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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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a) **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 26TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 25TH FEBRUARY 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 875
- Confirmed cases: 810
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 551

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

VACCINATION

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- STOP team and Health Sub District Surveillance Focal Person conducted supportive supervision and active search at Kagando Hospital and Kiburara H/C II. No unreported or missed case of EVD were detected. 14 health workers were updated on EVD situation in DRC and mentored on IPC, community case definition and the importance of early reporting of alert cases.



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- Community case search has been strengthened by the trained Village Health Teams (VHTs) within the communities.
- VHTs are sharing information and sensitizing community members which has enhanced alert identification and reporting.
- Daily health education sessions are conducted at health facilities and recorded for evidence.
- The IEC materials are being shared and displayed in strategic places within the health facilities.

No of People Screened at Selected PoEs in Kasese District on 25th February 2019.

| No | POE site | Number of persons screened |
|----|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Mpondwe | 29067 |
| 2 | Lake Katwe | 50 |
| 3 | Kayanzi | 08 |
| 4 | Mirami | 374 |
| 5 | Kisolholho | 223 |
| 6 | Kithoma | 321 |
| | Total | 30043 |

Bunyangabu District

- Active search and EVD support supervision are going on in the district.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Health facility-based and community surveillance are going on in both districts undertaken by health workers and VHTs respectively. No alerts detected on 26th February 2019.
- 153 new arrivals from DRC screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs on 2th February 2019. No suspected case were detected.



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CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bunyagabu District

- 35 health care workers at Kisomoro HCIII, Joscos Medical Centre, Editine International Medical Centre and Kicuucu HC were mentored on IPC.
- DHT/WHO team carried out IPC assessment and support supervision at the above facilities and gave advice on improvement in the areas of hand washing placement, chlorine mixing, cleaning and disinfection.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of waste bins and liners.
- Staff not adequately trained on management of alert cases.
- The facilities do not have isolation rooms for alert cases
- Inactive IPC committees in the facilities.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

- Uganda Red Cross volunteers visited God Cares, Kamaiba and Kuniha primary schools and sensitized students and teachers on EVD. They also visited 32 households and 1 school in Karusandara, Kisinga and Kagando communities.
- The volunteers visited 58 Households in Kyabolokya 1 cell reaching 249 people (63males, 101 females and 85 children) with EVD messages. They distributed 15 posters and 6 leaflets in the area.
- In Kyambala 1 cell the volunteers visited 27 households and reached 128 people (34males, 43 females and 51 children) with EVD messages and posters.

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