



Ministry of Health

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

28th February 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 94

a) **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 28TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 27TH FEBRUARY 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 885
- Confirmed cases: 820
- Probable: 65
- Total deaths: 555

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

Bundibugyo District

- The 4W matrix was finalized and will be shared in the coming days.

Gaps and Challenges

- Poor attendance of District Task Force meetings.
- Sub-committees (pillars) are not meeting regularly.
- Lack of transport for the DHT members; heavily reliant on WHO vehicle.

Ntoroko District

- The 4W matrix was finalized and will be shared next week.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kabarole District

- Active case search is ongoing

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of transport and telephone airtime for coordination, surveillance and community engagement.

Bundibugyo District

- The 20 year old female alert case admitted at Bundibugyo Hospital (see Update No 93) was negative for EVD. She continues to receive treatment at the hospital.
- Temperature screening continues at PoEs conducted by URCS volunteers.
- Health facility and community-based EVD surveillance going on well. The trained VHTs and community leaders are very vigilant and reporting of community alerts has increased.
- Alert/Surveillance telephone lines - 0773585655 and 0793975142 are operational fulltime.

No of People Screened at Selected PoEs in Bundibugyo District on 28th February 2019

PoE Site	No. Screened
Busunga	3950
Butoogo main	811
Butoogo II	252
Bundinamandi	3950
Busoru II	265
Kazaroho	1225
Kasiri	368
Total	10821

Gaps and Challenges



- Lack of transport for field work.
- Lack of computer and internet to compile daily activity.
- Lack of allowance for surveillance officers.

Ntoroko District

- The tent at Harukara PoE was removed by WFP at taken for repair. Afterwards it will be transferred and set up at Buguma PoE.

Gaps and Challenges

- There are 19 operational PoEs in the district. Four are manned by URCS and 15 under district administration are manned by VHTs. Unfortunately, the VHTs are threatening to stop work due to nonpayment of allowances.
- No filed allowances for surveillance officers.
- Lack of transport for community work and a computer to compile reports.
- Some alerts are in remote areas leading to delayed response by the ambulance team.

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- Radio spot on EVD continue to be aired on local FM radio stations in Hoima district.
- Health facility and community-based surveillance continue to be carried out both districts.
- 52 new arrivals from DRC were screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs on 28th February 2019. No suspected case detected.

No of People Screened at PoEs in Hoima and Kikuube Districts on 28th February 2019

Port of entry	District	Number of new arrivals screened	
Nsoga/Buhuka	Kikuube		35
Sebagoro	Kikuube		15
Kaiso	Hoima		02
Total			52

CASE

MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Kabarole District

- There is a dedicated case management team in the district and weekly drills are conducted on Fridays at JMEDICC.

Gaps and Challenges

- No isolation center apart from the JMEDICC facility which can handle a few cases.
- Stock out of PPEs.
- Lack of allowances and fuel for the case management team.
- Poor communication with national level for immediate sharing of UVRI laboratory results.

Bundibugyo District

- IPC Assessment was done at Bundingoma HCII and at Bundibugyo Police HCII which identified the following gaps:
 - No nearby water sources
 - No cleaning schedules
 - Burning pits not fenced
 - IPC Committee not active
 - Broken taps on the hand washing facilities
- Advice was given on improvements to be done on those gaps.
- 35 health care workers were trained on IPC with focus on chlorine generation and mixing.

Ntoroko District

Gaps and Challenges

- Inadequate supplies
- Lack of triple packaging
- Lack of motivation for HWs working in the ETU.
- No linen (beddings and blankets) for the ETU.
- No food for patients admitted in the ETU.
- Inadequate security to guard the ETU from petty thieves



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RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Kabarole District

- Radio talk shows and distribution of IEC materials progressing well
- The DHT/WHO team with support from Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) volunteers oriented 337 students of Kahinju Secondary School, Butebe Parish in Karambi Sub County on EVD.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of IEC materials in the local languages (Runyoro/Rutooro)
- No facilitation for the community engagement team.

Bundibugyo District

- 367 VHTs were oriented on filling the MoH home visiting form and EVD surveillance report form for alerts.
- 388 teachers from 107 government schools and 15 private schools were oriented on EVD preparedness and risk communication. They developed action plans to implement activities in their schools.

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