



# Ebola Preparedness in Tanzania

## Weekly Update

7 December 2018

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

- ❑ Monitoring of cross-border movements and traveller's entry screening using thermos-scanners and screening forms is on-going at Ports of Entry
- ❑ 66 health staff from Dar es Salaam region trained on case management and Safe and Dignified Burial
- ❑ 51 Shehia leaders, CHV supervisors and community group representatives in Zanzibar sensitized on their roles in EVD Risk Communication and Community engagement
- ❑ Supporting planning for training of health staff on EVD case management and IPC, surveillance, laboratory, contact tracing and risk communication in the remaining five high priority regions

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Coordination

- ❑ Finalized development of a concept note for training of health staff on EVD case management and IPC, surveillance, laboratory, contact tracing and risk communication in the remaining five high priority regions
- ❑ Engaged UNICEF and Save the Children in supporting preparedness actions for Risk Communication and Community engagement and Psychosocial support
- ❑ Supported compilation of country EVD preparedness checklist and Key Performance Indicator matrix

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Case Management

- ❑ 36 health staff from Dar es Salaam region trained on case management
- ❑ 30 burial team members from Dar es Salaam region trained on Safe and Dignified Dead Body Management in an Ebola Virus Disease outbreak setting
- ❑ Plans finalized for Burial Teams training for Kigoma, Kagera & Mwanza regions
- ❑ Plans finalized for Case Management manual development & training materials standardization



# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Surveillance at Points of Entry

- No EVD case in URT
- No report of EVD suspected case
- Monitoring of cross-border movements and traveller's entry screening using thermos-scanners and screening forms is on-going:
  - ✓ 10 regions, 18 Districts, 23 POEs (Airports, Ports and Land borders) in mainland Tanzania
  - ✓ 4 regions, 6 Districts, 7 POEs (2 Airports and 5 Seaports) in Zanzibar
  - ✓ 724 travelers screened from DRC
  - ✓ 2 alerts were received but turned out to be false

# Major Achievements in the Past Weeks

## Zanzibar

- ❑ Supported sensitization of 27 Shehia leaders (7) and supervisors (20) of Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) on their roles in facilitating EVD risk communication and community engagement including planning.
- ❑ Supported sensitization of 24 representatives of Traditional & Religious healers; Teachers; Motorbike riders; NGOs and Health Promoters on EVD risk communication and community engagement.
- ❑ In collaboration with UNICEF, facilitated review of the draft EVD IEC materials and EVD Contingency Plan (RCCE component)

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

# Upcoming Activities

## Mainland

- Conduct capacity building of health teams in the five high risk regions on EVD surveillance and contact tracing; decontamination and Safe and Dignified Burials; Case Management and IPC; Risk communication and community engagement
- Printing and roll out of EVD Guidelines, SOPs and tools
- Conduct first Simulation Exercise Management Group meeting (13-14 December 2018)
- Finalize planning for Donors and Partners Resource Mobilization meeting

## Zanzibar

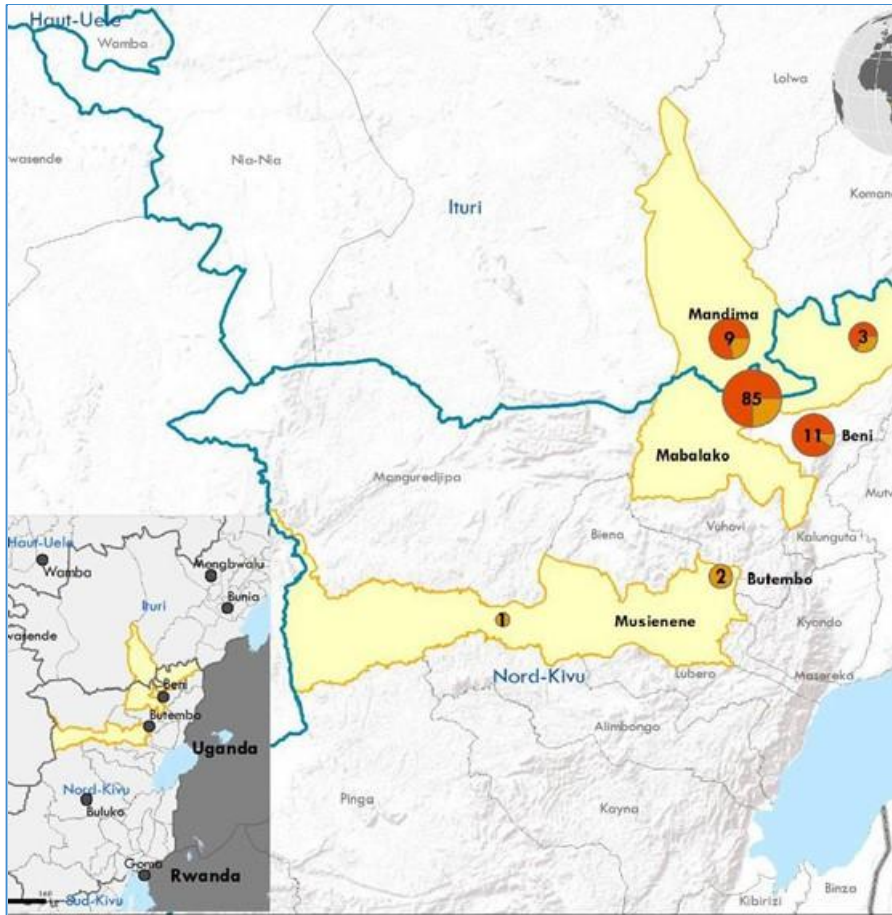
- Pretesting and printing of IEC materials for public education
- Strengthening coordination and planning for Risk Communication and Community engagement activities
- Support public awareness activities including community engagement through Shehia leaders and community groups



# Status of Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in DRC

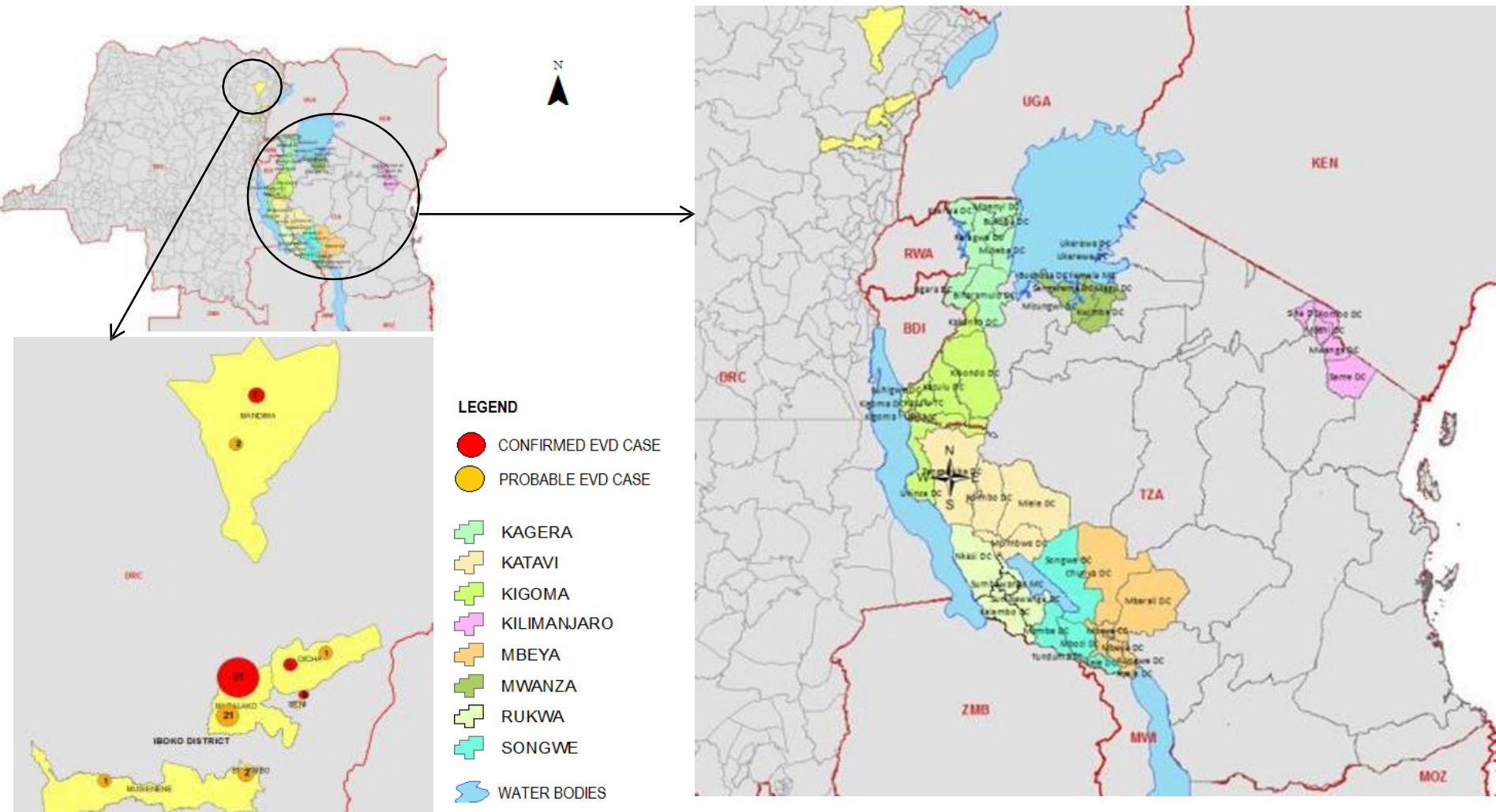
# Status of Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as of 3 December 2018)

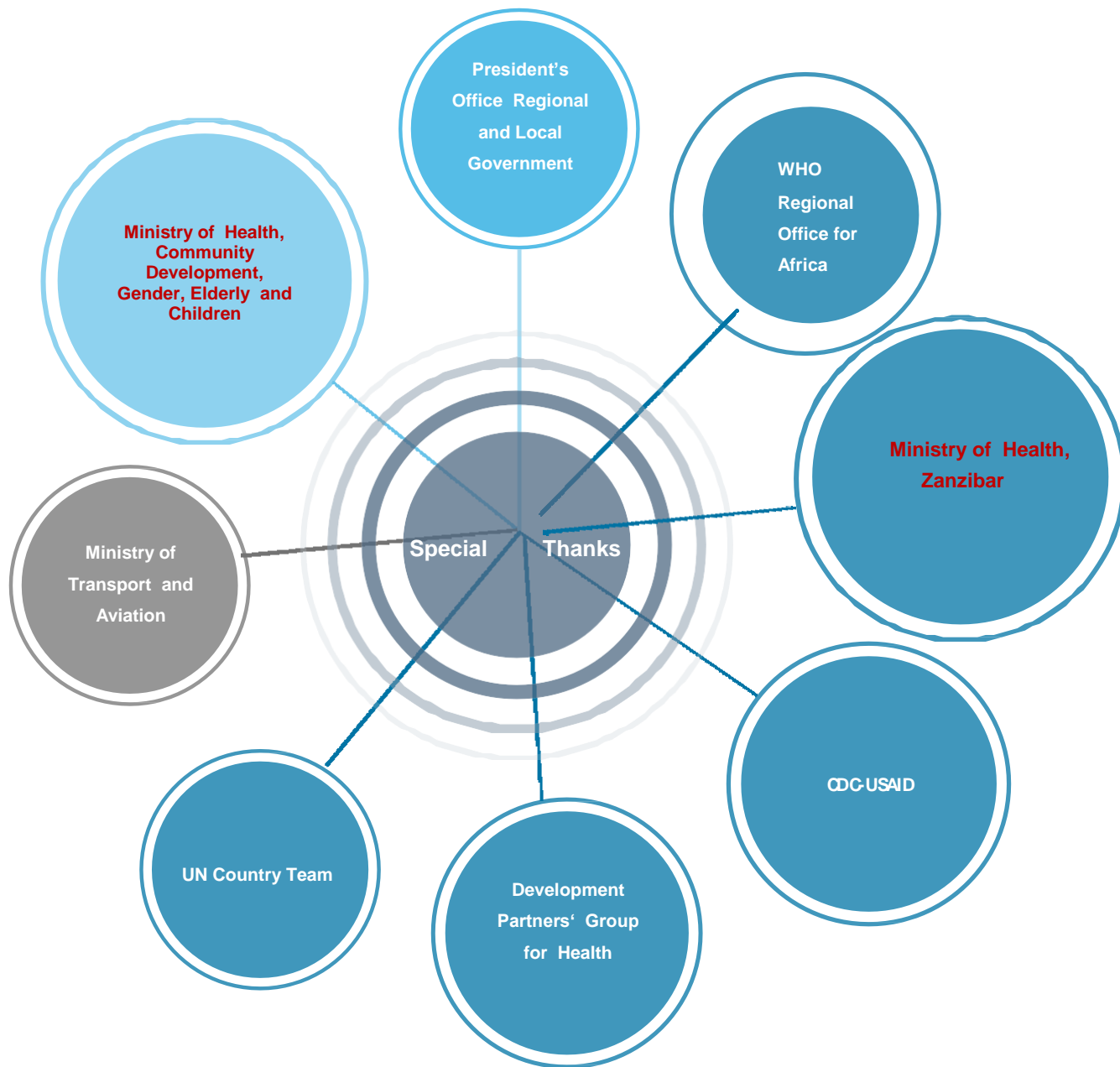
**453 confirmed and probable EVD cases, including 268 deaths reported**



- ❑ Outbreak is still evolving
- ❑ 405 confirmed cases and 48 probable with 268 deaths
- ❑ 144 cases cured and reintegrated into their communities
- ❑ A total of 41 health workers have been infected to date, including 12 deaths
- ❑ To date 39,845 have been vaccinated
- ❑ Major Challenges: Insecurity in affected areas compounded by pockets of misinformation, mistrust and community reluctance to adopt preventive measures. Inadequate infection prevention and control practices in healthcare settings also amplify spread of the disease.

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





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