

# REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN



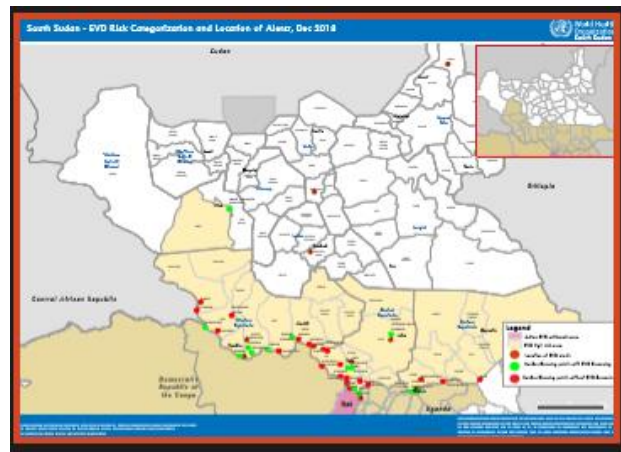
## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

### Weekly Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness for South Sudan

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## 1. Highlights

- The newly constructed Infectious Disease Unit was opened by His Excellency, the Vice President of South Sudan.
- A suspected Ebola case was reported in Juba and investigated by the RRT. The sample was negative for EVD.
- All the SoPs for the technical working groups are ready for printing.
- Eighteen screening points are operational. The Ministry of Health (MoH) conducts the screening with support from WHO, IOM, SCI, WVISS and CAUMM. About 714,441 people entering South Sudan have been screened.
- The isolation center in Yei has been completed. The state Ministry of Health has deployed eight health workers to the isolation facility.



*South Sudan EVD risk categorization and location of alerts December 2018*

## 2. Ebola Situation update from North Kivu of Democratic Republic of Congo

### 2.1. Latest updates

- EVD transmission in DRC continues with new cases/deaths in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. Two new cases were identified at Beni (1) and Mabalako (1).
- As of 22nd December 2018, a total of 574 reported, including 526 confirmed and 48 probable cases. A total of 347 deaths have occurred (CFR=60.5%).
- As of 22nd December, 2018, DRC has vaccinated 51,678 people.

## 3. Public Health Preparedness and Readiness

### 3.1. Coordination

- A national taskforce meeting was held on 20th December 2018 at the PHEOC in Juba. State Task Force Meetings also took place in Yei, Yambio, Juba, Nimule and Maridi
- Other coordination meetings that took place within the reporting week include Strategic Advisory Group (SAG), Senior Management Team (SMT), and the UN Contingency Plan meeting.

### 3.2. Resource mobilization

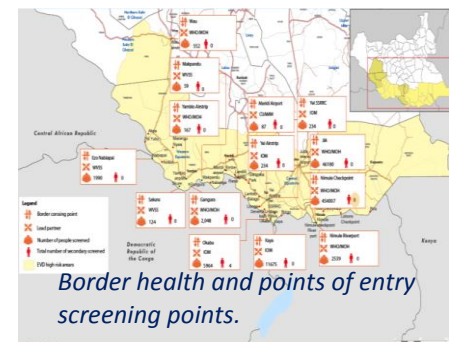
- The National EVD Task Force has mobilized US\$9.4 million out of 16.3 million from donors and other partner agencies (57.7% of planned budget). Additional 6.9 million is still needed to continue support of priority actions for EVD preparedness activities over the next three months.

### 3.3. Surveillance and Laboratory

- A 55-year-old suspected EVD case from Check point Juba reported at the military hospital. RRT investigated the case and collected samples which were negative for EVD.

### 3.4. Port Health and Screening

- Assessment and mapping of POEs and population movement tracking by IOM-DTM and REACH conducted.
- International arrival health form translated from English into Arabic, soft copy shared and printed by WHO.



*Border health and points of entry screening points.*

- Space in the VIP area identified where screening desk will be set-up.
- SoP has been finalized and shared for printing.
- About 641,330 people have been screened at 15 border screening points in the EWRAS platform.
- Since May 2018, a total of 21 Ebola alerts were investigated. Lab results were negative for EVD. One positive for yellow fever.

Point of Entry Site	No. of weeks reported	Total Screened	Average screening per week
1 Nimule Border	14	518349	4000
2 Juba International Airport	19	69860	3677
3 Sakure Border	9	235	26
4 Wau Airport	14	683	49
5 Gangura Border	9	1192	132
6 Yambio Airport	11	129	12
7 Yei Airport	13	277	21
8 Kaya	12	24041	2003
9 Yei RRC	12	378	32
10 Okaba	11	13231	1203
11 Panjala Docking River	9	4651	517
12 Maridi Airstrip	4	101	25
13 Tikori	5	473	95
14 Khorijo	2	5075	2538
15 Pure	2	2655	1328
<b>Total</b>		<b>641330</b>	

### 3.5. Case Management, Infection Prevention and Control, Safe Dignified

- IPC training for 40 military staff was conducted from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018; full donning and doffing practical sessions conducted at the Infectious Disease Unit.
- The SOPs for IPC and CM have been approved for printing.
- Health Link South Sudan and Samaritan’s Purse trained selected health workers on introduction to IPC, screening and donning and doffing of PPEs from 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.
- The isolation facility in Yei has been completed and health workers deployed.
- The analysis from the suspected EVD case in Juba was negative for EVD.

### 3.6. Safe and Dignified Burial

- IFRC/SSRC trained 25 volunteers from 28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 on safe and dignified burial practices. These were from Juba (10), Yambio (5), Nimule (5), Maridi(5), and observers (5)
- IFRC/SSRC conducted safe and dignified burial training in Yambio from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018.
- IFRC/SSRC received first lot of SDB materials which will be prepositioned in the four identified prioritized locations. Three vehicles were also received for SDB use.

### 3.7. Risk communication, community engagement and social mobilization

- Eight schools were sensitized on EVD in Juba involving 2,459 school children, 57 teaching staff and 31 non-teaching staff.
- About 5,500 people were sensitized on EVD at Konyo-Konyo and Custom’s markets.
- Ten home health promoters (HHP) were trained on EVD preparedness in Kajo-keji.



*Community sensitization on EVD*

### **3.8. Logistics and Personnel deployment**

- 13 PPE VHF kits in country and packed at WHO warehouse.
- Field kits for RRT teams were prepositioned at EOC for ready deployment; field kits for Yei, Yambio, Jubek, Nimule and Maridi are ready for dispatch to the states.
- The construction of all isolation units are 80% completed; modifications requested by UNICEF/MSF were incorporated.
- Extra Logs Officer from logistics cluster deployed to support EVD preparedness activities.

### **3.9. Vaccines and Therapeutics**

- Team sent to Yei for assessment and prioritization of health facilities for EBV vaccination.

### **3.10. Access, Safety and Security**

- Access, Safety and Security technical working group completed Safe and Secured Approaches to Field Environment (SSAFE) training for Ebola preparedness personnel in Juba.
- Functional access, safety and security technical working group were established in Yei and Yambio.
- Access, Safety and Security technical working group (TWG) continues to contact the partners responsible for security in IO areas to improve access to high-risk locations.

### **3.11 Updates from States**

#### **Yambio**

- The Yambio team visited Sakure and Nzara to further investigate the extent of the yellow fever outbreak and conducted active case search.
- Sensitized the community about outbreaks of viral hemorrhagic fevers, including Ebola and yellow fever.
- State Ebola Contingency plan and partners' mapping matrix shared among partners for further input.
- Risk Communication/ Social Mobilization partners developed a check list for monitoring and evaluation of Ebola awareness in communities.
- 5 surveillance motorcycles were distributed in Nzara for EVD preparedness.
- Sakure PoE site is completed and personnel available.
- Basukambi and Saura1 PoEs tents have been erected.

#### **Nimule**

- SSRC supported STF to dispel the rumor that Ebola is in Nimule.
- On-going UNICEF support for EVD weekly radio talk shows and jingles (four times daily) for three (3) months.
- On-going SSRC support to distribute IEC materials in the communities.
- On-going screening at the three PoEs - 47,142 people screened during the reporting week.
- Regular support supervision at the three PoEs on-going.
- Nimule EVD operational plan development and completing check-list evaluation are on-going.
- On-going construction at the Isolation facility; three slabs will be constructed for the isolation facility.
- CORDAID has secured funds to erect one extra screening point at Lobone in Magwi.

#### **Maridi**

- CUAMM supports screening at Maridi airstrip.
- Two RRT state teams were trained in Maridi and Ibba.

- The Maridi team needs support on personnel to strengthen the state task force. Other needed support include funds, vehicles and internet connection.

### **Jubek**

- RRT investigated a suspected EVD on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec; GenXpert & PCR results were negative for EVD.
- The STF trained 25 social mobilization team members in Juba.
- The STF trained 40 SSPDF from 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Dec on EVD.
- STF requested MoH to intervene on partners' attendance to STF meetings.

### **Yei**

- STF members together with UNICEF Chief of Field Office Greater Equatoria visited the completed Ebola Isolation facility in Yei River State Hospital.
- STF partners completed the 3-Ws matrix template.
- STF members discussed the EVD monitoring checklist.
- EVD screening is ongoing in seven sites (Yei airstrip, Yei SSRRC, Tokori, Okaba, Kaya, Pure and Khorijo). No alert reported.
- RCCE TWG sensitized about 370 pregnant, lactating mothers, and community members at Sobe, New Site and Lemuko.
- On-going EVD radio jingles and road drive.

## **4.0. Challenges/Gaps.**

The critical preparedness gaps currently entail:

- Weak EVD preparedness structure in Maridi.
- Screening of high-level delegates and VIPs who do not pass through the regular VIP section at Juba International Airport.
- Delayed printing of SoPs.
- Inaccessibility due to bad road, insecurity and communication barriers.
- Human resource gap to support EVD preparedness activities especially in the high-risk States.

## **5.0. Recommendations and priority follow up actions**

- National Task Force and WHO to deploy staff to Maridi to strengthen EVD preparedness structure in the state.
- Ministry of Health to advocate to Ministry of Transport to enforce screening of VIPs at Juba International airport.
- National Task Force to assign timeline for the printing of the SoPs.
- The relevant authorities to negotiate for partners to access communities in EVD high risk areas.
- Partners to mobilize for more resources to facilitate recruitment and deployment of the required additional human resources for EVD preparedness and response.

## **6.0. Conclusion**

The focus for the NTF in the coming week is to:

- Fast-track the implementation of Ebola vaccination for the frontline health workers including the traditional healers.
- Print the SOPs for EVD preparedness and response.

## Partners involved in EVD preparedness and readiness

MOH, WHO, Health Cluster partners, UNICEF, CDC, USAID, DFID, JICA, ECHO, World Bank, UNHCR, UNOCHA, Health Pool Fund, IOM, AWG, WASH Cluster partners, ICRC, IFRC, SSRC, WFP, Min of Interior, AMREF, MSF family, IMC, ICRC, ALIMA, IRC, World Vision, America Refugee Committee, SCI, UNMISS, UNDSS, UNDP, SPLA, LS, DFCA, ARC, Samaritan's Purse, MEDAIR, REACH and UNHASS.

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