



Situation Report			
Enhanced Preparedness Name	Ebola	District and Country affected	Arua, Uganda
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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Today is **Day 20** since the death and burial of the confirmed EVD case in Ariwara, DRC
- The result of the alert case (6 year old boy) is negative for VHFs
- No confirmed EVD case in Arua
- Follow up of 1,554 vaccinated health workers continues

2. 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 the use of health facilities on the Ugandan side by Congolese.

The district mapped a total of 11 sub-counties as high-risk location with 25 health facilities based on population mobility assessment, which include: health facilities frequented by Congolese population, location hosting refugee's proximity to the affected area.

As of 19th July, the result of the alert case of a 6-year-old boy is negative for VHF and the child is in good health.

Summary of cases

1	New suspect cases today	00
2	New deaths	00
3	Cumulative cases	00



	Suspect	02
	Probable	00
	Confirmed	00
4	Cumulative deaths (suspect, probable & confirmed cases) in	00
	Health Facilities	00
	Community	00
5	Total number of suspected 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	04*
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	00

**Includes samples taken from one community death and one alert*

3. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

COORDINATION

- Coordination meeting held today 7:30 a.m. and well attended by district staff and partners. The main action points agreed upon include:
 - RDC to encourage other sectors to participate in the DTF meetings including security
 - Maintain vigilance due to high population movements from EVD affected areas in the DRC



- Reinforce security at Points of Entry to enforce hand washing and temperature screening

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- No alert reported
- The surveillance team has completed all the 30 targeted health facilities mapped for enhanced surveillance.
- The team visited Rhino Camp HCIV in Madi Okollo District and met 22 health workers. These were mentored in EVD detection, reporting and laboratory sample management.
- In total 832 front line health workers and 51 laboratory personnel have been mentored. Kuluva will continue internal mentorship and CMEs for EVD preparedness
- 2,557 travellers were screened at the four points of entry as follows: Lia 816, Vurra 300, Odramachaku 1,429 and Airfield 12. In total, 16,227 travellers have been screened from 1-18 July 2019 at the four points of entry in Arua District. Vurra PoE is a major transit point for heavy traffic which sometimes obstructs the screening point. This has been brought to the attention of the border officials and efforts are under way to manage the screening better
- 754 VHTs have been oriented on community case definitions, reporting and IPC

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

- No cases admitted in Oli ETU
- 4 staff on duty each day supported by IDI

RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION

- The risk communication team visited public spaces including 7 cells in Arua Municipal Council, Arua Regional Referral Hospital, and Muni National Teachers Training College. In Arua Municipality, 25 households were visited.
- In total 918 individuals were reached and 524 SBCC materials on EVD were distributed
- Cumulatively, 39,859 people have been reached and 4,287 materials distributed
- One radio talk show was conducted on Radio Pacis

Next steps

Plan to visit churches within Arua Municipality
Continue engaging communities along the border



- UNICEF to deliver English language posters for non-Lugbara speakers from the Gulu Zonal office

LOGISTICS

- Vehicles offered from Arua RRH, UNICEF, and IDI
- Supported Nebbi District with IPC supplies
- Assessed MCM availability in Adumi HCIV
- Received Uganda shillings one million (1,000,000/=) from His Voice Global based in Arua to support fuel costs for the response. In addition they provided five liters of chlorine solution and 5 pairs of batteries

4. CHALLENGES/GAPS

- Limited involvement of VHTs in community based surveillance
- Limited funding to support preparedness and response in Arua district
- Limited transport and fuel to support field activities
- No dedicated ambulance for Oli ETU

5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- NTF requested to fund the enhanced EVD preparedness plan
- NTF requested to provide an ambulance to Oli ETU
- Orient VHTs and other community actors (traditional healers, religious and civic leaders) in community based surveillance and community engagement

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