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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

14th February 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE No 87

a) SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 13TH FEBRUARY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2019

- Cumulative cases: 823
- Confirmed cases: 762
- Probable: 61
- Total deaths: 517

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.**

c) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

COORDINATION

Kasese District

- WHO team discusses with the DHT of strengthening district capacities using the WHO consultants on the ground before scale down.

Bundibugyo District

- DTF Meeting was held and was chaired by the RDC who requested stakeholders to take the meetings more seriously. The following were highlighted:
 - Mobilets requirements for PoEs were submitted to UNICEF for action including HWFs for HF and 43 schools.



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- There are two vehicles for WHO that are available to support transport in surveillance, risk communication, IPC and any other urgent matter
- Stocks are running low and gloves have been out of stock for two weeks. WHO promised to replenish the stock next week.
- Additional IEC materials not yet delivered to Bundibugyo district, DHE to check with Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) for the supplies from UNICEF and WHO.
- DHT will hold a meeting with the partners to identify areas of improvement to motivate the VHTs for better output.

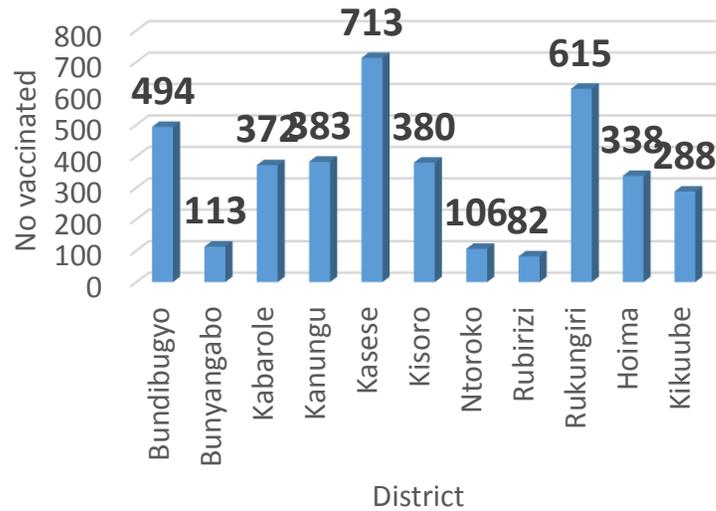
VACCINATION

- The vaccination exercise started on November 7, 2018 focusing on high risk districts and within the district health facilities at risk. A selection criteria for the health facilities was all border HFs with DRC, referral health facilities, health facilities with high volume clients from DRC and health facilities with ETUs or isolation units.
- As of February 12, 2019 a total of 3884 HCWs/FLWs in 11 districts have been offered protection through compassionate approach against Ebola Zaire strain within the current context of EVD outbreak in DRC.

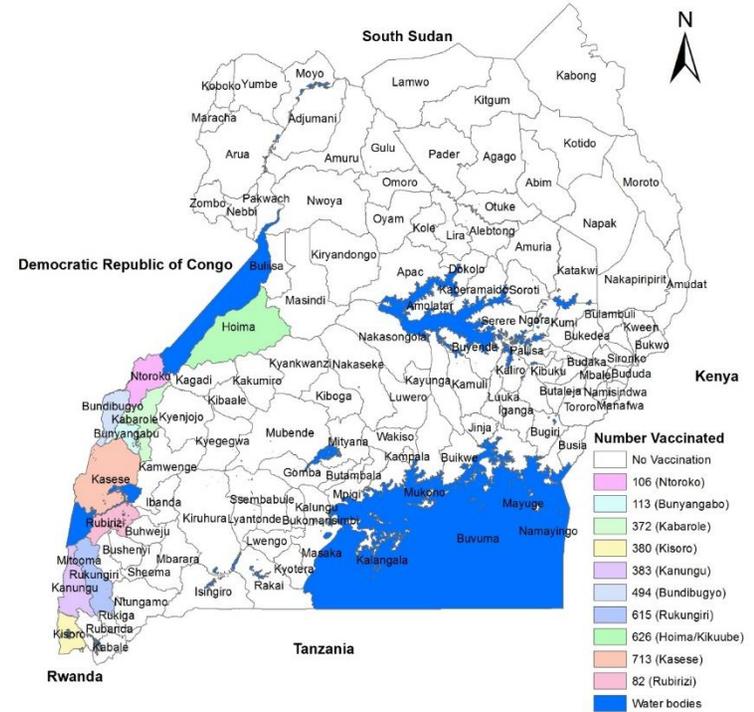


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Number of HCWs/FLWs vaccinated in Rwenzori and South Western region, 11 districts between Nov 7 - February 12, 2019. *Cumulative Nos vaccinated 3884*



A map showing the Districts and Number of individuals vaccinated



SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

- Conducted support supervision at Mpondwe PoE and active case search at Ihandiro HCIII. No unreported or missed case of EVD recorded in the facilities. Four health workers mentored on IPC.

Number of People Screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 13th February 2019

No	POE site	Number of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	9233
2	Lake Katwe	67
3	Kayanzi	8
4	Mirami	226
5	Kisolholho	199
6	Kithoma	658
Total		10391

Bundibugyo District

- POE screening is ongoing by URCS.
- Community is very alert as a result of mobilization by trained community leaders and VHTs.
- VHT coordinators have difficulties in mobilizing on foot in parishes; they have no airtime; no transport facilitation; and no identification materials among other needs.

Number of People Screened at selected PoEs in Bundibugyo District on 12th and 13th February 2019

PoE Name	No. screened Sunday 12/2/19	No. screened Monday 13/2/2019
Busunga	2420	3674
Butoogo main	480	597
Butoogo II	175	234



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Bundinamandi		790
Busoru II		457
Kazaroho	571	505
Kasiri	364	369
TOTAL	3910	6626

Hoima and Kikuube Districts

- The WHO field team visited the ETU at Kasonga and it was noted that part of the fence around ambulance decontamination area was vandalized.
- WHO Continues to support community and health facility-based EVD surveillance in both districts.
- 89 new arrivals from DRC were screened at Sebagoro, Kaiso and Nsonga PoEs on 13th February 2019. No suspected case were detected.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bundibugyo District

- Results of the alert case in ETU were negative for EVD and other VHFs. Patient was therefore discharged.

Ntoroko District

- WHO and the district team held a meeting with 12 staff of Rwebisengo ETU and discussed staffing of the ETU. Eight (8) staff volunteered to man the ETU and agreed to a workout schedule to cover the facility.
- IPC meeting was held at Karugutu HCIV IV in which:
 - The District IPC mentors were taken through the Open Data Kit (ODK) and were guided through the IPC assessment and support supervision forms. It was agreed that they start using ODK immediately. The team agreed to start health facility IPC assessments effective Thursday 14th Feb. 2019.

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- IPC training conducted for 110 students and 4 Tutors at Kagando School of Nursing and Midwifery. They are oriented on Ebola Viral Disease, components of Standard Precautions and Chlorine mixing.

Kabarole/Bunyangabo Districts

- The WHO team conducted IPC mentorship in two health facilities namely Kicuucu HCII and Maranatha HC.

RISK COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District

- The WHO team visited the Kagando primary school and Kajwenge primary schools together with the inspector of schools (a member of the district task force). The team oriented 761 students and teachers on EVD.

Gaps and Challenges.

- Inadequate time to fully engage with all the teachers and students

Bundibugyo District

- EVD teams are focusing more on community engagement at parish and village levels.
- Visited Bundingoma Sub County and held meetings with the sub county chief and LCIII chair person, discussed ways of coordination and mechanism of keeping the trained leaders and VHTS focused on EVD activities.
- Met 2 VHTS and 2 LCI chairpersons who suggested that VHT coordinators and the district staff should continuously visit, guide and support them while they do the work.
- PoE at Bundinamandi is operating with some challenges, 2 volunteers are managing the site and they have no tent, gumboots and posters

Ntoroko District

- Engaged management, teachers and students of Karugutu Primary school, Karugutu Secondary School and Nyabusokoma Primary School in Karugutu Town Council on EVD. Overall, 1030 people



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were involved in these interactions. The group discussions and dialogue were initiated by the Community Engagement team including trained VHTs, LC1s and opinion leaders..

- The school assemblies were granted by the schools' head teachers who were present throughout the sessions.

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