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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 26TH MARCH 2019 WITH DATE UP TO 25TH MARCH 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1022
- Confirmed cases: 957
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 639

a) 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.**

b) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

COORDINATION

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- There was a District Task Force (DTF) meeting on 25th March 2019 which highlighted the following:
 - The District Health Officer (DHO) to follow up UGX 250m that was sent by MoH but is not yet accessible for district EVD activities. DHO to provide details in the next DTF.
 - The DHO to send a written reminder to the National Task Force (NTF) about the status of the second ambulance.



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- Sub-committees (pillars) will submit daily and weekly typed reports through WhatsApp, SMS or email to the DTF.
- The assessment report on the water pump at Rwangara HCIII indicates that the engineer has not yet connected the facility on the no supply.
- The WHO STOP 52 officer was assigned to orient the new surveillance pillar head on pertinent issues in that area of work.
- The WFP officer will be contacted for finalize set up of the screening tent at Buguma PoE; WHO STOP 52 officer to lead on this issue.
- UNICEF will pay allowances for volunteers at PoEs
- More health workers will be trained on case management and taken through drills to improve their skills and increase number of trained workers.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 26th March 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	22,122
2	Kayanzi	18
3	Mirami	614
4	Kisolholho	208
5	Kithoma	348
6	Katwe	56
	Total	23,366

- Surveillance team carried out active case search at Buhaghura, Kabatunda, Rwensande and Kitswamba health units. No missed cases detected at the facilities.

Bundibugyo District



Achievements

- Surveillance team conducted supportive supervision and active case search at Kakuka HC III. No unreported or missed cases of EVD were detected at the facility. Three health care workers were mentored on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).

Gaps and Challenges

- Ten PoEs in the district are not functional yet people use them to cross into the country.
- The newly opened Bundimirambi PoE has no furniture
- Kasiri PoE has no toilet facility.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Kasese District

Achievements

- UNICEF provided WASH supplies enough for 40 schools, 432 health facilities and 6 PoEs. They include:
 - 632 hand washing facility kits
 - 178 pairs of gumboots - 81 pairs size 42 and 97 pairs size 44
 - Chlorine PN-1 (230) and PN-2 (256)
 - 223 heavy duty gloves
 - 419 cartoons of laundry soap
 - 172 water guard
 - 24 jerricans
 - 54 hand sanitizers.

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- UNICEF provided WASH supplies to the district. They will be quantified upon presentation of the delivery note which the head of IPC WASH is following up.



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- 7,000 leaflets and 4,000 posters on EVD in Rwamba language were taken to Bundibugyo where they will be usefully utilized.

Gaps and Challenges

- There is need for murram soil around the ETU.
- There is need for a concrete slab on which to place the water reservoir tank donated by UNICEF.
- Lack of motivation for health workers working in the ETU

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

Achievements

- The weekly Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) weekly report of 16th to 22nd March indicates that volunteers visited 458 households and reached 3,074 people with EVD messages. They conducted 71 community and school meetings attended by 15,203 people. They distributed 592 IEC material. They screened 93,551 people for EVD at PoEs.

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