



Situation Report			
<b>Enhanced Preparedness Name</b>	Ebola	<b>District and Country affected</b>	Arua, Uganda
<b>Date &amp; Time of report</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>Investigation start date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019
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## 1. HIGHLIGHTS

- No alerts were reported in Arua on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- No current confirmed EVD case in Arua
- The political leaders from the district and municipal visited the ETU to monitor the readiness of the facility to admit and care for Ebola patients.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

### Descriptive epidemiology

Arua District is currently stepping up its response to a possible Ebola spill over following a case that died on 30 June 2019 in Ariwara Health Zone of DRC, that is located 8 kilometres from Uganda border. The confirmed case in Ariwara is known to have used several means of transport while enroute to Ariwara and received treatment from several public and private health facilities on the way and on arrival. The case is known to have had contact with over 200 people including many in the communities bordering Arua District.

The risk of importation of the virus into Arua is very high. Communities from the affected areas share many social services, which includes markets, churches, schools, transportation facilities and the use of health facilities on the Ugandan side by Congolese.

The District mapped a total of 11 Sub counties as high-risk location with 25 health facilities based on population mobility assessment, which include: health facilities frequented by Congolese population, location hosting refugee's proximity to the affected area.

As of 12<sup>th</sup> July, there are no suspected cases in isolation or contacts being followed up.

### Summary of cases

<b>1</b>	<b>New suspect cases today</b>	00
<b>2</b>	New deaths	00
<b>3</b>	Cumulative cases	00
	Suspect	02
	Probable	00



	Confirmed	00
<b>4</b>	Cumulative deaths (suspect, probable & confirmed cases) in	00
	Health Facilities	00
	Community	00
<b>5</b>	Total number of suspected cases on admission	00
	Cumulative cases discharged	00
	Confirmed cases that have died	00
<b>6</b>	Current admissions of Health Care Workers	00
<b>7</b>	Number Health workers discharged today	00
<b>8</b>	Cumulative cases Health workers discharged	00
<b>10</b>	Confirmed cases Health workers that have died	00
<b>11</b>	Cumulative deaths of Health Care Workers	00
<b>12</b>	Runaways from isolation	00
<b>13</b>	Number of contacts listed	00
<b>14</b>	Total contacts that completed 7 days	00
<b>15</b>	Contacts under follow-up	00
<b>16</b>	Total number of contacts of followed up today	00
<b>17</b>	Contacts no longer to be followed because the case tested negative	00
<b>18</b>	Suspect specimens collected and sent to UVRI	00
<b>19</b>	Cumulative specimens collected	02
<b>20</b>	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (acute)	00
<b>21</b>	Cumulative cases with lab. confirmation (convalescent)	00
<b>22</b>	Specimens with pending results	00
<b>23</b>	Date of discharge/death of last confirmed case	00

### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

#### COORDINATION

- Daily coordination meeting held today at 8:00 am and well attended by district staff and partners. The main actions agreed upon include:
  - The district to raise a request for more items to support preparedness and submit to NTF.
  - Partners with representation in the DRC should link Arua district to their counterparts for a cross border meeting. The RDC and partners expressed interest in holding a cross border meeting to harmonize information sharing, contact tracing and follow-up and joint implementation of response activities.
- UVRI provided 100 liters of diesel to the response team to support field activities.



- Two partners (UNHCR and plan) have pledged fuel and asked the district to place a formal request to allow processing of fuel.

#### **Next steps**

- The district to raise a request for additional medical counter measures to be submitted to NTF for resource mobilization.
- Develop the sitrep for 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY**

- No alerts and rumours under investigation.
- A total of 78 health workers were oriented on job on use of EVD case definitions and immediate reporting in the following health facilities; Rhino camp extension, Family care clinic, Pioneer hospital, Vurra HCII and Opia HCIII.
- Reviewed records for any suspected cases in all the health facilities visited, identified one alert of a 12-year-old child with temperatures above 38 deg, from Rhino camp extension was treated and recovered. This was concluded not to fit case definitions.
- Cumulatively, 606 front line health workers have been provided with on job orientation in 25 out of 30 high risk health facilities
- A total of 1,380 travelers were screened on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the three points of entry as follows: Odramachaku (1115), Vurra (206) and the Airfield (59).

#### **Next Steps**

- To conduct a talk with VHTs in Vurra sub-county and Rhino camp HCIV.

#### **CASE MANAGEMENT AND IPC**

- No suspects in the ETU
- Today was an open day for Oli ETU. The facility was visited by among others, the political leaders including the Mayor, RDC, Town clerk and the community.
- A total of 30 health workers in 7 high risk health facilities were mentored on IPC. These include Opia HCII (5), Aroi HCIII (6), Vurra HCII (19).

#### **RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION**

- A total of 7300 people were sensitized with EVD prevention and control messages in Mosques, schools and Offices.
- A total of 436 IEC materials (279 in English and 257 in the local language) distributed.



- Cumulative numbers sensitized in the community is 21,594.
- Total number of IEC materials distributed is 2502 copies.

### **Next steps**

- Hold radio talk shows on Radios Pacis, Access and Arua FM stations today at 10:00 am on Saturday. The talk show will be addressed by the RDC, municipal mayor, DHO, a team of health educators.
- Sensitize traders in Ocodu and Jupala markets.

### **VACCINATION**

- Today 240 frontline health workers from Arua Regional Referral Hospital and Rhino camp extension 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Cumulatively, 1364 frontline health workers in Arua district.

### **Next steps**

- Continue vaccination of the frontline health workers in Arua Regional Referral Hospital

### **LOGISTICS**

- Quantification of the required medical counter measures for the next three months approved by both DHO and NTF

### **Next steps**

- Share a copy of the request submitted to NTF with partners.

## **4. CHALLENGES/GAPS**

- Limited funding to support preparedness and response in Arua district. Most partners are using balances of funds from other programs to support the response. However, this is getting depleted.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITY FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

- The coordination sub-committee to share the 4Ws matrix.

### **Acknowledgment**

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<b>Thematic Area</b>	<b>Partners supporting Arua District Local Government</b>
Coordination	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, UNHCR, Malteser, Plan Uganda, Kuluva Hospital
Surveillance	WHO, IDI, UNHCR, MTI, UVRI/CDC Arua
Laboratory	WHO, CDC Uganda, IDI
Rick Communication	UNICEF, WHO, CHC-Obulamu, URCS, UNHCR
Case Management	WHO, IDI, MSF
Infection Prevention & Control/WASH	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, Malteser
Psychosocial Support	URCS, UNICEF
Logistics	WHO, UNICEF, IDI, MSH, WFP, AMREF, World Vision, Malteser.
Points of Entry	IDI, UNHCR, CAFOMI
Vaccines and Therapeutics	WHO, CDC