



Ministry of Health

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS IN UGANDA

23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2019 (12:00 HRS) – UPDATE NO 120

### **SITUATION UPDATE FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2019 WITH DATA UP TO 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019**

- Cumulative cases: 1,866
- Confirmed cases: 1,778
- Probable: 88
- Total deaths: 1,241

#### **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

### **Kasese District**

#### **Achievements**

- There was a District Task Force (DTF) meeting that agreed on the following action points:
  - The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to write to all heads of department reminding them to always attend this meeting.
  - COA write to the Permanent Secretaries of MoH and Ministry of Internal Affairs about the utility bills at Mpondwe Point of Entry (PoE).



Ministry of Health

- The District Education Officer to write a memo to schools not use the chlorine supplied in schools until training takes places.
- WASH/Chlorine team will be given more training on chlorine mixing with support from UNICEF.
- The CAO will write to Medical Superintendent of Bwera Hospital to properly maintain hygiene and temperature screening at the hospital.
- The District Health Educator to finalize verification of participant's lists who attended the CBDS training from sub-counties for payment by WHO.
- The DHO to make a calendar of all DTF meetings and submit to CAO, RDC and LCV Chairman to facilitate their attendance in the meetings.

## SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

### Kasese District

#### Achievements

- MSF is supporting the ETU at Bwera Hospital with 2 security personnel, compound maintenance and with some EVD supplies.

*Number of people screened at selected PoEs in Kasese District on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.*

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Mpondwe	8,399
2	Kayanzi	4
3	Mirami	584
4	Kisolholho	229
5	Kithoma	1,827
6	Katwe	53
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,096</b>



Ministry of Health

## Ntoroko District

*Number of people screened at PoEs in Ntoroko District on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.*

No	PoE site	No of persons screened
1	Kigungu	97
2	Ntoroko Main	109
3	Fridge	31
4	Transami	93
5	Kanara	137
6	Rwagara	147
7	Katanga	98
8	Kamuga	129
9	Katolingo	19
10	Mulango	54
11	Rwentuhi	65
	Haibale North	67
12	Haibale South	51
13	Kabimbiri	42
14	Kyapa	49
15	Kayanja I	18
16	Kayanja II	57
17	Budiba	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,263</b>

## Kabarole District

### Achievements

- Results for the samples sent to Uganda Virus Research Institute on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019(see Update 117) were negative for EVD and other VHF diseases.



## Gaps and challenges

- EVD fund from MoH promised two weeks ago have not yet reached the district account.

## RISK COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

### Kasese District

- WHO/UNICEF conducted a Continuing Medical Education session at Kilembe Mines Hospital attended by 58 health workers (38 females, 20 males) including medical students and support staff. Discussed EVD message delivery at all service points.
- Chlorinated water will be used in all hand washing facilities; security guards to enforce hand washing by all visitors and patients entering the hospital.
- All hospital staff to exercise precautions, intensify surveillance and share reports with DHOs office.

**-End-**

### For more information, please contact:

Dr. Issa Makumbi – [issamakumbi@gmail.com](mailto:issamakumbi@gmail.com)

Dr. Allan Muruta – [allanmuruta@yahoo.com](mailto:allanmuruta@yahoo.com)