



EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE

Republic of Uganda



Situation Report 26

Data update as of 17th October 2022 at 22:00 HRS

	Affected	Confirmed	ths		
	Districts	Cases	Confirmed	Probable	
New	00	00	01	-	
Total	05	60	24	20	

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Key Highlights

On 20th September 2022, the Ministry of Health declared an outbreak of Sudan ebolavirus (SVD) after a case managed at Mubende Regional Referral Hospital (MRRH) in Mubende district was confirmed through testing at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). This follows investigations by the National Rapid Response Team of suspicious deaths that had occurred in the district earlier in the month. This is the first time in more than a decade that Uganda reports an outbreak of Sudan ebolavirus.

- No new cases were reported in the past 24 hours
- One new confirmed death was reported in Mubende district.
- Cumulative confirmed cases currently are 60
- CFR among confirmed is 24/60 (40%).
- Contacts follow-up rate in the past 24 hours was 97%.

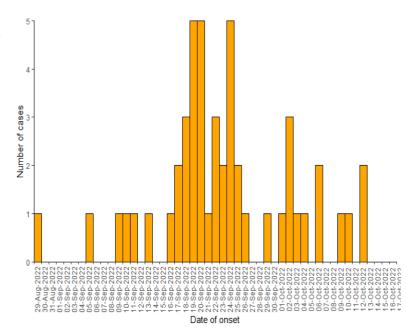
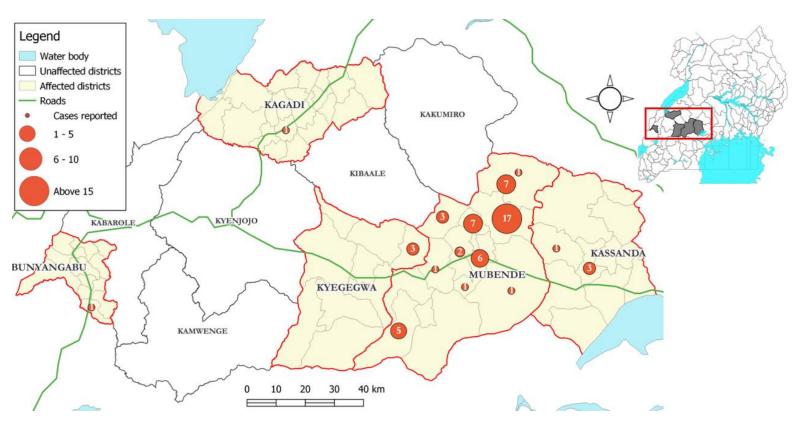


Figure 1: Epi curve showing confirmed cases, 17th October 2022

Figure 2: Geographical distribution of confirmed cases as of 17 October 2022



Affected Districts and their subcounties; Mubende District (11 subcounties), Kassanda District (2 subcounties), Kyegegwa District (1 subcounty), Kagadi District (1 subcounty), Bunyagabu District (1 subcounty)

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Summary of Confirmed Cases and probable deaths by Sub-County as of 17th October 2022 at 22:00 HRS

District	Sub-County	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths*
	Madudu	17	07	13
	Eastern Division	07	01	00
	Southern Division	06	03	00
Mubende	Bageza	01	01	01
	Western Division	02	01	00
	Kasambya	05	00	00
	Kibalinga	01	01	00
	Kiruuma	07	03	05
	Kitenga	01	00	00
	Butologo	01	01	00
	Kiyuni	03	03	00
Kyegegwa	Kasule	03	01	00
Kassanda	Kassanda	03	01	01
	Kalwana	01	00	00
Kagadi	Kagadi TC	01	01	00
Bunyangabu	Rwimi TC	01	00	00
Total		60	24	20

Data harmonisation is an on-going process as patient classification changes between admissions, recoveries and fatalities.

Contact Tracing, Alert Management and Laboratory summaries as of 17th October 2022 at 22:00 HRS

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Updated 17Oct22 at 22:00 hrs	MUB	KYE	FPC	KAS	KAG	KAK	KLA	BUN	Total	MUB	KYE	FPC	KAS	KAG	KAK	KLA	BUN	Total
Contacts listed	79	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	79	1521	58	3	52	23	59	118	48	1,882
Contacts completed 21 days of follow-up	496	0	0	26	0	0	-	0	522	642	48	0	24	0	30	3	0	747
Contacts under active follow-up	784	0	1	20	22	28	-	47	902	-	-		-	-			-	980
Contacts followed-up today (% follow-up rate)	762 (97)	0	1 (100)	20 (100)	22 (100)	28 (100)	-	47 (100)	778 (86)	-	-		-	-			-	-
Number of Contacts developing symptoms	2	0	0	0	0	1	-	0	3	-	-		-	-			-	-
Number of Contacts evacuated	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	-	-		-	-			-	-
Signals / Calls received	62	0	0	2	1	1	-	10	76									
Alerts received	32	0	0	2	1	1	-	10	46									
Alerts verified (%)	32 (100)	0	0	2 (100)	1 (100)	1 (100)	-	10 (100)	46 (100)	-	-		-	-			-	-
Alerts meeting suspect case definition	16	0	0	2	0	0	-	1	19	-	-		-	-			-	-
Alerts evacuated	14	0	0	3	0	0	-	0	17	-	-		-	-			-	
Samples collected	2	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	3	373	22	17	10	0	0	65	3	490

MUB- Mubende; KYE- Kyegegwa; FPC – Fort Portal City; KAS – Kassanda; KAG – Kagadi; KAK – Kakumiro; KLA – Kampala; BUN – Bunyangabu, KLA - Kampala

^{*}All probable deaths reported as occurring before 20th September 2022.

Actions to date

The Ministry of Health (MoH), Districts, and partners in Uganda are implementing several outbreak control interventions in Mubende and her surrounding districts to contain the disease spread. An overview of key activities is summarized below:

Response Pillar		Key Updates in the past 24 hours
Coordination		All sub-county task forces in Kassanda activated for EVD response
		Daily DTF meetings, partners meetings and pillar meeting held in all affected districts.
	•	Daily Greater Kampala Metropolitan Task force meetings continue daily with
		representation from Kampala Capital City, Wakiso and Mukono; briefing of senior political
Surveillance and	•	leadership in Kampala was completed Total contacts under follow up is 902. The follow up rate for contacts is at 97%
Contact tracing	•	All contacts from Kyegegwa have completed 21 day follow up with no new cases identified
Contact tracing		in the period.
	•	All the sub pillars i.e alerts management, case investigation, contact tracing, and active case
		search are active and continue to report daily
Laboratory	•	All laboratory results were returned within 6 hours in Mubende
	•	The internet connectivity at the Mobile Laboratory has been boosted to support uploading
		of results on RDS.
	•	14 laboratory staff, 5 DSFPs and one hub rider have been trained in sample collection,
		packaging, transportation, biosafety and biosecurity
Case	•	Entebbe Isolation is fully functional with 1 confirmed case admitted; onsite clinical
Management		laboratory is being equipped and functionalised to support patient management
	•	Mulago Isolation facility has been fully operationalised; currently admitted suspect cases
		and high risk contacts
	•	Two tents have been setup at Kiruddu Referral Hospital (Kampala) with support from
Emergency	•	WHO to support triage within the facility and isolation of suspect cases early The EMS system has been activated for the entire country
Medical Services	6	17 suspect cases were successfully evacuated as follows; (04) Interfacility, (03) Community
Wedical Services		to ETU, (05) Community to Emergency Department, (04) Community to ETU, (01)
		Community to Outpatient department.
	•	A total of seven ambulances have been deployed in Mubende district alone
	•	The GKMA EMS has been activated to support transfer of suspect cases as well as support
		continuity of essential health services
Infection	9	The monitoring of IPC measures in the ETU continues to be done daily
Prevention and	9	There are ongoing campaigns for IPC and WASH within 10 villages in Mubende District.
Control and	9	The sensitization of pupils and teachers at primary schools continues
WASH	•	Sensitization and IPC orientation has been done for the Police officers in Mubende
	•	municipality Mildmay and Mubende district team delivered supplies to Kirwanyi village that included 17
		hand washing stations, five (20-liter Jerricans of liquid soap), and 40-liters of hand sanitizer.
		These supplies were meant to support churches, mosques, markets, boda stages, schools,
		clinics, saloons, and restaurants.
Risk	•	The ten Community audio towers in Madudu and Kiruma sub counties continue to air out
Communication		messages on EVD.
	9	Three mobile public address systems were contracted to disseminate Ebola Virus Disease
		EVD) messages to the public in three divisions of Mubende Municipal council and
		approximately 100,000 people were reached through this strategy.
	6)	Over 3000 pieces of IEC materials (posters and fact sheets) in Luganda language were
		disseminated in the Municipality using the mobile public address system vehicles.
		Following an assessment to understand the level of EVD awareness, risk, and need for
		RCCE interventions at the gold mines in Kiruuma sub-country, it was discovered that there are high levels of EVD awareness, IEC materials were available and pinned up, and the
		risk perception of infection appeared to be low due to the site's lower population compared
		to that of the entire village
	•	Kaweri Coffee Plantation which has over 500 resident workers was visited and noted that
		information on EVD was well disseminated in all the 5 camps of the plantation. They have

Response Pillar	Key Updates in the past 24 hours
	 sufficient IEC resources. Additionally, there were hand washing stations available and often utilized at all access points, and the WHO recently taught the site's in-charge health facility on surveillance and alert reporting. 96 village health team members had been oriented on their roles in EVD outbreak and assigned them areas of responsibility in Kibalinga sub-county. The LCI chairperson, cultural leaders, VHTs, religious leaders, and councilor received EVD orientation from the Madudu Sub County task force.
Logistics	 There is adequate stock for laboratory test kits with additional reagents expected in the pipeline to support testing at Mubende mobile laboratory and UVRI A delivery of hand washing facilities was made to Kirwanyi TC. Play materials for children that are in isolation were delivered by UNICEF. Received a delivery of Chlorine, 90 buckets (45kg) from Redcross. National Medical Stores dispatched PPE for MRRH. Received a delivery of 40 hand washing facilities from SORAK. Received a delivery of 200 litres of sanitizer from Mild May Uganda WHO is supporting in provision of fuel and facilitation for surveillance teams in the Kampala area
Mental Health and Psychosocial Social Support	 Psychosocial support is currently being offered to 16 Clients at Madudu. Offered pre-counselling of the three children (8-year-old female, 12-year-old female, 5-year-old male) who were being evacuated from St. Paul Junior School Kilungi in Mubende Municipality. Post test counselling is being offered to all contacts with negative results. There is continued to support for counselling services to all patients at the ETU. There are efforts being made for relatives of the isolated people at the ETU to talk to with their family members; current efforts focus on phone calls The resettling of the discharged persons and negative suspect cases into their community continues.
Continuity of	Ministry of Health has deployed 20 ambulances in total to support the Emergency services
Essential Health	in Mubende region for both Ebola and continuity of essential services
Services	An additional 7 anticipated

Critical Challenges listed

- Some communities still exhibit a poor acceptance of EVD response, sometimes resulting in hostility to responders
- Families affected by Ebola are still stigmatized by the communities, EVD suspects and survivors still face rejection within the communities.

Key messages to the public

- People in the community should call an alert hotline or go to a health facility if they have symptoms (e.g., fever, headache, weakness, vomiting, bloody diarrhoea or urine, bleeding from body openings).
- © Current hotline numbers are: 0800200043 (Toll-free), 0762640374, 0762640379, 0708062203, 0702869375, 0708052008, 0762659215 (Not toll-free)
- Free alert SMS on **6767** starting with the 'ALERT' key word
- Ommunity should not fear people who have been discharged from the ETU and returned home.