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Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

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1. Highlights

- The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test for three Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) alert from Yambio negative for Ebola Zaire and other strains.
- The joint monitoring mission (JMM) for EVD composed of experts from WHO-HQ, WHO-AFRO, DFID, USAID, OCHA, UNDP, WFP, and UNICEF visited South Sudan from 4 to 8 March 2019 with the objective of assessing the progress made towards enhancing EVD operational readiness in South Sudan.
- The JMM conducted meetings with EVD partners including UN agencies, donors, officials from the Ministry of Health and other implementing partners. Moreover, they visited high-risk areas including Yambio and Nimule.
- Since the launching of vaccination on 28 January 2019, a total of 1, 150 healthcare care workers and frontline workers in Yei River State and Gbudue have received the vaccine against EVD.
- A new point of entry (POE) screening operationalised by IOM in Salla Musala. This makes the number of POE to 24.

2. Ebola Situation update from North Kivu of Democratic Republic of Congo

As of 06 March, 2019

- 907 EVD cases, including 841 confirmed and 65 probable cases were reported in DRC. Among these, 569 deaths were reported (CFR=62.7).
- EVD transmission in DRC continues in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. From 27 February to 06 a total of 30 new cases 18 new deaths reported.

3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

3.1 Coordination

- National taskforce meeting was held on 07 March 2019 at the PHEOC in Juba. The meeting minutes with action points were shared for follow-up and implementation.
- State Task Force meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Jubek, and Nimule. The meeting minutes and action points were also shared with the TWGs for follow-up and implementation.

3.2 Resource mobilization

- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized \$12.5 million out of \$16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (76.7% of planned budget).
- Additional \$3.7 million is required to support priority activities for the coming six months. The 6 months EVD contingency plan and resource mobilization is being developed, partners involved in EVD preparedness were requested to submit their plan.

3.3 EPI/Surveillance and Laboratory

- The EPI/surveillance TWG has finalized development of the 6 months' contingency plan for EVD preparedness.
- The EPI-Surveillance technical working group has completed distribution of Standard Operating Procedure (SoPs) to the health facilities and points of entry.
- The EPI-Surveillance technical working group has drafted Raid Response (RRT) Team deployment checklist for including in the EPI-Surveillance SoP.
- The Laboratory technical working group teams have arranged 36 sets of lab supplies for RRT to be prepositioned to the high risk areas.

3.4 Port Health and Screening

- Border health and point of entry finalized Ebola checklist and shared with coordination.
- Final criteria for operationalization of new PoE has been shared with implementing partners.

A commutative number of screening data at the border crossing points

S/N	Location	State	Cumulative total screened	Average Screening per Week	Secondary Screened (week 4)	Alerts (week 6)
1	JIA	Jubek	105,893	3,335	-	0
2	Nimule River	Torit	58,643	574	-	0
3	Nimule Checkpoint	Torit	1,063,632	35,693	-	0
4	Gangura Border	Gbudue	11,615	898	1	1
5	Sakure	Gbudue	7,272	500	1	1
6	Yambio Airport	Gbudue	3,452	302	-	0
7	Wau	Wau	1,059	11	-	0
8	Yei RRC	Yei River	507	07	-	0
9	Kaya	Yei River	56,705	2,457	1	0
10	Yei Airstrip	Yei River	608	26	-	0
11	Okaba	Yei River	22,590	958	-	0
12	Makpandu	Gbudue	3,059	97	-	0
13	Ezo	Gbudue	35,119	3,888	-	0
14	Maridi	Maridi	300	25	-	0
15	Tikori	Yei River	3,063	72	-	0
16	Khorijo	Yei River	35,473	2,873	-	0
17	Pure	Yei River	29,428	2,497	-	0
18	Bazi	Yei River	7,783	1,273	13	0
19	Nimule Airstrip	Torit	238	22	-	0
20	Bangangai	Gbudue	1,735	201	0	0
21	James Diko	Gbudue	533	173	0	0
22	Sangura 1	Gbudue	1,191	306	0	0
23	Basukangbi	Gbudue	3,667	1,409	0	0
24	Sala Musalia		1,327	1,327	0	
	Total		1,454,892		16	2

3.5 Case Management, Infection Prevention, and Control

- Implementing partners (AAH, CORDAID, IMC, WV) completed EVD preparedness checklist for phase #2 planning.

3.6 Safe and Dignified Burial

- Continue to engage state authorities on the identification of EVD legal burial sites in Jubek and Yei river States.

3.7 Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization (RCCE&SM)

- Two community focus group discussions in Yambio, and one community leaders' focus group discussion in Torit was conducted. Findings include: high EVD risk perception; high level of EVD awareness of symptoms, transmission and prevention. However, many misperceptions still exist.

3.8 Logistics and Personnel deployment

- The logistics technical working group received the approved tax exemption letter (TE) for WFP EVD consumables.
- Personal protection equipment dashboard is being developed to capture existing stocks at the state level and central stores in Juba.

3.9 Vaccines and Therapeutics

- The Ebola vaccination continues in Gbudue and Yei River States.

3.10 IPC/WASH

- EVD national contingency plan completed.

3.11 Access, Safety, and Security

- Nothing to report.

3.12 Updates from States

Jubek

- UNH continue with EVD mobilization activities in school at Kator block in Juba.
- EVD jingles and public service announcements are ongoing on seven radio stations in Juba (Bakhita, Miraya, Eye Radio, Radio One, City, SSBC & Capital).

Yei

- Ebola vaccination exercise extended to Morobo and Kaya in Yei River State.

Nimule (Torit State)

- Talk shows on EVD risk communication are on-going.
- Supplies for case management for the isolation facility received in Nimule through CORDAID.
- ARC organized Epi-Surveillance training for 24 participants and facilitated by WHO.

4.0 Challenges/Gaps

- Access to areas outside Yei River County is a challenge due to insecurity.

5.0 Recommendations and priority follow up actions

- Access, Safety, and Security technical working group to continue engaging armed groups to ensure unhindered access.

6.0 Conclusion

- Continue with vaccination of frontline health workers in Yambio and Yei and plan for other high-risk areas.
- Continue with implementation of other EVD preparedness interventions as per national EVD contingency plan.

Partners involved in EVD preparedness and readiness

MOH, WHO, Health Cluster partners, UNICEF, CDC, USAID, DFID, JICA, ECHO, World Bank, UNHCR, UNOCHA, Health Pool Fund, IOM, AWG, WASH Cluster partners, ICRC, IFRC, SSRC, WFP, Min of Interior, AMREF, MSF family, IMC, ICRC, ALIMA, IRC, World Vision, America Refugee Committee, SCI, UNMISS, UNDSS, UNDP, SPLA, LS, DFCA, ARC, Samaritan's Purse, MEDAIR, REACH and UNHASS.

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