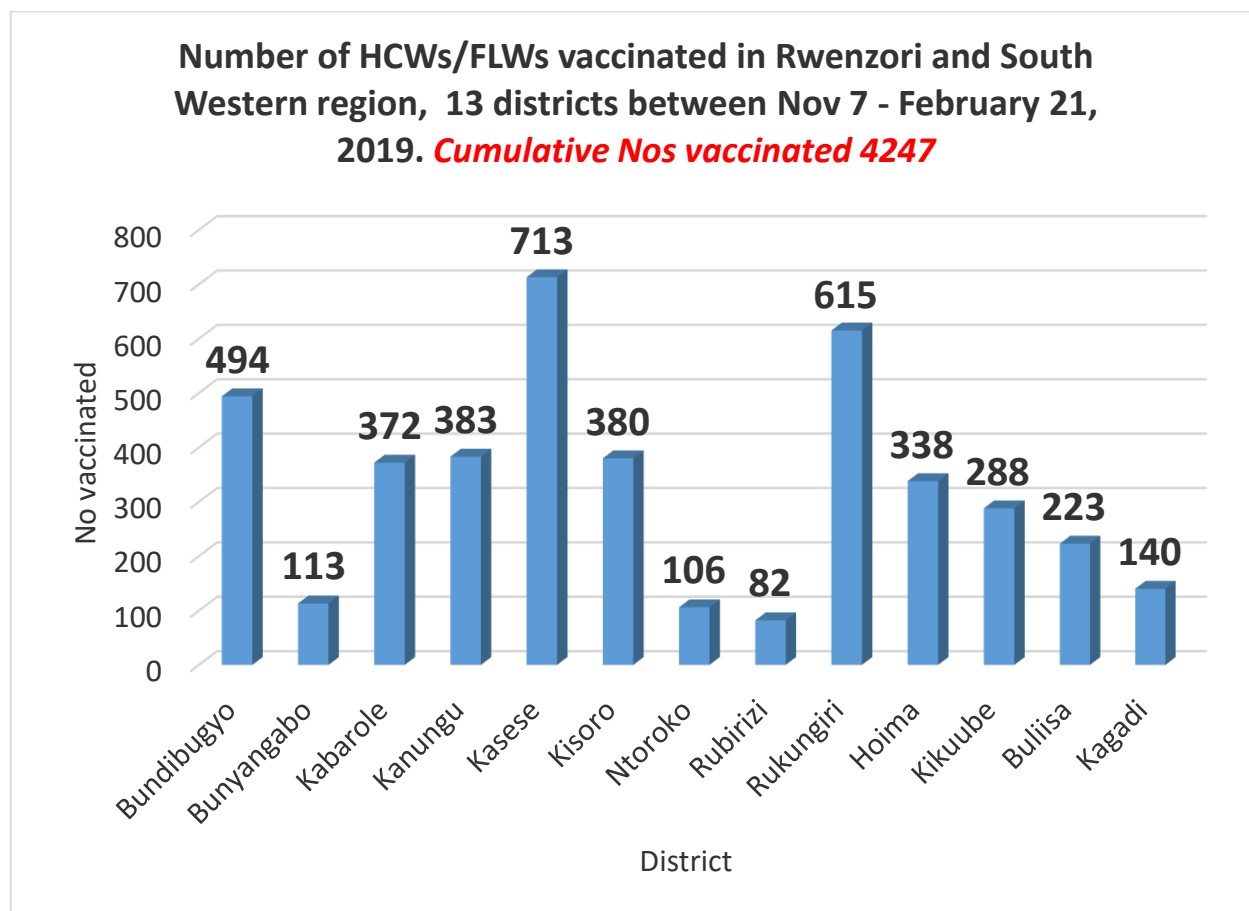
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- DHT/WHO will revisit the traditional healer in Burondo village (see update No 90) to sensitize her and the community more on EVD.

VACCINATION

- EVD vaccination progressing well in Kagadi district making it the 13th high risk districts to benefit from the compassionate approach.

Figure below shows the number of HCWs/FLWs vaccinated at high risk HF in the 13 districts.



- Some districts are generating lists of front line health care workers that missed vaccination to be forwarded to NTF for possible consideration.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kabarole District



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- Active case search is ongoing and 1 alert case was recorded.
- The team oriented community leaders on community based surveillance and risk communication.
- In-charges together with the surveillance focal person to organize Continuing Medical Education session for non-clinical staff.
- All the health care workers to endeavour to do active case search and report all alerts.

Gaps and Challenges

- Transport facilitation and coordination airtime for the teams

Bundibugyo District

- EVD screening at PoEs by Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers ongoing.
- Community regularly reporting alerts.

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Bundibugyo District on 21st February 2019

PoE Site	No. screened
Busunga	4311
Butoogo main	832
Butoogo II	214
Bundinamandi	655
Busoru II	460
Kazaroho	970
Kasiri	455
Total	7897

Ntoroko District

- One alert was reported from Kayanja II PoE, a Congolese woman from Goma, DRC with high temperature. She later got better was allowed to proceed.



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- There are 9 operational PoEs in the district. Four (4) are manned by URCS volunteers and 15 are under district administration manned by VHTs.

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Ntoroko District on 21st February 2019

PoE Site	No. screened
Kamuga	57
Rwangara	200
Kayanja I	6
Kayanja II	28
Haibale North	23
Total	314

Gaps and Challenges

- Remuneration of volunteers at district managed PoEs. Volunteers at four (4) have abandoned work which call for urgent attention.

Hoima and Kikuube District

- Health facility and community-based surveillance ongoing. No alert or suspected cases detected on 21st February 2019.

Number of people screened at PoEs in Kikuube and Hoims Districts on 21st February 2019

PoE Site	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
			21 st Feb 2019
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		54
Sebagoro	Kikuube		07
Kaiso	Hoima		00
Total			61

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)



Kabarole District

- There is a committed case management team in place.
- Weekly case management drills are conducted every Friday supported by JMEDICC.

Gaps and Challenges

- No isolation facility yet apart from the JMEDICC one which can handle only a few cases.
- Stock out of PPEs.
- Unclear terms of reference and entitlement package for the case management team.
- Lack of fuel and allowances for trained health workers and VHTs.
- Some hand washing facilities have broken taps.

Bundibugyo District

- Health workers at Busaru HCIV and Bupomboli HCII were oriented on EVD in general and IPC in particular.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kabarole District

- Radio talk shows on EVD on going on local FM stations.
- Distribution of IEC materials ongoing.
- Ten (10) health workers at Kabende HCII and community leaders of Karambi sub county oriented on Community Based Surveillance and community engagement.

Gaps and Challenges

- IEC materials in the local languages (Runyoro /Rutooro)
- Allowances for the community engagement team.

Bundibugyo District

- Visited Busoru, Butoogo I, Butoogo II, Kasiri, Bundinamandi and Busunga PoEs and assessed the performance of the oriented URCS Volunteers. The following issues were noted:



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- All the volunteers found at the POE have gone through EVD orientation course and are doing well. They are able to utilize the IEC reference materials.
- There was absenteeism at some PoEs which will be brought to the attention of the URCS branch manager.
- There is need for regular support supervision by the district staff for all PoEs.
- Several PoE lack essential items such as chairs, toilet facilities, tents, jerry cans/buckets, foot baths and record books which are critical for proper operations.

LOGISTICS

Kabarole District

- Received 31 hand washing facilities from UNICEF for some schools.

Gaps and Challenges

- Stock outs of PPEs
- Many the hand washing facilities have broken down.

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