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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

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SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 2ND APRIL 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 1ST APRIL 2019

- Cumulative cases: 1092
- Confirmed cases: 1026
- Probable: 66
- Total deaths: 683

a) 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.

b) PREPAREDNESS IN THE FIELD (PROGRESS AND GAPS)

COORDINATION

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- The District Task Force (DTF) will expedite talks with Baylor to facilitate volunteers at the 12 PoEs.
- The security personnel will be deployed to enforce screening and hand washing at the PoEs.
- DHO was requested to ensure availability of medicines for the patients admitted in the ETU.
- WFP field officer will supervise set up of the screening tents at Buguma, Kayanja II and Kyapa PoEs.
- The store keeper will requisition for 30 pairs of triple A batteries for the infrared thermometers.



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- The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)/WASH team will develop a list of private health facilities and schools that require hand washing facilities. They will be supplied from the stock available in the district.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Kasese District

Achievements

Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 2nd April 2019.

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	29,059
2	Kayanzi	5
3	Mirami	444
4	Kisolholho	207
5	Kithoma	256
6	Katwe	51
	Total	30,022

Ntoroko District

Achievements

- Supportive supervision and active search conducted in Rwebisengo and Bweramule health centers. There were no unreported or missed cases of EVD. Six health workers were oriented on EVD and IPC at the two facilities.

Gaps and Challenges

- There are delays in responding to alerts in time due to the vastness of the area to be covered by the ambulance.
- Lack of fuel for the ambulance.



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- The screening tents at Kayanja II and Kyapa PoEs were blown away by strong winds and the supporting metals were destroyed.
- Infrared thermometers at Kyapa PoE require new batteries.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Active search was done at Kabonero HCIII and ODK filled for EVD and integrated support supervision. The following were noted:
 - EVD posters are available
 - Active case search is done daily at the facility
 - Frontline health workers are knowledgeable about the EVD case definition.

Gaps and Challenges

- Lack of transport and facilitation for the field teams.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

Bundibugyo District

Achievements

- Two alert cases were reported from Busunga and Butoogo PoEs and admitted at Bundibugyo ETU. They a 36 and a 48 year old male and female respectively from of DRC. They presented with fever, headache and abdominal pain. Blood samples were pick and sent to Uganda Virus Research Institute for investigation.

Gaps and Challenges

- Stock levels for gloves (examination and surgical) are running low.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Kasese District



Achievements

- The Risk Communication report indicated that between 24th and 29th March 2019, the team visited 232 households and reached 673 people with EVD messages. They held eight community meetings and distributed 54 posters and 16 leaflets.

Kabarole District

Achievements

- Risk communication team visited 196 households and shared EVD information with 510 people. They conducted three community dialogues with traders in Karago Market and boda boda riders and sensitized 75 people on EVD. They distributed 147 posters, 109 leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

Bunyangabu District

Achievements

- Risk communication teams conducted two community dialogues on EVD in Kitonzi A in Kibiito sub-county and Kagando in Kyamukube sub-county. They were attended by 75 people (33 males 34 females 8 children).
- The team visited 180 households and shared EVD information with 624 people (217 males, 276 females and 131 children). They distributed 84 posters, 63 leaflets and demonstrated proper hand washing.

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