



# Central African Republic

## VDPV2 Cases Response Situation Report

(As of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019)



### Situation summary

Two separate VDPV2 cases not genetically linked from AFP were confirmed on 29th May and 31 May 2019. On 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019, the MoH declared a public health emergency of national concern as per global guidelines. The first case reported was from Bambari district, RS4 region with date of onset of paralysis on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The case of a 3 year old female habiting in a semi nomadic breeder family was picked from an IDP camp with zero doses from routine and SIAs. A total of 21 samples (12 contacts, 8 Community and 1 blood) were collected with 6/17 samples tested were PV2s while 4 samples are pending lab results. A second VDPV2 case was picked in a village from Bimbo was detected. Seventeen contacts were collected and are pending lab results.

Province	District	Total VDPV	Most recent date of onset
Region 4 (RS4)	Bambari	1	02/05/2019
Region 1 (RS1)	Bimbo	1	06/05/2019
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	

### Initial activities undertaken as of 4th June 2019

- Preparation of Round 0 under way
- Investigation of Bambari case:
  - Community survey (25 children <11 months) completed: 14 children with 0 doses
  - Search for tOPV and mOPV conducted but nothing was found

### Coordination

- His Excellency the president of the CAR was briefed jointly by the Minister of Health, WHO Representative and UNICEF Deputy Rep
- The Minister of Health accompanied by WHO Representative and UNICEF Deputy Representative have made a field trip to Bambari prior to the SIA Round 0
- EOC has 5 thematic groups (Planning, surveillance, logistics, communication, partnership)
- Strengthening of coordination mechanism in targeted regions/districts is ongoing
- Meetings and Teleconferences (TCs) with all GPEI
- Preparation of the Risk Assessment for additional rounds to be presented to the Advisory Group underway

### SIA preparedness

- Micro-plan update is underway
- Establishment of teams to support micro-planning to respond to the VDVP2 outbreak is ongoing
- Addressing high risk: Mapping of localities/villages, identification of the scope of response, population movements, target population, security concerns and communication.
- Funding: No-regret funds released from HQ as of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## Highlights

### Epidemiology of Polio virus

VDPV2 cases from:

- Bambari district, RS4, date of onset of case 02/05/2019
- Bimbo district, RS1, date of onset 06/05/2019.

### Impacted Regions/districts

- 2 Regions (RS4 and RS1)
- Bambari in RS4 and Bimbo districts in RS1

### Samples pending results

- 4/21 samples from contacts

### SIA Schedule

- Round 0: 16-19 June 2019

### Scope for SIAs

- 3 Regions (RS4, RS6, RS1)
- RS4 (districts: Bambari, Kouango-Gtrimari)
- RS6, (Alindao-Mingala district)
- RS1 (Bimbo district)

### Target population for SIAs

- 71,465 children <5yrs

### Vaccine and logistics

- mOPV2
- Doses available: none
- Doses needed: **82,185**

### Funding situation

- No regret released to cover costs for initial activities

## Activities

### Surveillance strengthening

- Sensitization to all focal points in all 7 regions
- All regions except Region 2 have conducted surveillance training
- Mapping of compatibles last 3 years and identification silent districts
- Strategic mechanisms being put in place to fast track shipment of stool samples
- Case investigation and validation forms distributed to all regions
- Mobile data collection tools (ODK) for ISS and eSurv sent to Regions 5 & 6.
- Mission ongoing in Bambari and Bimbo to increase the number of environmental sites

### Communication the following were undertaken:

- Elaboration of the communication plan including the finalization of the budget for the National Response Plan
- Preparation of advocacy notes for the President of the Republic, Prime Minister, President of the National Assembly and MSP press conference on the declaration of the epidemic
- Briefing of 30 journalists from 25 media on the epidemic,
- Creation of the Twitter account of the Ministry of Public Health and extension of the PCA with Radio Ndeke Luka to support the response for 3 months,

### Logistics and vaccine management

- National Logistics Plan elaborated and included national budget
- Request for mOPV2 prepared and sent for consideration that has been accepted. Vaccines are scheduled to arrive on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- Organization of a workshop for the adaptation of management tools is ongoing,
- Realization of the state of needs in cold chain and incineration equipment for round 0 is ongoing

### Cross borders activities

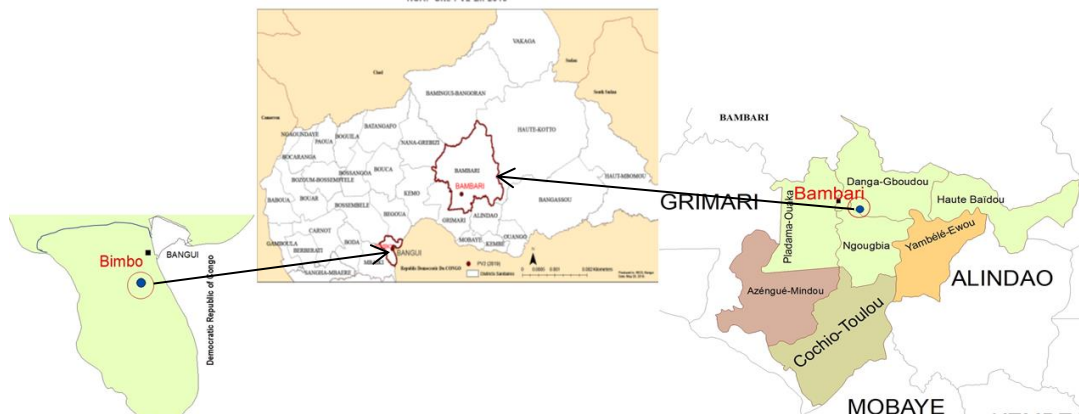
- DRC notified of the current situation in CAR
- Mapping of districts bordering CAR to plan and strengthen collaboration
- Identification of entry points established and surveillance officers at these points trained

- Partners including GPEI notified of the status by WHO Representative

### Challenges to flag

- Security concerns remains a priority hindering service delivery
- Special populations e.g. nomads, IDPs, miners settlements and population (accessibility)
- Very low immunization coverage in the country
- Sub optimal surveillance indicators at district level and persistent silent districts
- Inadequacy/limited human resource to respond to the outbreak

### Distribution of VDPV cases and Scope of Round 0 immunization response



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