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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 64

**a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, WITH DATA UP TO 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

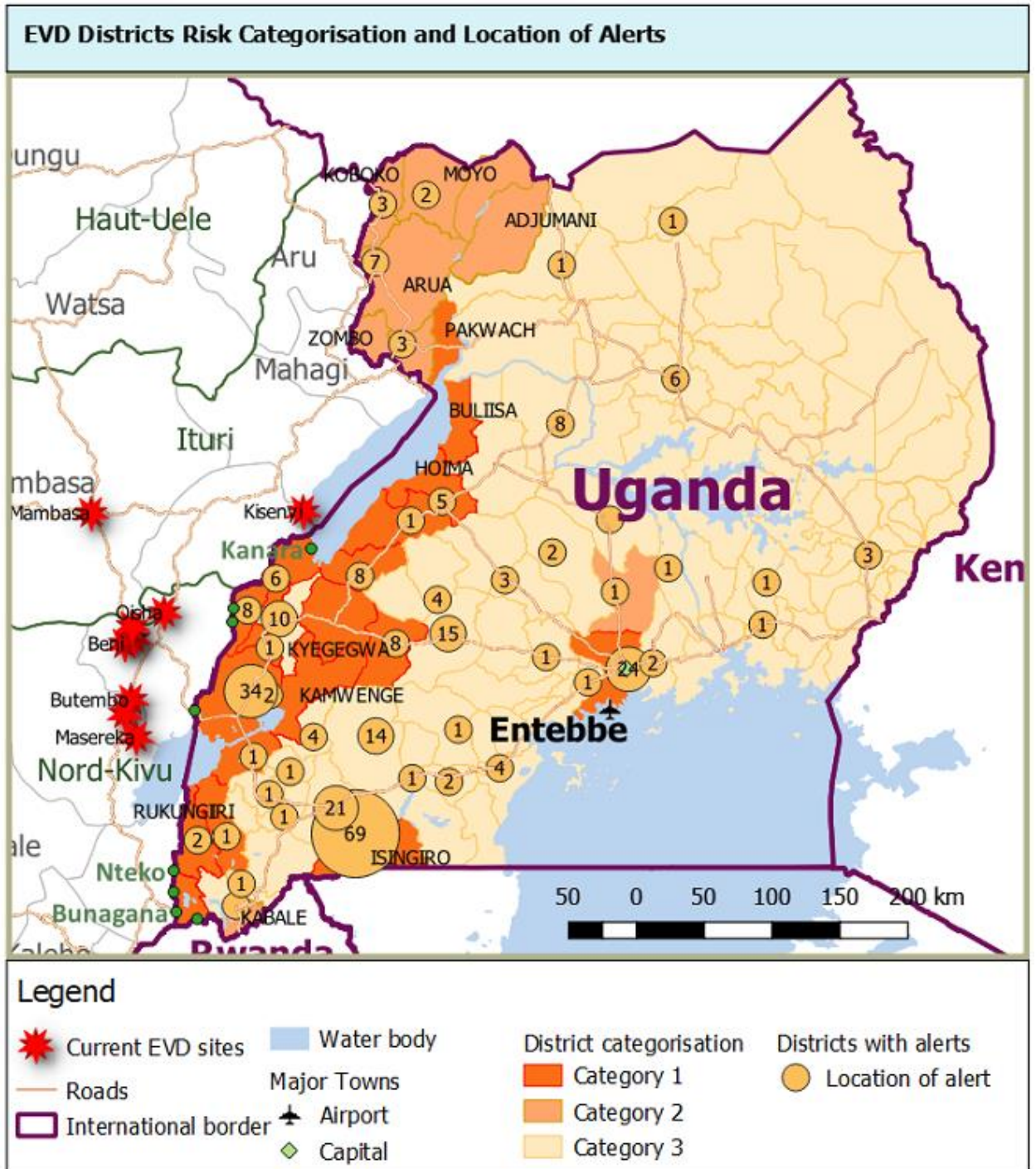
- Cumulative cases: 426
- Confirmed cases: 379
- Probable: 47
- Total deaths: 245
- Suspect Cases under investigation: 84
- Areas affected: Two provinces
  - North Kivu - Mabalako; Butembo; Ocha; Musienene; Beni and Bingo
  - Ituri- Mambasa, Mandina, Tchomia
- Health and front-line workers vaccinated

**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.**



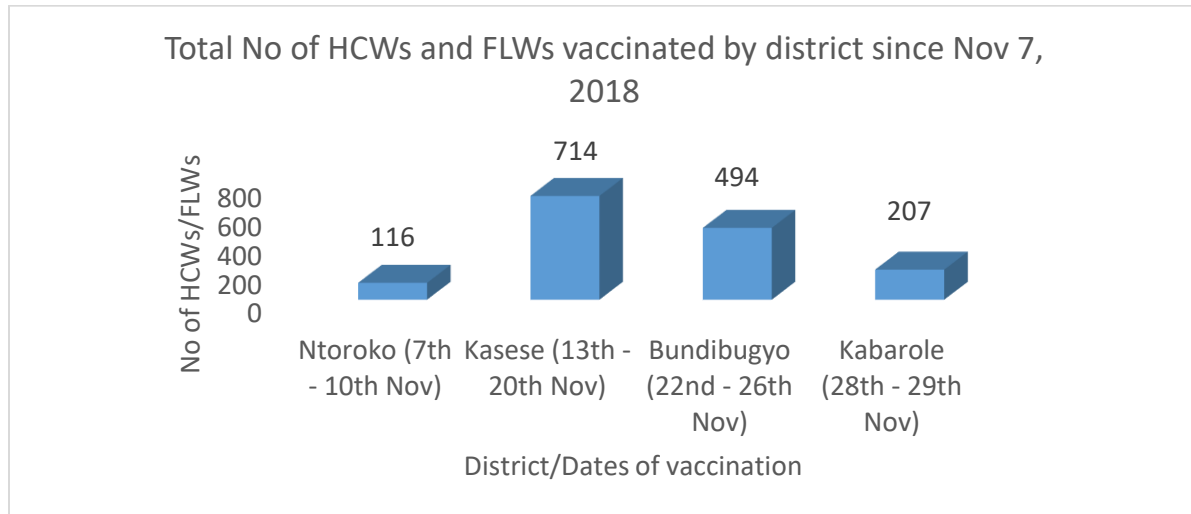
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**c) PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD AND NATIONAL (PROGRESS AND GAPS)**

## VACCINATION

- Vaccination of health care and front-line workers is going on in Kabarole district.
- Cumulatively, 1,531 **HCWs/FLWs** have been vaccinated since 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Rwenzori sub-region at 42 health facilities including PoEs.



## COORDINATION

- WHO deployed five (5) Community Engagement Officers in each of the high-risk districts to work with the District health Team (DHT) and partners to implement Community-based Surveillance and Community Engagement activities up to village level.

### Bunyangabu District

- The District Task Force meeting was held, and the following issues were noted:
  - Training of local leaders at sub county level (teachers and Parish leaders) is planned and will be supported by UNICEF.
  - Orientation of teachers on EVD will be held next term because they are going for holidays and the budget is not yet approved.
  - UNICEF and WHO will support a coordinated training of VHTs on Community-based surveillance and community engagement.



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- The DHO will follow up some health facilities that have hand washing equipment but are not using them and take corrective action.
- Translated IEC materials have been delivered to the district and handed over to Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) for distribution.
- There is still low EVD risk perception in some communities which calls for intensified community engagement
- The DHO will organise orientation of media houses(journalist) on EVD to enable them report properly.
- The DHO will organise message for religious leaders and also request them to join the EVD preparatory activities.

## SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

### Bundibugyo District

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- The surveillance is observing five (5) individuals from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) that have come to reside in Bundibugyo town. They are from Ville village in Butembo Town Council (North Kivu District), DRC. They are hosted by (Mr. PY), a businessman in Bundibugyo for over a month now.
- Their personal details are as follows:

NAME	SEX	AGE
MM	M	53
KM	F	52
KMB	F	100
BRK	F	19
KM	F	70

- They were all feeling well as at the time of visit
- They were urged to avoid frequent visit to DRC, especially to attend funerals
- Contacts were exchanged to enhance communication and monitoring.



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- Their host has been asked to inform the surveillance team whenever any of the visitors falls sick and when a new member joins them from DRC.

### **Kasese District**

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- The DHT/WHO surveillance team visited Katunguru, Kasenyi, and Hamukungu Health Centre IIs. They oriented seven (7) health workers and two (2) VHTs on EVD preparedness.
- The team supervised temperature screening at Mpondwe Point of Entry (PoE) where they urged health workers to be extra vigilant especially during the Christmas period when many people are expected to cross into the country. The main challenge at the PoE is a store and changing room for the health workers.

### **Ntoroko District**

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- DHT/WHO surveillance team supervised Kayanja II, Kabimbiri, Kyapa, Haibale South and Haibale North PoEs. Temperature screening was progressing well, and the health workers were updated on EVD.

### **Kabarole District**

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- No alert or suspected cases reported in the district on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Workers reminded about the upcoming vaccination exercise
- The DHO to write to all private health units requesting them to have hand washing stations at their facilities.
- Community engagement team to interact with market vendors on EVD and discuss with them the need to have proper toilets and hand washing facilities.



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- Some private health care facilities will be supplied with IPC supplies such as soap because they had been omitted in the initial distribution.
- IPC assessments and mentorships continue in the district. Overall, 336 health care workers and 249 VHTs in 20 Public 15 private health facilities have been mentored on IPC, surveillance and prompt reporting of alert and suspected cases.

### Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- There were no alert or suspected cases both Hoima and Kikuube districts on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- 72 new arrivals were screened at Sebagoro, Nsonga and Kaiso PoEs. No alert or suspected cases detected among them.
- One of the survivors of 2012 EVD outbreak in Kagadi joined the training of the psychosocial team that ended on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- The DHT/WHO surveillance team visited Mpefu and Kyaterekera HC IIIs in Kagadi district and oriented 15 health workers on EVD with emphasis on IPC.

## CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

### Kasese District

- There were no patients in isolation on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Health workers at Mpondwe PoE were taught the correct procedure of constituting 0.5% chlorine from the 70% chlorine powder.
- IPC supplies were delivered to Kagando Hospital. Temperature screening was progressing well. However, the following requests were made to WHO and partners:
  - EVD vaccination for 60 hospital who missed the vaccine due to absence or scepticism.
  - Provision of a holding tent for EVD alert or suspected cases pending return of laboratory results.
- IPC assessment was done at Kahokya HC II and the score was 35%. The facility had no hand washing station, had only one latrine, poor waste management and the general environment was dirty and dusty. Hand washing facility will be provided and staff mentored on IPC next week.



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### **Ntoroko District**

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## **RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION**

### **Kasese District**

- The 12-member ToT team that was recently trained on Community-based Surveillance (CBDS) and Community Engagement (CE) met and planned implementation of the cascade training sessions. The team is only waiting for funding of the budget that was submitted to WHO to start the training.

### **Kabarole District**

- URCS volunteers reached 432 people in 228 households with EVD messages. They distributed 145 posters and demonstrated proper hand washing to community members.

### **Bunyangabu District**

- URCS volunteers reached 274 people in 75 households with EVD messages in Rwimi, Kabonero, Kisomoro and Kibiito Town Council. They displayed 47 posters and demonstrated proper hand washing.

### **Bundibugyo District**



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- No major activity or issue to report on under this pillar

#### **Ntoroko District**

- No major activity or issue to report on under this pillar

#### **LOGISTICS**

- Ordered and received the remaining 30 vials (300 doses) of the EVD vaccine vials. In total there are 33 vials (330) doses of the vaccine in stock for Kabarole district.

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