SOUTH SUDAN EVD TASKFORCE MEETING
17th Jan 2019

Update on South Sudan’s preparedness and response readiness capacities
## NTF Meeting Agenda; 17/1/2019

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| 1    | - Self-Introduction  
       - Communication from the Hon. Minister | 2:00-2:05 pm | Dr Riek Gai Kok          |
| 2    | Review of action points from previous meeting | 2:05-2:20 pm | Dr Richard Lako/Dr Ayana – IM |
| 3    | - Latest Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC | 2:35-2:45 pm | Mathew/Dr Ifeanyi        |
| 4    | Updates on EVD TWGs per thematic areas:  
       - Current Status/progress made  
       - Update from STFs  
       - Update from Health Cluster  
       Discussion | 2:45-3:20 pm | TWGs leads & Co. leads  |
| 5    | A.O.B | 3:20-3:30 pm | All                      |
## DRC: EVD Update 2\textsuperscript{nd} Week Jan

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Review of Action Points

- Action Points
Epi and Surveillance TWG
Slide 2: activities/accomplishments

- No EVD alert received this week.
- The distribution of case definition to the state is to start this week.
Slide 4: priorities for the upcoming week

- Training plan is being developed
- Concept note for national contact tracing training is being developed
- On-going planning for SIMEX
- One day NRRT orientation-awaits training plan
- Training plan to be completed and submitted
- Follow up on case definition distribution
Lab TWG
The LTWG met once this week, on 15th Jan.

Preparations to install PCR machine are underway.

Review of lab training materials is ongoing.

Rolling out Safe Sample Collection and Transport Training to the Priority areas will commence in the last week of January.

The team for the training in Brazzaville will leave on Saturday.
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Yambio postive for Yellow Fever
## EVD PREPAREDNESS TRAINING MATRIX

### JAN-FEB 2109

### Name of Organization/TWG: Lab TWG/MOH, WHO and CDC

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Access, Safety & Security TWG
Ad hoc Security Risk Management (SRM) was conducted by the security professionals to support the establishment of PoEs/Screening Points.

Engaged with the Local authorities and parties in conflicts to establish the unhindered access to the EVD response areas.

UNMISS FHQ was requested to prioritize the EVD response mission if the Force Protection is essential.

MCDA process is reduced to 3 days to deploy the force in the case of EVD response.
DSS is continuously monitoring the security situation around the Yei area and continuously sensitizing the staff members on the security matters;

After the incident of the abduction of UN and NGOs staff members and continuous clashes among the conflicting parties road leading from Yei to Lasu, Tore and Morobo has been restricted for any movements as temporary security measures

DSS has developed the EVD Response Contingency Plan EVD Escalation Matrix, SOPs for Security Clearance, Movement Tracking and Access Control of the UN Staff members.
Access, Safety and Security TWG actively participated in the EVD SOP Validation Exercise for South Sudan and assisted in developing the following SOPs:

- SOPs on the Activation of Security Forces for EVD Response
- SOPs on Public Order Management
- SOPs for Setting up and Management of Quarantines and Isolation of Cases
- SOPs on the Use of Security Organs to Mobilize Communities and to Provide Security to the Social Mobilizers
- SOP on Custom Clearance
SOME CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- All humanitarian convoy going from Juba to Yei is also suspended due to the insecurity along the MSR to Yei.
- Out of 39 PoEs only 17 are functional at present (IOM and WHO are requested to update the reason for the non-functional status of POEs).
- Continuous absence of the Lead of the TWG is reported to NTF but no any effects yet.
- Some AFPOs (UNOCHA, UNICEF, WFP) have Access Officers who need to proactively involve to support the EVD mission.
- WHO, IOM and other EVD implementing partners should continuously share the information with the TWG members re the challenges on the implementation of the EVD Response programmes.
- State Task Force should also be made active for the effective implementation of the response mission.
Border Health & POE TWG
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Average Weekly Screened per POE

South Sudan Public Health Emergency Operations center (PHEOC)
Screening Trends of POEs over the last 6 weeks
Map showing operational and upcoming potential POEs
Activities/accomplishments

- Weekly BHPOE TWG meeting on-going, action points shared among TWG partners
- IOM distributed copies of the letter from MOH enforcing usage of the IHAF forms to all 8 airline in Juba and shared the hard and soft copies (Arabic and English) of the forms. This will continuously be followed to ensure compliance
- The TWG will look into provide regular support to the screeners at JIA to ensure that the forms are well reviewed and stored and the arrivals from DRC followed up within the 21 days
- New established sites: 2 (Bazi and Nimule airstrip)
- Upcoming sites:
  - WVSS 4 sites:
    - Nzara; Sangura I and Basu Kangi
    - Yambio; James Diko
    - Potential: Andari; Ezo
  - CUAMM: 1 site in Maridi (Dukudu Olo)
  - IOM: 10 potential sites: Salla Musala, Busia, Isebi, Morebongo, Laiza, Paika, Iwambygambga, Kerwa, Bori, Berigo (all in Yei River State)
Challenges that need assistance from NTF

- Screening area for VIPs & VVIP at JIA still at a stand still - issues of access with private vendor - MOH following up with undersecretary office

- Follow up with airlines on IHF forms if they still don’t comply
Priorities for the upcoming week

- Planned joint assessment missions to 4 PoEs: 2 PoEs in Nimule (Nimule Border and Nimule Panjala Doking River), and 2 PoEs in Kajo keji (Khorijo and Pure)

- Operationalize new POE screening sites – CUAMM, IOM, WVSS
Vaccine and Therapeutic TWG
Conducted vaccination micro-planning meeting Jubek state

Drew up program schedule for EVD vaccination in Jubek state. Targeting frontline HCWs from public & private HCFs.

Met with the Jubek SMOH on forthcoming EVD vaccination activities and schedule. 16 HCFs identified with 450 HCWs to be vaccinated.

Met the Under – secretary & EVD incident manager on frontline HCWs’ vaccination activities in the country.
Slide 3 - challenges that need assistance from NTF

- List of the Traditional healers that are to be included in the EVD vaccination
Slide 4: priorities for the upcoming week

- Refresher training of vaccinators (21st – 22nd)
- Vaccination of Front line HCWs to start in Yambio (23-Jan) instead of Juba as directed by National Ministry of Health
- Plan for logistics movement to Yambio are on-going
Case Management/IPC and WASH TWG
Case Managements and IPC/Wash

- TWG(IPC/WASH/CM) meeting took place on the 15th of Jan.

- Training of HCWs from 20 Private Health-Care Facility on EVD case detection, isolation, referral and reporting (16th -18th Jan).

- Collection of training guidelines from IPs in the TWG for harmonization and delivering of quality training to HCWs.
Finalizing of IPC assessment tool for FL-HCFs.

Support IMC in their training on case management for the HCWs at the Dr. John Garang Infectious Disease Unit.

Strengthen national and state level IPC/WASH/CM TWG (Sharing materials, tools and improve communications).
SDB TWG
Risk Communication TWG
Special Full-day Consultation of RCSMCE TWG and Partners on 15 Jan 2019.

- Build a shared understanding of where we are and where we need to be going next.
- Share tools and mechanisms to strengthen coordination.
- Identify emerging challenges and ways to tackle them.
- Build consensus and agreement on ways of working together effectively and efficiently.
Special Full-day Consultation:

- Robust discussions: 50 participants from 17 organisations

- Technical inputs by 7 invited speakers from various TWGs covering 8 key topics including: Community Engagement, Vaccination, IPC/WASH, Contact Tracing, SDB, Community-Based Surveillance, and Rumour Tracking.

- Comprehensive briefing given on tools and obligations: SOPs, TWG-TORs, weekly reporting tool, partner-mapping matrix, rumour tracking, emerging training needs etc.
Priorities for the Upcoming Week (and up to 31st Jan 2019)

Finalize/Share and get inputs and agreement from all Partners on:

1. RCSMCE SOPs and TWG TORs
2. New/Revised Partner-mapping template (populated)
3. New/Revised common weekly reporting format
4. Establish compendium/repository of approved key messages, IEC, and training materials. Include training plans of partners.
5. Initiate KAP/Formative Research study.
Logistics TWG
Priority tasks are (No support from NTF required)

1. Support for Kitting of the Vaccination support materials from WFP is pending the confirmation from WHO they have the Warehouse contract in place.

2. WHO Inventory management support (Stock take, Inventory management plan, tracking etc) – WFP to provide support with all the above inc Pt 2 with support staff for up to 3 weeks.

3. IUs being completed and tents moved by organisations.

4. WFP/UNICEF met CM TWG to go over Phase 1 & Phase 2 IU concept

5. Ambulances….
LWG-Updates-Training

- Trainings are on request to the Logistics Cluster-
- Ongoing Capacity building programme since 2018 with trainings available on
  1. Service Request form- how to request LC services
  2. Basic humanitarian logistics
  3. Inventory Management
- LC is bringing in a Training Coordinator in March to focus on capacity building logistics training in SSUD.
State Update
Yambio

Conducted Activities

- The construction of the isolation unit is almost complete.
- Report on the base line assessment on IPC and Hand hygiene compliance for Yambio, Nzara and Ezo general hospitals submitted.
- Submitted concept notes for training of health staff on RRT, IPC and Case management.
- Supported the development of the weekly surveillance bulletin.

Planned Activities

- Validate draft supervisory check list for risk communication activities.
- Validate the State Ebola contingency and operational plan.
- Monitoring of the Case management site under construction.

Challenges

- Isolation Unit at the hospital not fully equipped to manage suspected cases.
- Delay in setting up screening sites at some high risk PoEs.
Nimule

Conducted Activities

- Ebola vaccination team conducted initial needs assessment for vaccination; functional health facilities were collated and the number of front line health care workers to be prioritized for Ebola vaccination documented.
- 42,980 travelers were screened.
- Two (100-120) Liters capacity hand-washing stations be installed
- SSRC continues with community engagement on EVD information.
- EVD radio talk shows once a week, and jingles four times a day are supported through UNICEF for a remaining period of one (1) month

Challenges.

- Delay in incentives payment for screeners and crowd controllers.
- Need to do SDB teams for Nimule
Yei

Conducted Activities

- WHO and UNICEF were summoned by Yei River State Minister of Health to discuss the quality of materials used to construct the isolation center
- EVD preparedness and work plan for Yei River State shared with NTF
- Social mobilization ongoing within Yei town, Jingles, road drive, house to house sensitization by MoH with support from UNICEF.
- EVD screening is ongoing in eight sites (Yei airstrip, Yei SSRRC, Tokori, Okaba, Kaya, Pure, Khorijo and Bazi) NO report received yet.
- Ebola Isolation Center construction is completed.

Planned/On-going Activities

- Plan to distribute PPEs to Lainya and Morobo
- On-going community engagements on EVD messages.
- WHO risk communication group to organize community focus group discussion on EVD prevention and control practices

Challenges

- National Taskforce (NTF) to share EVD SOPs with State taskforce (STF)
- Access to areas outside Yei River County is challenge due to insecurity
Conducted Activities

- A 3 day training of Private Health Care Workers ongoing at Panorama Hotel
- STF visited the proposed isolation site.
- Screening is ongoing at Juba International Airport
- On-going social mobilization activities in the state

Planned/On-going Activities

- The State DG to visit the commissioner of Rajaf to identify land for burial of EVD dead bodies
- Simulation exercise for the State RRT
- Do supportive supervision to Terekeka, Yei, Morobo, Lainya, Juba and Kajokeji on Coordination and reporting

Challenges

- Logistical support for EVD State Surveillance and the RRT: Vehicles, Communication facilities, & funds.
Thank you