



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
Date & Time of report	5 th July 2019	Investigation start date	1 st July 2019
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HIGHLIGHTS

- No current confirmed EVD case in Arua
- No alert reported in Arua
- Plans for the vaccination of front line health workers was finalised targeting 1,527 front line health workers in 30 high priority health facilities and 4 PoEs

1. INTRODUCTION

Descriptive epidemiology

Arua District is currently stepping up its response to a possible Ebola spill over following a case that died on 30 June 2019 in Ariwara Health Zone of DRC, that is located 8 kilometres from Uganda border. The confirmed case in Ariwara is known to have used several means of transport while enroute to Ariwara and received treatment from several public and private health facilities on the way and on arrival. The case is known to have had contact with over 200 people including many in the communities bordering Arua District.

The risk of importation of the virus into Arua is very high. Communities from the affected areas share many social services, which includes markets, churches, schools, transportation facilities and there is a high affinity for use of health facilities on the Ugandan side by Congolese.

The District mapped a total of 11 Sub counties as high-risk location with 30 health facilities based on population mobility assessment, which include: health facilities frequented by Congolese population, location hosting refugees proximity to the affected area.

Summary of cases

1	New suspect cases today	00
2	New deaths	00
3	Cumulative cases	00
	Suspect	00
	Probable	00
	Confirmed	00
4	Cumulative deaths (suspect, probable & confirmed cases) in	00



	Health Facilities	00
	Community	00
5	Total number of cases on admission	00
	Cumulative cases discharged	00
	Confirmed cases that have died	00
6	Current admissions of Health Care Workers	00
7	Number Health workers discharged today	00
8	Cumulative cases Health workers discharged	00
10	Confirmed cases Health workers that have died	00
11	Cumulative deaths of Health Care Workers	00
12	Runaways from isolation	00
13	Number of contacts listed	00
14	Total contacts that completed 7 days	00
15	Contacts under follow-up	00
16	Total number of contacts of followed up today	00
17	Contacts no longer to be followed because the case tested negative	00
18	Suspect specimens collected and sent to UVRI	00
19	Cumulative specimens collected	00
20	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (acute)	00
21	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (convalescent)	00
22	Specimens with pending results	00
23	Date of discharge/death of last confirmed case	

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

COORDINATION

- Coordination meeting was conducted today. It was well attended by the district staff and partners. All the subcommittees were present and reported in the meeting
- Emergency DTF will be held on Monday, 9 July 2019
- A total of 6 cars have been provided for the response – WHO-3, Arua DHO-2 and Amref-1. The vaccination team has 15 vehicles

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- No alert for today
- Operationalized the screening point at Lia customs border
- Oriented (8) eight trained VHTs, (20) twenty health workers, (1) records assistant (2) health inspectors on how a suspected Ebola case can be identified using standard case definition, isolated and reported in Vurra, Logiri, Opia, Adumi oje mission, Adumi, Ayivuni health facilities



- Oriented (3) three laboratory staff on lab biosafety practices and use of EVD case definition, isolation and reporting in Vura, Logiri and Opia health facilities
- Refugees are being screened at the border points and taken to reception areas.
- Delivered water to Lia and Odramachaku points of Entry total 10,000 litres for IPC
- There is no shelter for the screening yet at Lia PoE.
- SOP for chlorine mixing has been obtained and will be printed, laminated and distributed to all PoE and facilities. IDI will train staff when distributing.
- Alert phone numbers are being disseminated for the community for quick reporting of suspected cases. M-track messages have been sent to all health workers on the health on the alert phone numbers today

PLAN FOR TODAY

- There is need to reach out to the DRC side to share with the Arua team on contacts lost to follow.
- The team continues to investigate rumours and alerts

CASE MANAGEMENT/IPC

- The team visited Vurra HC III and carried out mentorship of EVD case identification and IPC (chlorine preparation, appropriate use of PPEs and hand hygiene). The maternity facility has very few elbow gloves. The also reinforced the knowledge of the health workers on chlorine.
- The team also assessed IPC at Vurra POEs – there is no isolation space for alert cases.
- The district has contacted national water and is finalising the arrangement to fix the water supply to the ETU
- IDI was requested to strengthen staff capacity in IPC in both ETUs and non-ETUs in all the health facilities as a matter of priority
- IDI agreed to expedite readiness of Oli HC isolation unit/ETU

Next Steps:

- Set up Oli HC IV ETU today
- Orient the health workers for Non ETU mentorship tomorrow Sunday at Oli HC IV.
- Train HWs on JIK preparations
- Request for supplies for the ETU
- Deploy staff with the surveillance teams to mentor on IPC alongside the teams.
- Set up triage on Sunday and Monday in Oli HC IV
- Refresher training for Burial Team members is scheduled for Tuesday
- Refresher for the Ambulance Team members is scheduled for Wednesday



RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- Health education and community sensitization has been enhanced through different channels including RDCs radio airtime.
- Community dialogue in several trading centres reaching close to 1200 people in the areas of Lia and Odramachaku.
- Intensified the dissemination of posters at the various points including buss terminals, hotels ets.
- Disseminated over 730 posters at strategic places and oriented persons where the posters were hanged
- Uganda Red Cross volunteers covered the municipality where 620 people were reached at business points with EVD messages.
- Oli HCIV community health department reached all the schools and nursery in the municipality. Also provided hand washing and soap.
- WHO supported the Risk Communication team with fuel as the number of vehicles has been increased to two to expedite coverage.

Next Steps:

- To reach Ejupala market and Adventist churches
- To reach “Kampala” market tomorrow

LOGISTICS

- A stock status will be entered in the National Task Force - Supply Chain Sub Committee template for Medical Counter Measure for PHE.

VACCINATION

- The three vaccination teams arrived in Arua and preparations for vaccination of front line health workers have been completed
- The teams are conducting vaccination in Kuluva Hospital, Yinga HCIII and Adumi HCIV

Next Steps

- The teams shall continue to other facilities

2. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- There is no designated ambulance for transporting suspects at river Oli H/C IV
- There is no cross border engagements between DRC government and the leadership in Arua



3. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- Ambulance should be provided to Oli HCIV for support referral of suspected and confirmed cases.
- A vehicle, preferably a pick-up should be provided for coordination of Ebola response teams.
- Motorbikes should provided for quick response and follow ups to roumors and alerts