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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

19th November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 57

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 18th November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 17th November 2018

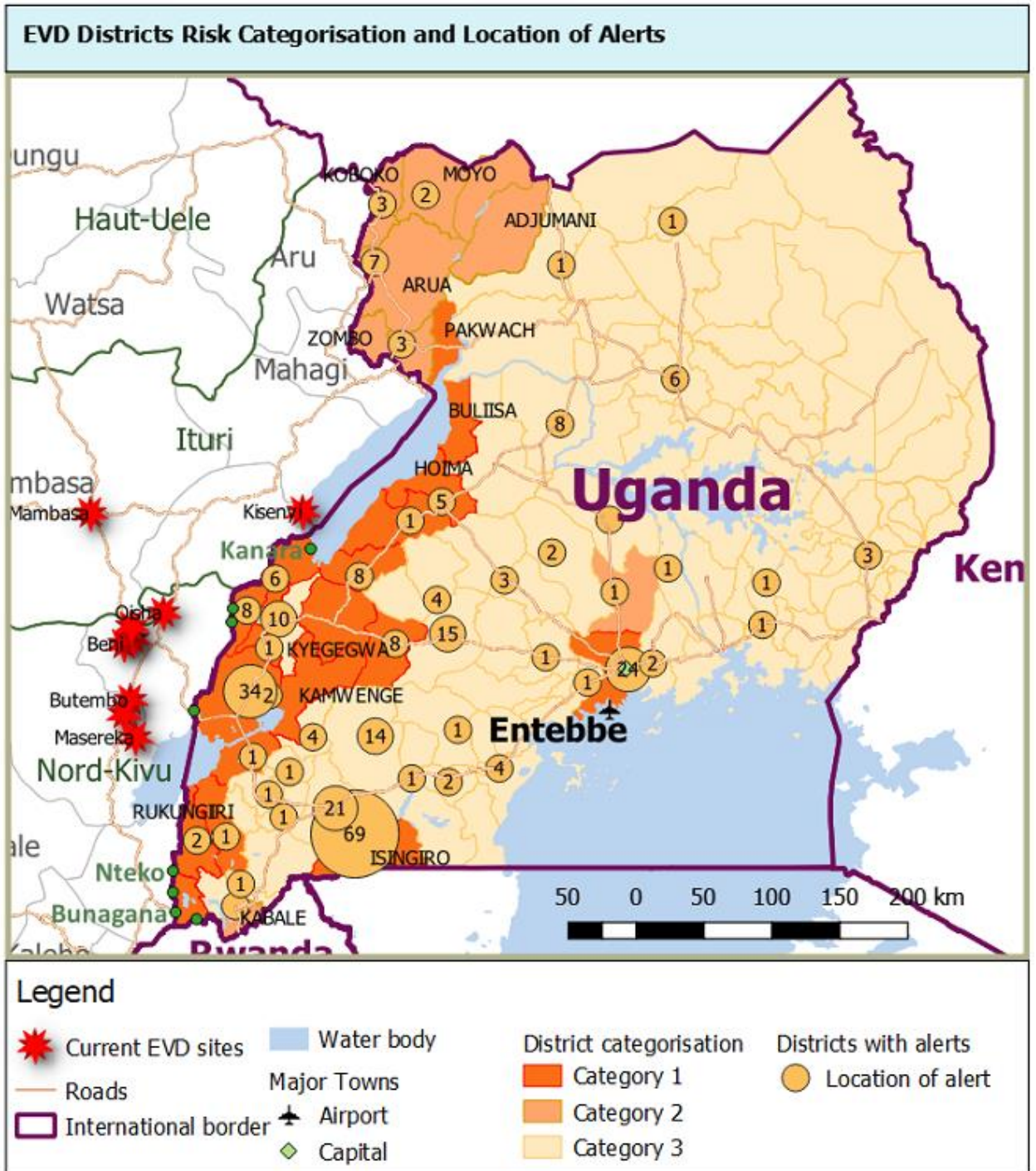
- Cumulative cases: 366
- Confirmed cases : 319
- Probable : 47
- Total deaths : 214
- Suspect Cases under investigation :66
- Areas affected : Two provinces
 - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
 - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front line workers vaccinated

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.**



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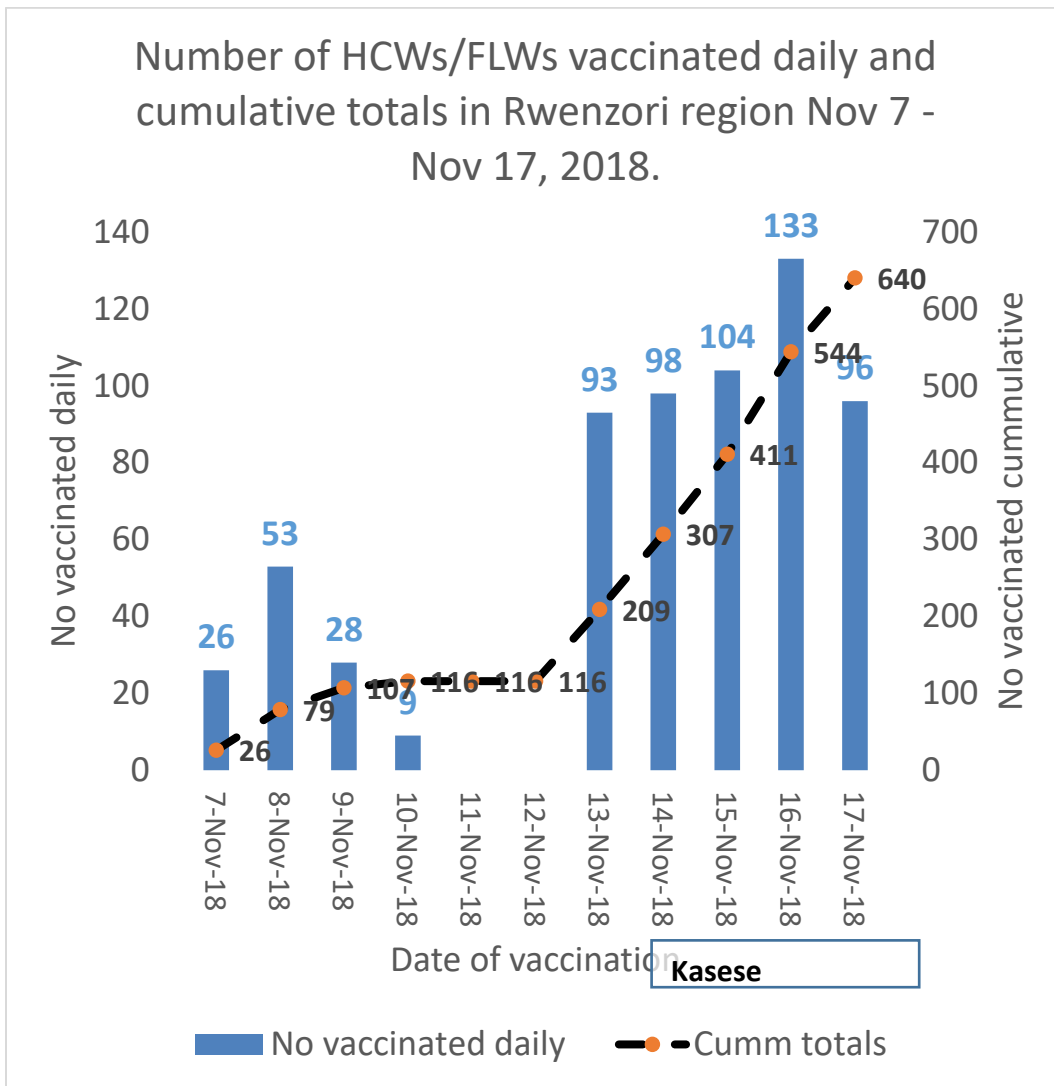
c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)



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VACCINATION

- Total vaccinated in Ntoroko is 107 HCWs/FLWs
- As of Nov 17, total vaccinated in Kasese is 524 HCWs/FLWs
- Overall total number vaccinated in 9 days is 640 HCWs/FLWs.
- Vaccination exercise ongoing in Kasese district



COORDINATION



Kabarole District

- The Rwenzori Regional Community Surveillance and Risk Communication ToT training started today 19th November, 2018 at West End Motel, Kiboga Road. It is attended by over 60 ToTs from the five high-risk districts.
- Training for mental health and psychosocial support is also planned for next week.
- Case management teams' orientation on Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) in the context of Ebola will be conducted from 20th to 22nd November 2018.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- MK, a 26 year old male from Kasindi Lubiriha, DRC was identified at Mpondwe Border screening point. He complained of illness for one week presenting with fever, general body weakness, anorexia, cough, headache, red eyes, and pain in the eyes. His temperature was 38.3°C. He has no history of contact with a suspected, probable, or confirmed case of Ebola, and no history of attending a burial in the past three weeks. A blood sample was taken and transported to UVRI on Sunday 18th November, 2018.
- WHO and DHT visited the community of Kamukumbi in Bukonzo West and oriented VHTs and community members on EVD preparedness and readiness, community-based surveillance and prompt reporting.

Ntoroko District

- WHO and DHT conducted supportive supervision and data collection at Katolingo Island, Mulango Island, Rwangara, Katanga and Kamuga, landing sites. Temperature screening was ongoing at some of these sites and the volunteers were updated on the EVD situation in DRC and reminded about mode of transmission, signs and symptoms, prevention and the case definition for alerts. However, in the Islands, temperature screening had not started as the infra-red thermometers were delivered on Sunday 18th November 2018. The volunteers were urged to also undertake individual counselling/information sharing to enhance surveillance for prompt and adequate response.
- The surveillance team conducted supportive supervision at Rwangara H/C III and mentored health



care workers.

Bunyangabu District

- No alert cases reported in the district.
- Active case search on-going

Bundibugyo District

- No alerts from the community, health facilities, or PoEs were reported over the weekend.
- WHO and Uganda Red Cross Society assessed five (5) PoEs (Busunga TC, Murungitanwa IA, Murungitanwa IB, Bundinjongia, Murungitanwa III) in Busunga TC and Sindilla sub-county. The team found out the following:
 - Murungitanwa IA neighbouring Nobiri Parish, DRC had an average of 15 – 20 people crossing per day.
 - Murungitanwa IB neighbouring Nobiri Parish, DRC had an average of 40 - 100 people crossing per day.
 - Bundinjongia neighbouring Gawa village, DRC had an average of 60 – 100 people crossing per day.
 - Murungitanwa III neighbouring Nsungu. DRC had an average of 60 – 70 people crossing per day.
 - In Sindilla Sub-county, the team assessed Nyankonda PoE which has an average of 80 – 100 people crossing per day. This is near Nsungu parish, DRC.
 - All the 5 PoEs are manned by Immigration personnel.
 - People use these PoEs to attend schools, farm, trade or seek health care in Uganda among others reasons daily.
 - 12 Immigration officers, 1 parish councillor and 1 LCI were sensitized on signs and symptoms of EVD and reporting mechanisms for an alert case.

Conclusion and recommendation:

- All the 5 PoEs are recognized (and manned) by both immigration and Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) officers.



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- The Population movements at each of the PoEs are substantial
- All the 5 PoEs should be operationalized which will bring the functional PoEs in the district to 12.

Resources needed in each PoE (to make them fully operational)

- 3 volunteers (allowances)
- Hand washing facilities
- Infrared thermometers
- Assorted IPC supplies (gloves, aprons, masks),
- 2 small tent per site (screening tent and a holding area for alerts.)
- A table and 3 chairs per POE
- A Mobicel (toilet facilities)

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- No EVD alert or suspected case detected in both Hoima and Kikuube districts on Sunday 18th November 2018 as at 18:00 hours.
- 143 new arrivals screened at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC

Kabarole District

- KP, the 30y/m from Bukuku, Karago, Kabarole who presented with fever, bloody vomitus, and bloody urine for a week has tested negative for EVD, RVF, MVD and CCHF.

Kasese District

- Two patients are being monitored in Bwera Hospital ETU.
- Fifty Five (55) police officers mentored on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at Kasese Rwenzori Central Police Station.
- IPC measures at Bwera ETU and Hospital strengthen through provision of hand hygiene materials and PPE donning and doffing job aides.



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- IPC assessment conducted to Kasese Rwenzori Central Police Station HC II found a score of 21 %. The gaps include: No hand washing facility, poor waste management, sharps boxes are full and kept in the facility, no toilets, no isolation room, and a knowledge gaps on chlorine mixing. IPC training recommended for all police health care workers at Kasese Rwenzori Central Police Station
- The IPC team delivered infrared thermometer to Hima Government HC III, Rukooki HC III, Kirembe Hospital, Kasese Municipality HC III, Katadooba HC III and Rusese Army Barracks Bwera HC II

Ntoroko District

- No alert or suspected cases in isolation on Sunday 18th November, 2018.
- IPC supportive supervision conducted at Katolingo Island, Mulango Island, Rwangara, Katanga and Kamuga landing sites. The volunteers were reminded about personal protection, IPC principles and prompt reporting.

Bundibugyo District

- No case is admitted in the Bundibugyo ETU
- Buhanda HC II and Kisuba HC III supplied with IPC supplies.
- The DHO was informed about staff absenteeism at Buhanda HC II and other facilities. He promised to take appropriate actions to address the problem.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- UNICEF support towards EVD radio talk shows ended on Saturday 3rd November 2018. MoH will formally request UNICEF to extend this support given its crucial role in social mobilisation.

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