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Situation Report 13

Data update as of 02nd October 2022 at 22 :00 HRS

	Districts Affected	CASES	Deaths		Recoveries
		Confirmed	Confirmed	Probable	
New	01	02	00	-	00
Total	05	43	09	20	04

Key Highlights

On 20th September 2022, the Ministry of Health declared an outbreak of Sudan ebolavirus (EVD) after a case managed at Mubende Regional Referral Hospital (MRRH) in Mubende district was confirmed through testing at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). This follows investigations by the National Rapid Response Team of suspicious deaths that had occurred in the district earlier in the month. This is the first time in more than a decade that Uganda reports an outbreak of Sudan ebolavirus.

- Two new EVD confirmed and no new deaths in the past 24 hours.
- CFR among confirmed is 09/43 (20.9%)
- Contacts follow-up rate was 60%.
- Total of Ten healthcare workers infected, with three deaths.

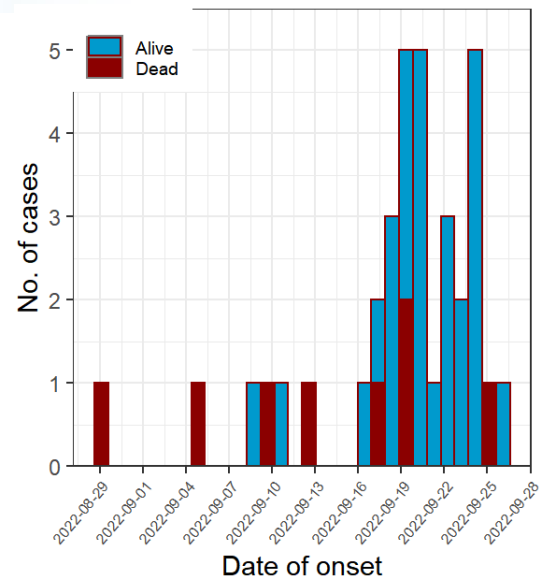
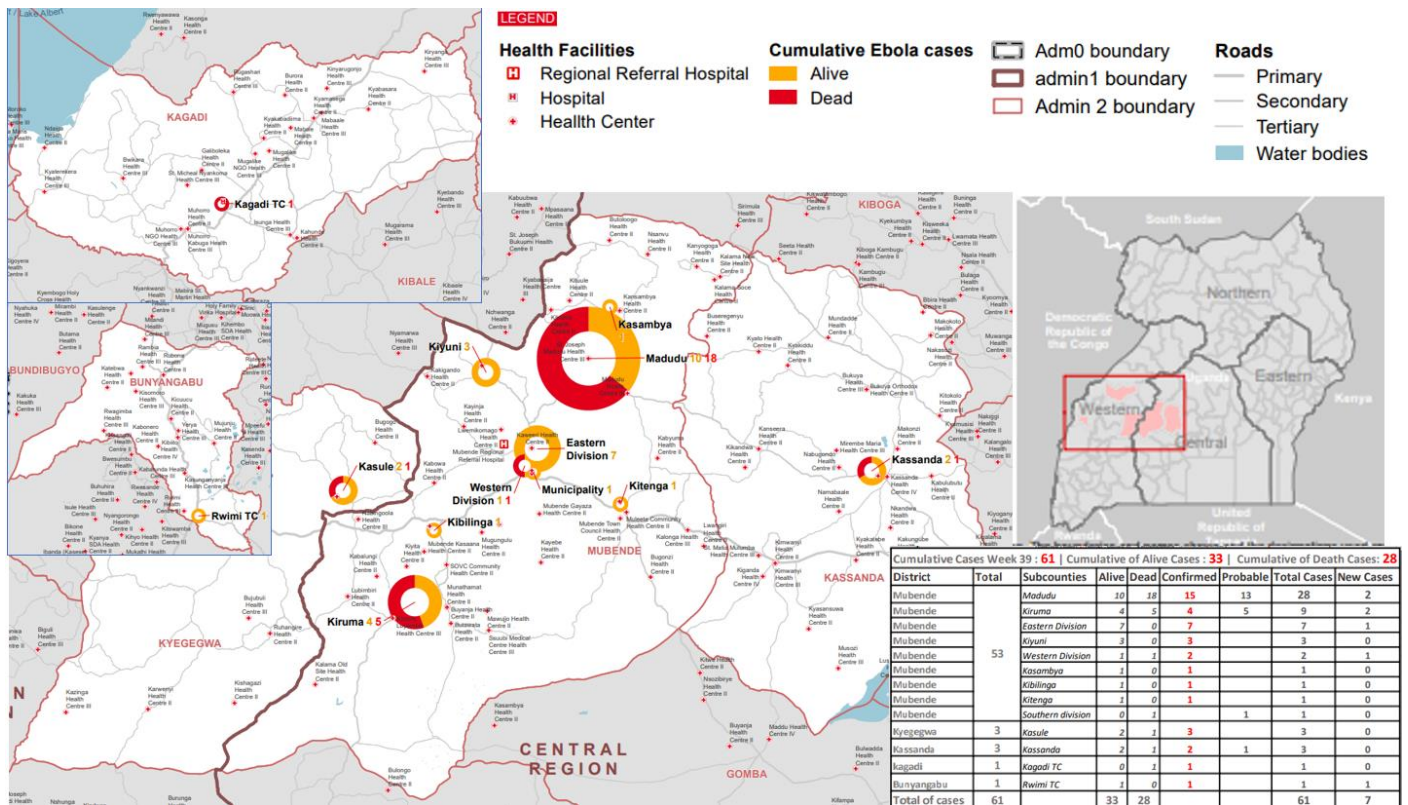


Figure 1: Geographical distribution of confirmed cases and probable deaths



Actions to date

The Ministry of Health (MoH), Districts, and partners in Uganda are implementing several outbreak control interventions in Mubende and her surrounding districts to contain the disease spread. An overview of key activities is summarized below:

3.1 Coordination

- ➔ The WHO AFRO Regional Emergency Director visited Madudu sub-county and the ETU, also attended the daily DTF meeting chaired by the RDC at Mubende district.

- ➔ Daily DTF meetings held in all four affected districts, as being chaired by the respective RDCs.

3.2 Surveillance and Contact Tracing

- ➔ Contacts under active follow-up are 884 of which 529 were followed up in the last 24 hours, translating to a 60.0% follow-up rate for the day.
- ➔ Total alerts verified in the past 24 hours were 16 of which 08 (50.0%) met suspect case definition.
- ➔ Received a total of 11 VHF alerts from other regions of the country including the districts Kiryandongo (01), Kayunga (01), Kampala (02), Gulu (01), Omoro (01), Arua (01), Kotido (01), Nakapiripirit (01), Moroto (01) and Nabilatuk (01). All of these tested NEGATIVE by PCR for Ebola, Marburg, CCHF and RVF viruses.

3.3 Laboratory

- ➔ The on-site mobile testing laboratory is currently functional at the Mubende RR Hospital. Turn-around time is currently six hours. Total samples processed in past 24 hours were 26.

3.4 Case management

- ➔ Nalutuntu HCIII in Kassanda district was assessed for suitability of an EVD isolation centre
- ➔ Received additional human resources from UPDF in the ETU.

3.5 Emergency Medical Services

Responded to zero requests for inter-facility transfers, two intra-facility transfer and evacuated five suspected cases from communities of Kagadi (01), Kiryandongo (01) and Mubende (03).

3.6 Infection Prevention and Control, WASH, Safe and Dignified Burials

- ➔ Oriented 13 healthcare workers on EVD standard case definition, Alert verification, reporting, Contact tracing and Infection prevention and control in Bunyangabu district.
- ➔ Trained the safe and dignified burial team in Kassanda district.

3.7 Risk communication, social mobilization and community engagement

- ➔ Four local radio stations (Point FM, Mubende FM, Heart FM and Tropical FM) and all village community radios are currently running daily talk-shows and spot announcements on EVD awareness; government radio talk-show airtime allocated to EVD awareness by RDC in Kyegegwa.
- ➔ EVD awareness messages running on at least ten community tower radio stations
- ➔ Five film vans deployed in Mubende, Kagadi, Kyegegwa and Kasanda districts undertaking community sensitization and mobilization.

3.8 Logistics

Response in Mubende currently has a fleet of 32 vehicles and nine ambulances from MoH and partners

4. Key Messaging

People in the community should call an alert hotline or go to a health facility if they have symptoms (e.g., fever, headache, weakness, vomiting, bloody diarrhea or urine, bleeding from body openings).

- ➔ Current hotline numbers are: **0800100066, 0708062203, 0762640379, 0762640374, 0702869375**
- ➔ Free alert SMS to Ureport on **8500**
- ➔ Community should not fear people who have been discharged from the ETU and returned home.