



SOUTH SUDAN EVD TASKFORCE MEETING

31st Jan 2019

**Update on South Sudan's preparedness and response
readiness capacities**

NTF Meeting Agenda; 31/01/2019

Item	Description	Time	Responsible person
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Introduction Communication from the Hon. Minister 	2:00-2:05 pm	Dr Riek Gai Kok/Dr Ayana
2	Review of action points from previous meeting	2:05-2:20 pm	Dr Lul Lojok – Ag IM
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC Epidemiology, Surveillance and Laboratory status in South Sudan <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>	2:20-2:40 pm	Dr Ifeanyi
4	<p>Updates on EVD TWGs per thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Status/progress made Update from STFs Update from Health Cluster <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>	2:40-3:20 pm	TWGs leads & Co. leads
5	A.O.B	3:20-3:30 pm	All



Review of action points from previous; 24.01.2019

South Sudan crisis response - Public Health Information Services - Action tracker (2018-2019)

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s/n	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action	Deadline	Days left	Lead role	Progress
	1/24/2019	Share with NTF Coordination by 28- Jan the status of partners' submission of training matrix and leads/co-leads	1/28/2019		Epi/Surveillance TWG	Complete
	1/24/2019	Develop memo to MoH to request SMoH to identify CHWs	1/25/2019		Epi/Surveillance TWG	Complete
	1/24/2019	Re-share the list of functional health facilities with all the TWGs	1/31/2019		Coordination/Leadership/Secretrait	Complete
	1/24/2019	Set a timeline for installation of PCR machine	1/31/2019	0	Laboratory TWG	None
	1/24/2019	Develop a list showing airlines that have complied/not complied with distribution of international health arrival forms.	1/31/2019	0	BH&POE TWG	None
	1/24/2019	Share list of partners on the ground with IPC/WASH expertise.	1/31/2019	0	IPC & WASH TWG	Ongoing
	1/24/2019	Share list of States leads/co-leads of all pillars including their contacts detail	1/31/2019		Coordination/Leadership/Secretrait	Complete
	1/24/2019	Convene a meeting on 28-Jan to discuss cross-cutting issues	1/28/2019		Access and Security/BH & PoE TWGs	Complete
	1/24/2019	Officially request UNICEF to support alert desk with airtime	1/31/2019	0	MoH	Ongoing
	1/24/2019	Share adapted and validated IPC checklist with coordination for wider circulation	1/31/2019		IPC & WASH TWG	Complete

STF-Update



Recent Activities - Jubek



Activities/accomplishments

- HLSS with support from SP and WHO did a 3-day ToT in which they trained 12 participants from PHCC's on EVD surveillance. There is another ongoing training for 30 personnel from HF's on surveillance
- IMC is conducting a 4-day training of 20 HCW's from PHCC's on Case management and IPC/WASH with support from MoH and WHO.
- SMOH trained 9 EWARS facilitators who will train other HW's within Jubek. 56 HF in charges were trained in total and given phones for reporting on surveillance



Challenges

- The 25 trained social mobilizers have not been sent to the field due to lack of facilitation
- Mobilization activities were planned for 3 months;
 1. Radio jingles and talk shows on EVD have ended
 2. Mobilization activities are to stop in 3 days time till funds are available
- Airtime for staff at the Airport has not yet been provided



Priorities for the upcoming week

- Distribution of Case definition charts for EVD to HF's
- IMC to continue with a 4-day training of 20 more HCW's from PHCC's on case management and IPC/WASH
- To continue with active surveillance and preparedness activities
- Advocacy meetings for Executive, Parliamentarian, Office of the mayor including senior state officials on EVD



Yambio

- WVI completed contracting 10 health workers earmarked for Basukambi and Sangua PoEs and hospital isolation unit for Ebola
- WHO pre-positioned infection prevention and control materials (gloves, masks, gowns) at the health-care facilities



Planned/Upcoming Activities

- WHO to fund the trainings of some RRTs, contact tracing, & IPC training)
- WVI to open James Diko and Andari PoEs s
- WVI to repair a broken-down hospital ambulance that will serve as an interim referral means for Ebola suspected cases
- WFP to liaise with Ministry of Physical Infrastructure on the construction of culvert over Yabongo stream
- UNICEF to follow-up on WFP on the provision of larger tents for case management
- WFP to provide in-patient food for at least 5 persons
- SMoH to facilitate the meeting b/w ECSS and Red Cross to delineate their risk communication support to the state.
- UNHCR promised to deliver Ambulance to SMoH to assist in referral of the suspected Ebola cases.
- WFP/WVI to purchase power/generator-promise to start interim power supply as WVI look into purchase of generator



Yei River State

Any relevant data/ figures, pictorials on recent activities?



Activities/accomplishments

- State Task force (STF) meeting held on Tuesday 22-Jan
- Conducted supervision visit to construction site for the EVD isolation site
- The issues raised by the SMOH/E officials regarding the quality of the tarpaulin used as coverings in the construction of the EVD Isolation centre has been resolved.
- ✓ The contractor agreed to use three(3) layers of the tarpaulin sheet as opposed to one(1) and reinforced it with timber to make it stronger
- ✓ The SMOH/E officials then planned the handing/taking over ceremony of the EVD Isolation facility on Monday 28th January 2019. It was a success.



Activities/accomplishments

Social Mobilization;

- ✓ Weekly Social Mobilization pillar meeting conducted
- ✓ WHO, UNICEF and SMOH/E Social Mobilization coordinator met with UNMISS Civil Affairs Head in Yei Mr. James Mugo to discuss the reported acute watery diarrhea cases in Lainya
- ✓ SSRC trained and deployed 20 community-based mobilizers in 5 communities in Yei County for house to house sensitization using mega phone announcements and referral of returnees from DRC/Uganda to the screening points
- ✓ About 705 households reached with EVD messages in Gezira and Kanjoro communities



Social Mobilization cont'd.....

- ✓ Engagement and assessment on EVD preparedness messages at Ronyi community was carried out by WHO, UNICEF and SMOH/E
- ✓ Jingles playing on Spirit and EPC radio while talk show at Spirit Fm and road drive are ongoing by SMOH/E with support from UNICEF and SSDO
- ✓ IOM has finally established a PoE at Bazi after a tough tussle with Stake Task Force since late last year



Activities/accomplishments

- PoE and Surveillance Activities

- ✓ EVD screening is ongoing in eight sites (Yei airstrip, Yei SSRRC, Tokori, Okaba, Kaya, Pure, Khorijo and Bazi). According to the team's report in last STF meeting, in total **89,650** screened in the first 3 weeks of this year

- ✓ Surveillance support supervision visits to Yei airstrip

- ✓ Integrated surveillance support supervision conducted by SMOH/E team to Lainya County from 22nd to 24th January 2019 to conduct active case finding for suspected EVD, other communicable diseases and events of public health concern

- ✓ The STF visited the following HFs; Loka round PHCU, Logwili PHCU, Bereka PHCU, St. Luke PHCC, Lainya hospital, Loka West PHCU and Limbe PHCC. This supervision conducted with support from WHO



Activities/Accomplishments cont'd....

- ✓ During the surveillance support supervision-no case(s) of suspected EVD, other communicable diseases/conditions and events of public health concern reported, following the teams' active case searches and retrospective record review in those health facilities
- ✓ However, few cases of bloody diarrhea registered
- Case Management
- ✓ The Isolation centre/unit construction works is complete but yet to be handed over
- ✓ The handing /taking over ceremony was initially planned for Saturday 26th January, but had to be postponed to Monday 28th due to other competing priorities
- ✓ The issues raised by SMOH/E officials regarding the quality of the tarpaulin has since been resolved



Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge due to insecurity
- The disputed elections in the DRC are likely to result in the movement/displacement of populations to other neighboring countries including the Republic of South Sudan. This is likely to increase the risk of EVD importation in the so called frontline countries
- SSRC reported issues of communities demanding EVD vaccination for community members
- Increased consumption of bush meat was raised in STF meeting and recommendations were;
 - ✓ Public health education on the consumption of bush meat
 - ✓ Enforcement of the relevant public health laws as a deterrent measure



Priorities for the upcoming week

- Disseminate the EVD SOPs to the STF TWGs
- Continue to intensify surveillance at the major health facilities(both public and private) as well as at the community level
- Plan to make a follow up on the status of prepositioning of some PPEs in Lainya and Morobo
- Community FGD on process to be started together with WHO risk communication
- Develop a plan for the re-opening of schools "**school to school engagements**" using the existing structures like the "**schools health clubs**" on EVD preparedness and hygiene messages
- Final modification of the 3W matrix of the Social Mobilization partners
- Refresher trainings for TRISS CBMs
- Orientation of bush meat vendors by municipality head of public health and social mobilization pillar
- Intensive community engagements on EVD preparedness
- Community FGDs and capacity building trainings will commence and will be facilitated by WHO Risk communication, UNICEF and SMOH/E



Nimule

- Two suspected reported from Nimule screening points (27th and 29th Jan)
- 42,980 passengers who have been screened
- MEDAIR constructed temporary holding unit (pit latrine, waste pit, and holding room).
- EVD radio talk shows once a week, and jingles four times a day are supported through UNICEF for a remaining period of one (1) month
- IFRC/SSRC conducted training of SDB



Challenges

- Delay in incentives payment for screeners and crowd controllers



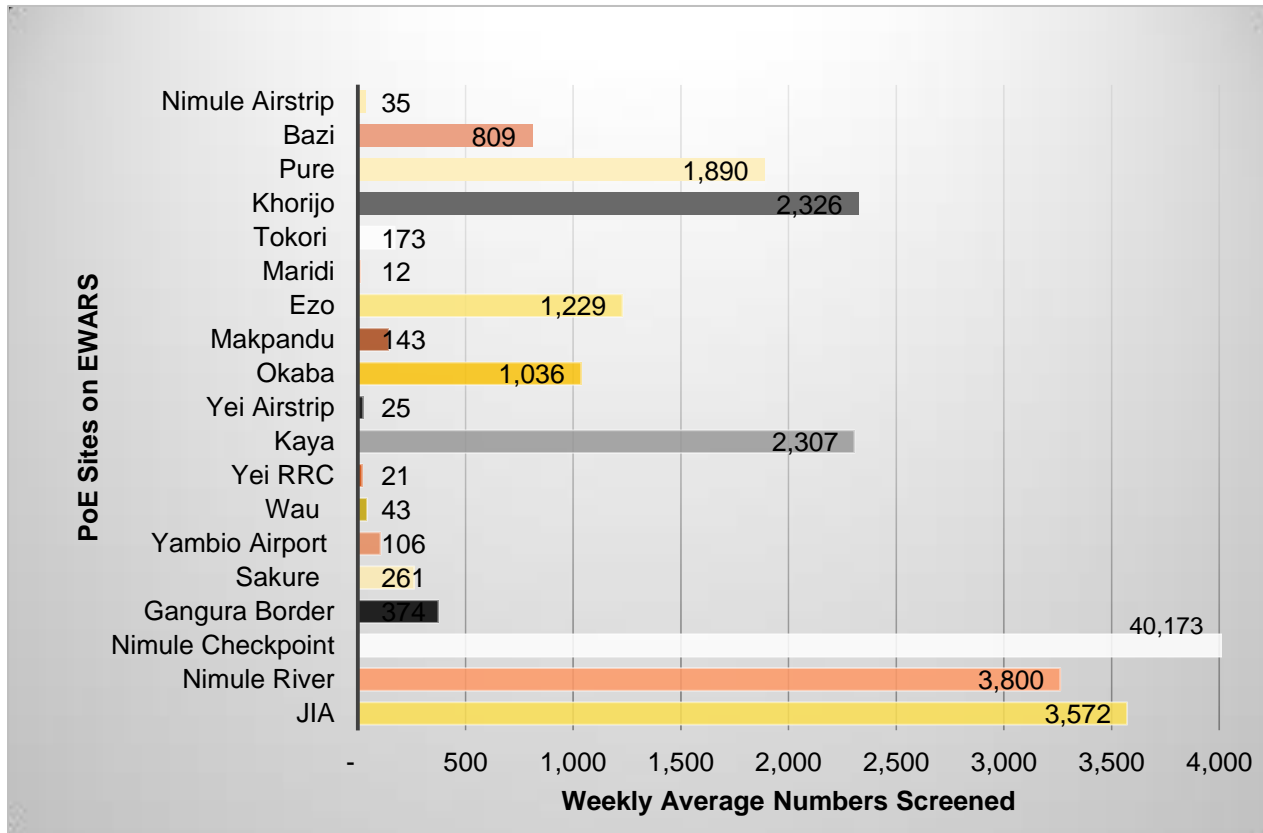
BH & PoE TWG



PoE SCREENING DATA

S/N	Point of Entry Site	No. of weeks operational	State	Cumulative Total Screened	Average screening per week*	Secondary Screened (Week 4)	Alert (Week 4)
1	JIA	25	Jubek	89,312	3,572	-	-
2	Nimule River	17	Torit	55,447	3,262	-	-
3	Nimule Checkpoint	22	Torit	883,802	40,173	-	-
4	Gangura Border	21	Gbudwe	7,864	374	-	-
5	Sakure	20	Gbudwe	5,221	261	-	-
6	Yambio Airport	21	Gbudwe	2,225	106	-	-
7	Wau	22	Wau	937	43	-	-
8	Yei RRC	18	Yei River	370	21	-	-
9	Kaya	18	Yei River	41,519	2,307	2	-
10	Yei Airstrip	19	Yei River	484	25	-	-
11	Okaba	17	Yei River	17,617	1,036	2	-
12	Makpandu	16	Gbudwe	2,295	143	-	-
13	Ezo	15	Gbudwe	18,433	1,229	-	-
14	Maridi	16	Maridi	186	12	-	-
15	Tokori	12	Yei River	2,073	173	17	-
16	Khorijo	8	Yei River	18,609	2,326	2	-
17	Pure	8	Yei River	15,122	1,890	-	-
18	Bazi	3	Yei River	2,427	809	-	-
19	Nimule Airstrip	3	Torit	104	35	-	-
	Total			1,164,047		23	-

Average Weekly Screened per POE



Map showing operational and upcoming potential POEs



POINTS OF ENTRY: OPERATIONAL & UPCOMING

- IOM
- WHO
- CUAMM
- WORLD VISION
- CORDAID
- POTENTIAL/UPCOMING POE SITE

Activities/accomplishments

- Weekly BHPOE TWG meeting on-going, action points shared among TWG partners
- Joint meeting held with the access, safety and security on 28th. There is suggestion on holding a joint meeting once a month. For better collaboration, update on any challenges on the ground (shipment of supplies, teams on the ground, collaboration with the security groups etc). One of the key points emphasized was the need to have a government representative in the access TWG
- TWG continued to enforce usage of the IHAF forms to all 8 airline in Juba
- Airlines not complying are: ET, TARCO, Sudan Air, and Fly 540 (Egypt Air had started distribution but stalled-TWG in discussion with them)
- Airlines Complying: KQ, Fly Dubai, Egypt Air (*see comment above)
- Upcoming sites: (**Timeline**: February)
 - **WVSS 4 sites:**
 - Nzara; Sangura I and Basu Kangi
 - Yambio; James Diko
 - Potential; Andari; Ezo
 - **CUAMM**: 1 site in Maridi (Dukudu Olo)
 - **IOM**: 10 potential sites: Salla Musala, Busia, Isebi, Morebongo, Laiza, Paika, Iwambygambga, Kerwa, Bori, Berigo (all in Yei River State)

Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Participation of government in the access, safety and security TWG
- Reinforcement of airlines to comply usage of IHAF forms

Priorities for the upcoming week

- Develop criteria/guideline for establishing new POEs
- Updating matrix on all assessments conducted and upcoming
- Planning of joint monitoring visits to the sites and ensure availability and usage of all tools
- Operationalize new POE screening sites – CUAMM, IOM, WVSS

Laboratory TWG



Laboratory TWG Updates

- Rolling out of Safe Sample Collection and Transport is ongoing
- It has started with Yambio and is concluding today. Yei is our next target
- Renovation is underway for an adequate space for the PCR machine. Installation consultants will be invited once the renovation is complete,



Epi/Surveillance TWG



2 EVD Alerts This Week

- **27 Jan, Nimule**

- 30 year old man who came from Nairobi
- Gene Xpert result- negative for Ebola Zaire
- Awaiting confirmatory PCR results from UVRI lab

- **30 Jan, Nimule**

- 30 yrs Congolese man from Goma
- Blood sample collected and on way to NPHL for Gene Xpert

DRC EVD Update

- On 29 Jan, DRC MOH reported
 - 7 new confirmed cases
 - 2 new deaths (1 in the community)
- Since start of outbreak, total of
 - 743 cases of EVD
 - 461 deaths (case fatality rate 62%)
- Katwa health zone still hotspot
 - Accounts for 65% of confirmed cases in last 21 days
 - Less than half of Katwa cases registered as contacts



DRC EVD Update-- Health Care Workers

- Since beginning of outbreak, **63** health care workers infected (**21** died)
- **67%** of cases (since 1 December) visited or worked in a HCF before or after symptom onset
- **18%** of cases (**51** of **281**) visited a health care facility before becoming ill → suggesting possible transmission in facility
- Highlights the need to properly train and equip HCF staff on EVD preventive measures!



Activities/accomplishments

- Case definition for all states left EOC to WFP store for distribution
- Consolidated list of health facilities obtained (in Drop Box at EOC)
- Memo to MOH for obtaining list of CHWs (for community-based surveillance training) signed
- Epi-surveillance TWG training plan ready



Priorities for the upcoming week

- TTX for NRRT & Jubek State RRT on Tuesday 5th Feb, 2019
- Follow up on list of CHWs from states
- Liaise with WHO Logistics to follow up distribution of case definition
- Collaborate with RCCE TWG on community based surveillance training
- Collaborate with IPC TWGs on FL-HCF trainings
- Review training materials



EVD Training Matrix

S/N	Activity	Epi& Sureillance	Case Management	IPC&WASH	RC&SM	Access& Security	Lab	Vaccines	POE	Logistics	SDB
1	Training Materials Submitted	Yes			Yes						
2	Training Matrix Shared	Yes									
3	Training Lead Agency Identified	Yes									



IPC/WASH TWG



IPC AND WASH

- **IPC and WASH TWG meeting took place on the 29th of Jan. More IPC partners participated**
- **SP- HLSS conducted a 3-day TOT on EVD preparedness in Juba (screening, isolating and reporting, IPC skills).**
- **IMC currently conducting a training of 20 HCW's that will be based at the Isolation unit in juba and the other batch of 20 HCW's be trained next week starting on the 4th of Feb. Both trainings are on CM/IPC/WASH and its 4 day training.**
- **Mapping of WASH IPC partners on going**



Priorities for the upcoming week

- IPC and WASH TWG meeting
- Joint meeting with EPI Surveillance and Risk Communications and Social Mobilization
- Continue to provide training on WASH IPC
- Provide support to WASH IPC partners



Case Management TWG



CASE MANAGEMENT

- Case management TWG meeting took place on the 29th of Jan.
- Meeting was held on the 24th of Jan and representatives from the following agencies (CDC, WHO, UNICEF and IMC) attended for harmonization and finalization of the case management training guide and isolation facilities monitoring tool.
- IMC is currently conducting a training to twenty Health-care workers on case management and IPC/WASH .



Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Hazard payment for staff at the isolation units if there should be an EVD outbreak.



Priorities for the upcoming week

- Case management TWG meeting.
- Identify case management training gaps in Yei .
- Plans on staffing of isolation unit- YAMBIO AND YEI
- Coordinate with partners at state level and provide weekly updates- **ALL partners**
- Support IMC training.



SDB TWG



Slide 1: activities/accomplishments

- 40 SSRC Volunteers trained in Soc Mob, Risk Com in Yei. Completed by 30th Jan.
- Of the 40 previously 12 were trained in SDB.



Slide 2- Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Mapping of legal burial sites or cemeteries acknowledged by the relevant authority for the use of burials of EVD confirmed, probable or suspected cases.
- **Work in progress**
- Letter sent by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Makur Kariom, to the 4 state MoH requesting to identify burial sites for EVD.



Slide 3: priorities for the upcoming week

- Maridi: Training of 40 volunteers 2 days Soc Mob Risk Com. For all.
- Out of the 40 3 days of training for 15 in SDB. One entire team to be constituted as a team with defined roles.



Vaccine & Therapeutic TWG



EVD Vaccination launched Jan 28, 2019!



Activities

- EVD Vaccination started on January 28, 2019 in Yambio
- Press briefing held with the Honorable Minister to launch vaccination
- 82 HCWs and FLW vaccinated at Yambio State hospital
 - 80 HCW and 2 FLW (State Rapid Response Team)
- Good acceptance of vaccination
- Next health facility will be Yambio PHCC



Transport of vaccine, supplies and refresher training for Vaccination staff conducted Jan 25-26th, 2019



Priorities for the upcoming week

- Readiness activities to launch vaccination activity in Yei River State
- Refresher training for vaccinators 2nd – 3rd Feb 2019
- Transport of vaccines and supplies to Yei over the week end
- Plan to start vaccination in Yei on the 4th Feb 2019



RCSMCE TWG



Logistics TWG



LWG-Updates

- Tax exemption of WFP EVD consumables requires support from NTF

1. Ambulances: PO sent to UNHRD Dubai. Modifications expected to commence soon
2. WFP is supporting WHO with the distribution of EVD case definition materials in Aweil, Bentiu, Bor, Kuajok, Rumbek, Torit, Malakal, Wau & Yambio
3. Construction of the Isolation Units (IU) in Yei and Yambio is complete. Nimule IU handover delayed due to strong whirlwinds.
4. Kitting of EVD vaccines is ongoing. WFP will support WHO with PPE & RRT stock take after the vaccination programme is completed
5. PPE stocks in other organisations is being collated.
6. On 25 & 28 January, WFP/LC conducted an Advanced Logistics Training Course

