



Ebola Preparedness in Tanzania

Weekly Update

29 September 2018

Major Achievements in the Past Week

- Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Ummu Mwalimu, the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Bakari, and WHO Representative, Dr Adiele Onyeze led stakeholders in Ebola Awareness Walk
- Official launch of the Tanzania Ebola Contingency Plan by Honorably Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children, Dr. Ummu Mwalimu
- Development/Review of Standard Operating Procedures and Contingency Plan for Points of Entry
- National Taskforce for Public Health Emergency meeting to review progress and plans to strengthen preparedness

Major Achievements in the Past Week

Public Awareness

- A walk to sensitize residents of Dar es Salaam on Ebola prevention on 22 September 2018 of approximately 2000 participants
- The Honourable Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), Dr. Ummu Mwalimu, CMO Professor Kambi, WHO Representative, Dr Adiele Onyeze and Regional Commissioners of Kigoma, Brig. Gen. Manuel Maganga (rtd), and Kagera Brig. Gen. Mako B. Gaguti, led the Walk
- Other participants are from MoHCDGEC, UN agencies, Police, Civil Society Organisations, Boys Scout, Jogging clubs, the Media, etc.



Major Achievements in the Past Week

Sections of the Ebola Awareness walk



Major Achievements in the Past Week

Capacity Building

- Developed contingency plans and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for points of entry in Kigoma and Kagera regions with table top exercises to test the SOPs.
- Developed National SOPs for Quality Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for suspected or confirmed cases of EVD cases including procedures for donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hand hygiene, waste management, etc.
- Held a meeting chaired by the director of health quality assurance to review the developed/updated SOPs and tools on 28 September at the PHEOC



Major Achievements in the Past Week

Tools development

- Finalisation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Tools :
 - **Risk Communication** : Rumour Tracking, Community Engagement Steps, Community Social Mapping; Partner Mapping, and Risk Communication SOP;
 - **Surveillance**: Contact Tracing SOP; Contact Listing Form; Daily Contact Monitoring Form; Contact Tracing Summary and Reporting Form; Contact Tracing Supervisory Checklist
 - **Point of Entry**: Contingency Plan at PoE; SOPs for Management of an Ill person at PoE, for Detection and Notification of a Suspected Ill Person
 - **Case Management and Infection Prevention and Control**: SOPs for Safe and Dignified Burial; For Handling and Transportation of Dead Bodies; For Donning and Doffing of PPE; For Hand Hygiene

Major Achievements in the Past Week

Coordination

- National Taskforce Meeting chaired by the Chief Medical officer was held to discuss update on EVD preparedness
- Official launch of the National Ebola Contingency Plan
- WHO Country Office convened a meeting of partners on EVD preparedness and to solicit coordinated support to government
- Support mission to assess preparedness status of MOH in Zanzibar



Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

Zanzibar

- Field visits to National Laboratory, Points of Entry and proposed Ebola Treatment Centre to assess status of readiness of the facilities
- Technical Visit to Zanzibar Disaster Management Commission to discuss coordination mechanism
- Meeting with UN coordinating team to harmonize UN support for EVD preparedness
- Finalisation of Contingency Plan and budget

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Activities

Main land

- Risk communication training of trainers (TOT)
- Case management/IPC training for clinical teams, ambulance teams and burial teams
- Contact Tracing (TOT) in three high risk regions
- UNCT Meeting on EVD preparedness
- Finalisation of draft recording and reporting tools
- Meeting of UN heads of Agencies on Coordinated support Ebola Preparedness, 2 October 2018

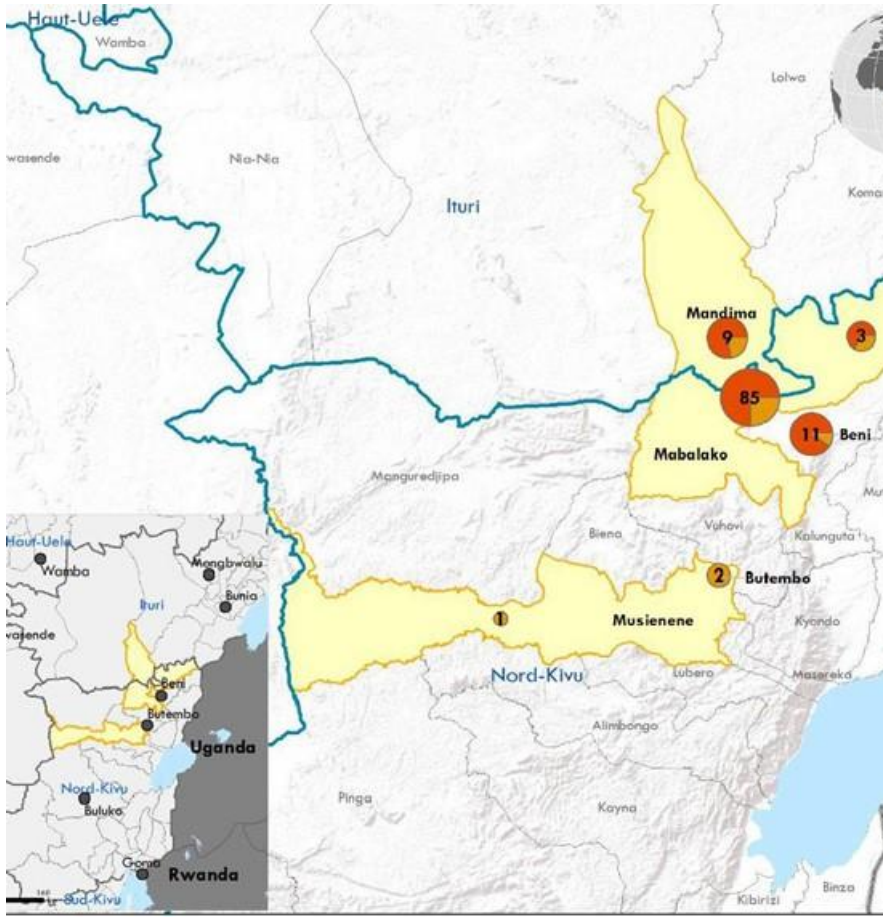
Zanzibar

- Case Management/IPC training for clinical teams, ambulance teams and burial teams
- Training on surveillance, case finding and reporting
- Orientation of media staff on EVD and conduct district council and community meetings

Status of Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in DRC

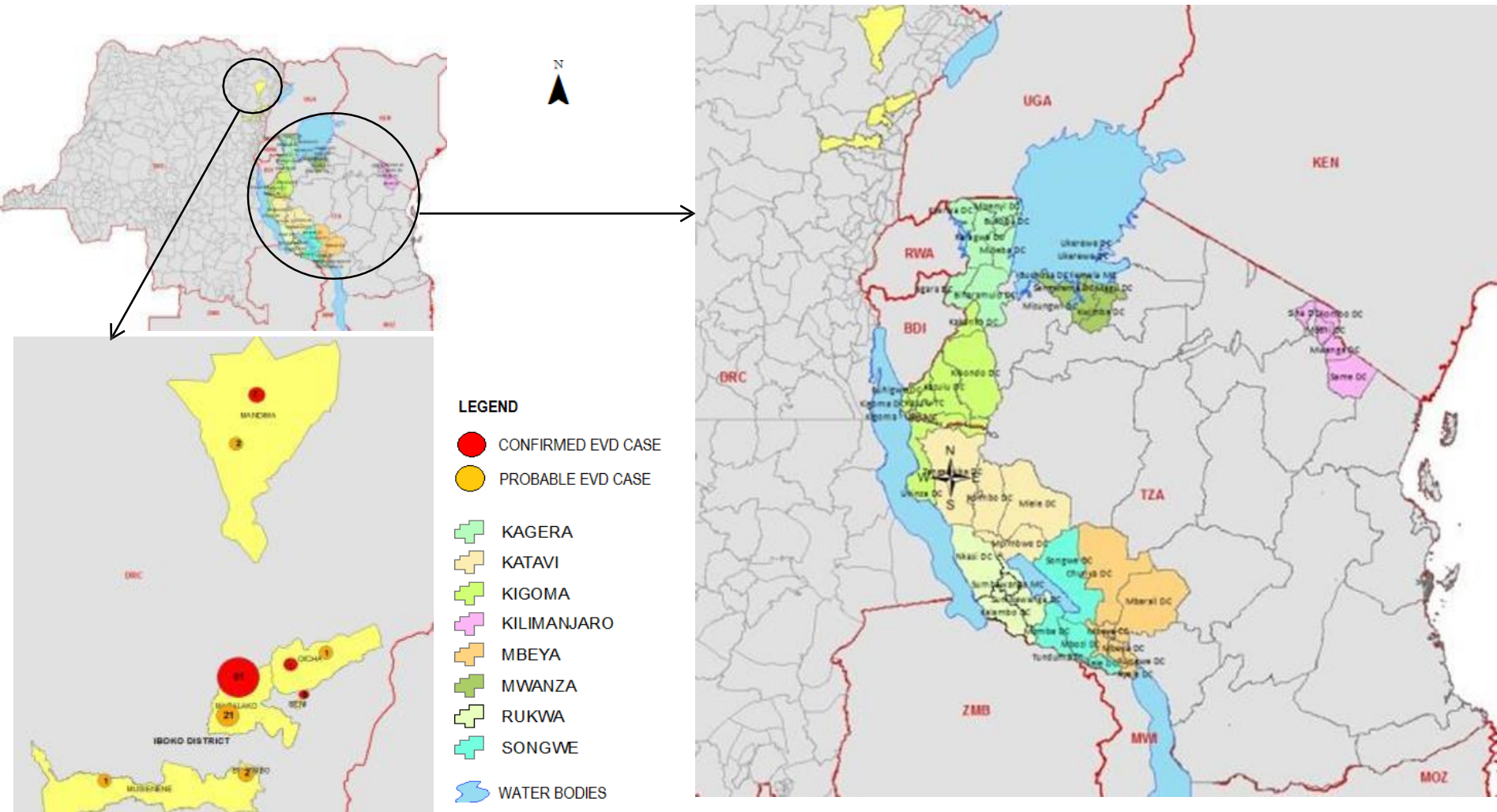
Status of Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as of 25 September 2018)

150 confirmed and probable EVD cases, including 100 deaths reported



- ❑ 119 confirmed cases and 31 probable with 100 deaths
- ❑ 8 new cases and an additional 13 suspected and are under investigation
- ❑ 19 Health care workers have been affected, 18 confirmed and 1 probable including 3 deaths
- ❑ 41 cases recovered and discharged from ETC 8 cases still on admission
- ❑ Over 5,088 contacts with 1979 under surveillance
- ❑ To date 11,417 vaccinated
- ❑ 208 experts deployed to DRC
- ❑ Major Challenges: community reluctance and insecurity in affected area

Map of Tanzania showing the 8 Regions bordering DRC prioritized for intensified preparedness



Overall Progress in Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness

MOH and WHO High-Level Field Mission to Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza - I



- ❑ High-Level Field Mission Receiving briefing on Laboratory preparedness for sample collection at Bugando Referral Hospital in Mwanza



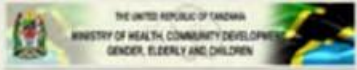
- ❑ Inspecting holding area at Kabanga, at the border with Burundi

MOH and WHO High Level Field Mission to Kigoma, Kagera and Mwanza - II



- ❑ WHO at Mtukula Point of Entry checking Walk-Through Thermal Scanner calibration
- ❑ CMO and MOH staff joined by WHO inspecting preparedness activities at Mwanza airport Port Health

Overall Progress in Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness



CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR EBOLA
JUNE, 2018



- ❑ National Task Force and Public Health Emergency Operation Center are functional at national level
- ❑ Eight (8) regions have been prioritized for intensified preparedness efforts: Rukwa, Katavi, Kilimanjaro, Kagera, Kigoma, Mwanza, Mbeya and Songwe
- ❑ Ebola Virus Disease Contingency Plan and an Emergency Risk Communication Guideline in place
- ❑ A contingency fund to support national level to conduct initial rapid response is in place
- ❑ Training of Trainers for Rapid Response Teams completed
- ❑ An Isolation/Treatment facility for Ebola has been completed at national level
- ❑ A national reference laboratory capable of confirming Ebola Virus Disease is in place with adequate reagents and supplies



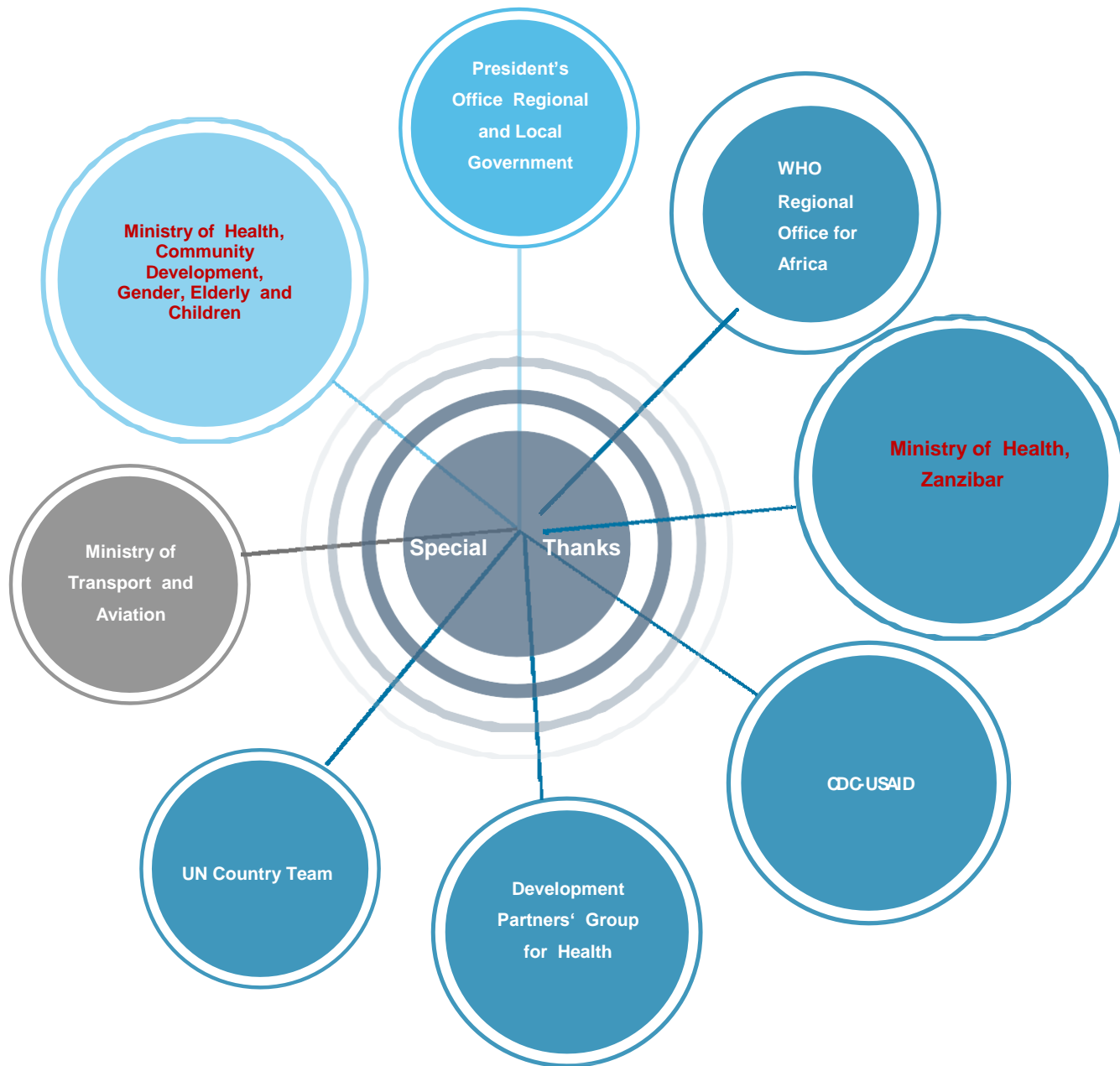
NATIONAL RISK COMMUNICATION GUIDELINE
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

August 2018

Overall Progress in Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness



- ❑ Key medical supplies are available and some pre-positioned in the regions bordering DRC
- ❑ Health facilities supplied with basic infection prevention and control materials/supplies
- ❑ Points of Entry conducting targeted entry screening
- ❑ WHO donated Ebola, cholera and other disease preparedness items, in addition to NTD medicines costing TZS5,713,239,800.09 (US\$2,341,749.09) to Mainland Tanzania
- ❑ WHO also donated similar items to Zanzibar, costing TZS. 2,655,367,800 (USD1,164,635). Total cost items donated was TZS.\$8,368,607,600.00 (US\$3,506,384.00)



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