# EVD Taskforce Meeting

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<td>Meeting Objective</td>
<td>Strengthen Multi-Sectoral Preparedness for EVD</td>
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<td>Date</td>
<td>31st January 2019</td>
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<td>Time</td>
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<td>Chaired by</td>
<td>Dr Lul Lojok</td>
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<td>Rapporteurs</td>
<td>Atem John, Husna Daffalla, Ifeanyi Udenweze</td>
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<td>Participants</td>
<td>MoH, WHO, UNICEF, USAID, UNHCR, WFP, CDC, SSRC, DFID, World Bank, MSF-S, WVSS, UNMISS, UNOCHA, IOM, SCI, HC, SPLA, CUAMM, ECHO, MEDAIR, SP</td>
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### Agenda:

- Self-Introduction and Communication from the Chair – Incident Manager
- Review of action points from previous meeting
- Update on EVD outbreak situation in DRC
- Updates on preparedness status in South Sudan
- Way forward

### Item/Summary of Discussion

#### Introduction and Communication from Chair
- The meeting was chaired by Dr Lul Lojok.

#### Review of action points from the previous meeting

- EPI/Surveillance TWG to share with NTF Coordination by 28- Jan the status of partners’ submission of training matrix and leads/co-leads tools – done.
- EPI/Surveillance TWG to develop/submit memo to MoH to request SMoH to identify CHWs - done
- Coordination to re-share the list of functional health facilities with all the TWGs – done.
- Lab TWG to set a timeline for installation of PCR machine – In-process. The space at the National Public health Laboratory where the PCR machine will be installed is being renovated. The UK firm will be invited to South Sudan for the installation when all the logistics support is assured.
- BH & PoE TWG to develop a list showing airlines that have complied/not complied with distribution of international health arrival forms – done. Airlines not complying include Ethiopia airline, TARCO, Sudan Air, and Fly 540 while Kenya airline, Fly Dubai, Egypt Air comply to

#### Action Points

- Produce and share the list of radio stations being used for community mobilization indicating the communication products being aired i.e. talk shows, PSAs as well as area of coverage - RCCE TWG
- Follow up on repair of breakdown ambulance in Yambio - WVI
- Follow up with UNHCR on the issue of new ambulances for Yambio for EVD response - WHO
- Ensure that SSDF and NSS focal points participate in the Access, Safety and Security TWG meetings - MoH
- Follow up with airlines that have not complied with distribution and filling of IHA form on board - BH & PoE TWG
- Follow up with partners to submit their training plans, training matrix and leads and co-leads - EPI/Surveillance TWG
- Draft authorization letters to the Ebola vaccination teams in Yei and Jubek to forestall incidents with security agents - MoH
the request of filling the international arrival health form on board.

- IPC/WaSH TWG to share list of partners on the ground with IPC/WaSH expertise – In-process. The TWG was asked to fast track the process of mapping IPC/WaSH partners
- Coordination to share list of States leads/co-leads of all pillars including their contacts detail – done.
- Access Safety & Security TWG/BH & PoE TWG to convene a meeting on 28-Jan to discuss cross-cutting issues – in-process. First joint meeting held as scheduled.
- MoH to officially request UNICEF to support alert desk with airtime – In-process. UNICEF to provide guide on the request format.
- IPC/WaSH TWG to share adapted and validated IPC checklist with coordination for wider circulation - In-process.

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<td>- 7 new confirmed cases</td>
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<td>- 2 new deaths (1 in the community)</td>
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<td>Since start of outbreak, total of</td>
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<td>- 743 cases of EVD</td>
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<td>- 461 deaths (case fatality rate 62%)</td>
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<td>Katwa health zone still hotspot</td>
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<td>- Accounts for 65% of confirmed cases in last 21 days</td>
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<td>- Less than half of Katwa cases registered as contacts</td>
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- Since beginning of outbreak, 63 health care workers infected (21 died)
- 67% of cases (since 1 December) visited or worked in a HCF before or after symptom onset
- 18% of cases (51 of 281) visited a health care facility before becoming ill suggesting possible transmission in facility
- Highlights the need to properly train and equip HCF staff on EVD preventive measures

1. Update on EVD preparedness in South Sudan 31/01/19. *(For more info, refer to the ppt. presentation)*
2. Update on Border Health & Point of Entry
3. Update on Laboratory
4. Update on Epi & Surveillance
5. Update on Case Management, IPC and WaSH
6. Update on Logistics
7. Update on Safe & Dignified Burial
8. Update from states

The following TWGs did not submit their conducted weekly activities
2. Risk Communication & Community Engagement

The following states did not submit weekly updates
1. Maridi

**9. Way Forward**

- RCCE TWG to produce and share the list of radio stations being used for community mobilization indicating the communication products being aired i.e. talk shows, PSAs as

- The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th February, 2019 at the PHEOC.
well as area of coverage.

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