



# EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE IN UGANDA

11 July 2019 as of 20:00 hrs

Situation Report

SitRep #30



## 1. Situation



### Key Highlights

- 03 cumulative cases (00 probable 03 confirmed)
- All (03) confirmed cases have died (CFR =100%)
- Today is day **27** since the death of the last confirmed case who passed on the 13 June 2019 while on transfer to the DRC for further management
- There were no contacts under follow up
- There is no admission in Bwera Hospital ETU
- Active case search and death surveillance are ongoing in the health facilities and the communities as the district response teams continue to investigate all alerts
- Cumulatively **1,507** individuals have been vaccinated: **78** contacts, **747** contacts of contacts and **682** frontline health workers

### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

#### Background

On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the Ministry of Health of Uganda declared the 6<sup>th</sup> outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the country affecting Kasese district in South Western Uganda. The first case was a five-year-old child with a recent history of travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This child was one of six people that travelled from the DRC while still being monitored as suspect cases following a burial of the grandfather who succumbed to EVD. The child was ill by the time he crossed into Uganda and the mother took him for medical care at Kagando hospital in Kasese district. He presented with symptoms of vomiting blood, bloody diarrhoea, muscle pain, headache, fatigue and abdominal pain. The child tested positive for Ebola Zaire by PCR and he later died on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Two other members of the family, a grandmother and 3-year-old brother also tested positive for Ebola on 12 June 2019 and the grandmother died later the same day. The 3-year-old brother also died on the 13 June 2019. Since then no new confirmed EVD case has been reported in Uganda. There is one admission in the ETU.

Figure 1: Movement of the EVD cases from Congo into Uganda

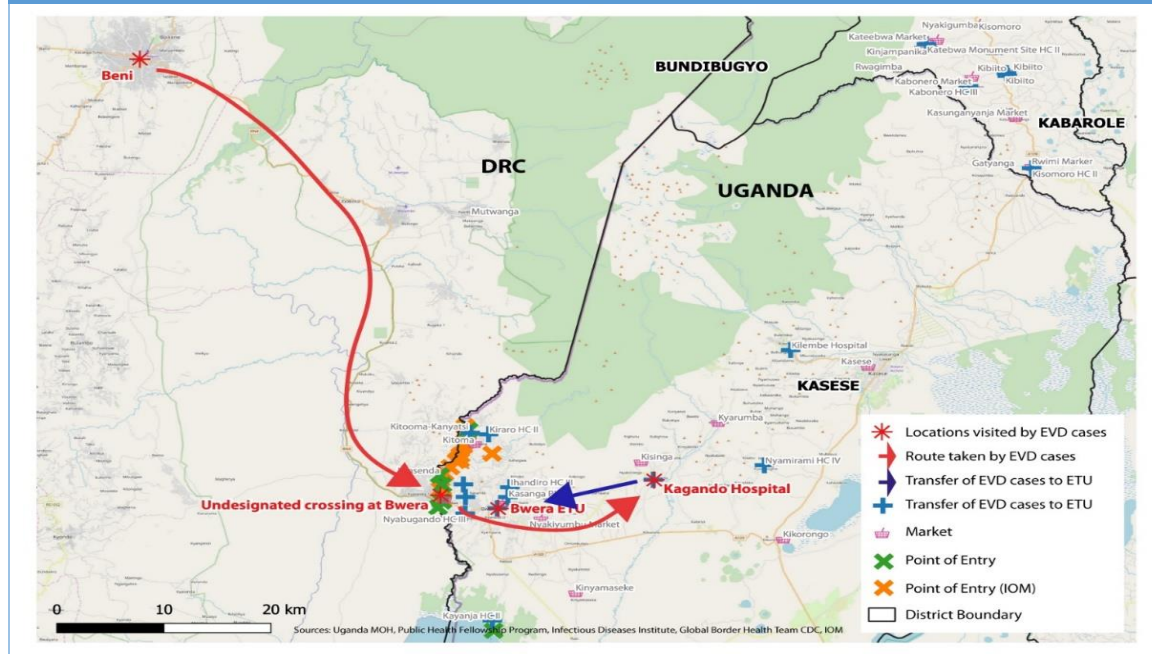


Table 1: Summary of Ebola virus Disease outbreak in Kasese, Jun-Jul 2019

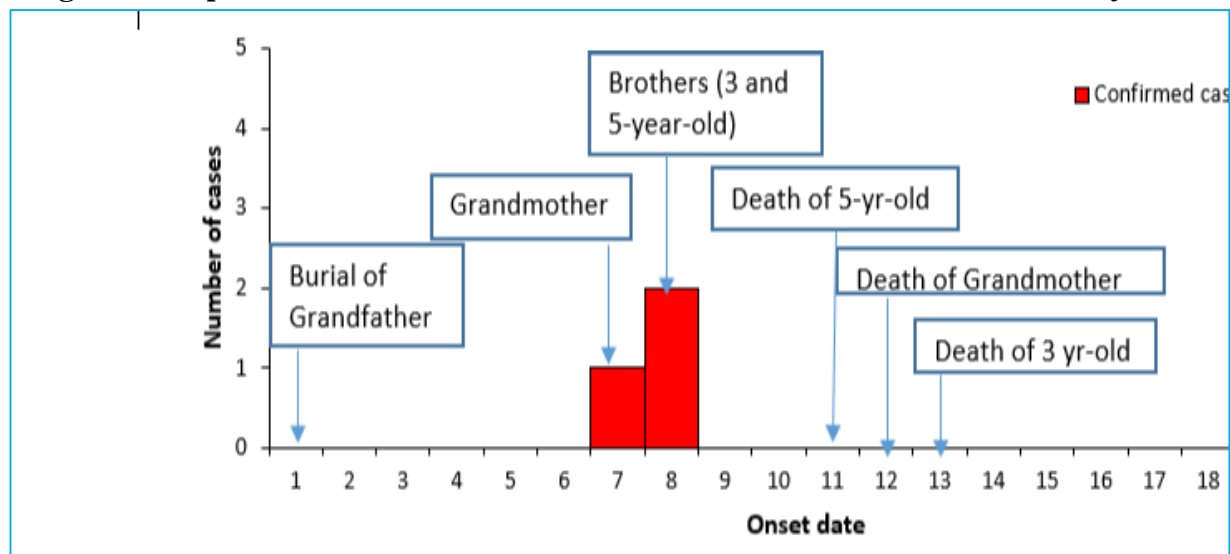
SUMMARY OF CASES (as of 11/July/2019)	Number
New suspect cases today	00
New deaths today	00
Cumulative cases (probable and confirmed)	03
Probable	00
Confirmed	03
Cumulative deaths (probable and confirmed)	03 <sup>1</sup>
Health facilities	03
Community	00
Deaths among confirmed cases	03
Number of cases on admission (probable and confirmed)	00
Probable	00
Confirmed	00
Suspect cases on admission under investigation	00
Runaways from isolation	00
Cumulative number of contacts listed as of today	114
Number of contacts that have completed 21 days	114
Number of contacts under follow up	00
Number of contacts followed up today	00
Cumulative number of individuals vaccinated	1507
Number of contacts vaccinated	78
Health workers	04
Community	74
Number of contacts of contacts vaccinated	747
Health workers	00
Community	747
Number of front-line health workers vaccinated	682
Number of contacts vaccinated today	00
Health workers	00
Community	00
Number of contacts of contacts vaccinated today	00
Health workers	00
Community	00
Number of front-line health workers vaccinated today	00

Specimens collected and sent to the lab. Today	00
Cumulative specimens collected	58 <sup>1</sup>
Cumulative cases with lab confirmation	03
Cumulative samples tested negative	38
Specimens with pending results	00
Date of discharge/death of last confirmed case	13-6-2019

<sup>1</sup> includes 1 death in the DRC

<sup>2</sup> including 18 repeat samples

**Figure 2: Epidemic curve of Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in Kasese, June 2019**



## 2. Public Health Actions to date

### Coordination

There was no DTF today.

The coordination committee held a budget meeting with UNICEF field team and curved out activities for UNICEF support. We agreed that UNICEF will support partial Coordination, Risk communication, WASH, partial IPC and psychosocial pillars. The coordination will tomorrow meet several other partners independently in order to map resources for the district response and also be able to report response funding gap.

### Surveillance

- Ongoing surveillance trainings in go-data and border health facilitated by WHO and IOM respectively
- Alert desk recorded one alert case today from Rubirizi district. The case will be verified tomorrow

### Laboratory

- No new sample was collected by the team today
- Cumulative number of samples collected and transported for testing at the central lab remains at 58 including three samples that tested positive, 38 tested negative and 19 repeat samples

### Case Management

- There was no EVD case admitted in Bwera ETU by close of business today

### Risk communication

- Attended school sports events at Nyabugando and Nyakahya primary schools that had 16 participating schools and sensitised at least 1,100 (500 males, 600 females) pupils and 25 teachers on Ebola
- Oriented 40 (10 females, 30 males) teachers from 40 schools of Bukonzo south at central division in Kasese Municipality on EVD and developed action plans on EVD

- Team met with UNICEF team and reviewed UNICEF risk communication budget and work plan
- Made a follow up on progress of reports from activated VHTs and documentation of EVD health education at Katunguru HCII. Facility has only 8 VHTs but only 4 are active and had not started filing report forms although they reported conducting household visits for ICCM activities
- A greed with Health Assistant to integrate EVD messages during household visits. Health Assistant has started documenting health education on EVD
- A total of 520 EVD posters and 3,600 flyers were distributed to 40 schools during teachers orientation at central division hall and 10 schools attending school sports events in Bukonzo
- One community meeting was conducted in Kitakombya II village in Rwenkumba Parish, Bwera Sub-county and sensitised 141 community leaders, elders and community members on basic facts about Ebola. 20 EVD posters were distributed during this meeting
- Radio talk show slots allocated by partners are almost depleted; UNICEF to follow up on possibility of procuring more radio airtime on Messiah radio station to compliment Kasese Guide radio to cater for the wider listenership needs

### **Infection Prevention and Control**

- Conducted mentorship of 24 health workers on IPC at two health facilities of Katooke HCII and Good Samaritan medical centre. All the visited facilities had clean compounds and IPC committee in place at all facilities visited
- Most of the facilities have insufficient infection prevention and control practices. There were no waste bins and gloves at Katooke HCII and poor waste segregation at health facilities
- Plan for one-day orientation of all facility IPC focal persons is still ongoing.

### **WASH**

- Conducted follow up to 4 primary schools of Kitsutsu, Kinyamaseke, Kacungiro and Munkunyu to assess the level of implementation of WASH interventions
- Reached accumulative total of 18 of 50 schools that are supported by Save the Children under programmes of ASRH and disaster risk reduction (DRR)
- Conducted Supervision and monitoring of WASH interventions and collecting WASH Health facility situation data in 12 Health facilities
- Attended a meeting comprising of 48 clinical officers from across the District and briefed them on their roles and responsibilities as regards EVD and general Health facility management and administration
- Sensitised the last group of 40 science teachers from Busonghora south HSD Schools making a total of 320 schools reached with support from BRAC

### **Psychosocial**

- The team held a planning meeting with UNICEF and Kasese district officials to plan for a capacity building workshop aimed at a sustainability plan for the local psychosocial team
- Identification and verification 15 district team for psychosocial training has been completed.
- Engaged the in-charge of Kaveera HCIII at Hima Barracks on a CME for his staff on psychosocial support. He scheduled a meeting for next week

### **Logistics**

- Supplied 520 EVD posters and 3,600 flyers for distribution to 40 schools during teachers orientation at central division hall and 10 schools attending school sports events in Bukonzo
- Logistics Data entry is ongoing
- The logistic team has been boosted by MoH technical expert

## **3. Partnership**

We acknowledge the support from the following partners in response to Kasese Ebola outbreak.

<b>Thematic Area</b>	<b>Partner</b>
Coordination	WHO, UNICEF and Save the Children, Uganda Red Cross
Surveillance	WHO, Uganda Red Cross, AFENET
Laboratory	WHO, CDC Uganda

Risk Communication	UNICEF, WHO, UPDF, BRAC-Uganda, Uganda Red Cross, Save the Children, St. John's Ambulance
Case Management	WHO, MSF
Infection Prevention & Control/ WASH	WHO, UNICEF, St. John's Ambulance, Save the Children, Uganda Red Cross, IRC, IDI
Psychosocial Support	UNICEF, WHO
Logistics	UNICEF, WHO, WFP, Uganda Red Cross, BRAC Uganda
Security	UPDF, Uganda Police
Points of Entry	Uganda Red Cross Society
Vaccine and therapeutics	WHO, MSF
Financial support	World Bank/EAPHLNP

#### 4. Challenges

- Delays in facilitation of both national and district response teams. All district frontline responders including PoE screening staffs, ETU staff, contact tracers, community VHTS, security officers, etc have not been paid.
- Politicians are agitated by slow pace of district responders' facilitation including inability to refund their DTF attendance reimbursement
- Limited adaptation to routine hand washing practices by both teachers and pupils

#### 5. Conclusion

The Ebola response has completed the first cycle of 21 days without any transmission. However, the cross border meeting between Uganda and DRC revealed that Ebola outbreak in DRC is still at large and far from ending. There is need for long term sustainable and resilient interventions to continue mounting the necessary preparatory efforts.