**Situation Update on the Suspected Viral Haemorrhagic Fever in Gangura Payam, Yambio County, Western Equatoria, South Sudan**

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**Suspected Viral Haemorrhagic Fever in Gangura Payam, Yambio County**

#### Situation Update

- **On 7th December 2023,** an 18-year-old male from Kangura village in Gangura payam Yambio County developed illness characterized by generalized body weakness, headache, epigastric discomfort, fever, and vomiting.
- The patient was initially diagnosed with typhoid and put on treatment on the same day (7th December 2023).
- He completed the treatment with no improvement and instead developed vomiting with blood.
- The mother of the patient reported the development of the illness to health worker on the 21st of Dec 2023.
- Three other cases from Sakure and Bauskengbi with symptoms of vomiting blood were reported to have died prior to this suspected case. All cases were reported as community deaths.

#### What we have done as of 23 December 2023

**Coordination**
- WHO and the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) has provided operational and strategic guidance to the ongoing VHF preparedness and response.
- The Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) is put on Alert Mode to support the investigation and response.

**Surveillance, laboratory, and reporting**
- The sample from the suspected case was received by the NPHL on 22 December.
- Laboratory investigation was conducted, and the sample test negative for Ebola and Marburg. Differential testing is ongoing at the NPHL.
- Another laboratory sample is being shipped to UVRI for additional testing.

**Case management**
- The case is currently isolated at Gangura PHCC in a separate room.
- Contacts are listed and monitoring has been initiated.

**Logistic and supplies**
- Stock taking of PPEs at the state level conducted and distributed to health facilities.

#### Challenges

- Limited partners on the ground to support the response
- Follow-up of the listed contacts

#### Next steps

- Deployment of national rapid response Team (2 epidemiologists, 1 IPC, 1 Laboratory and 1 Safe and Dignified Burial)
- Daily meetings with partners and stakeholders on the ongoing investigation and response.

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