

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

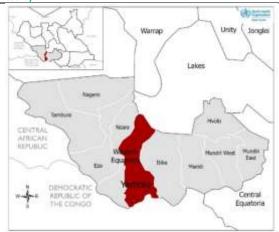
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Key Figures		
Number of new cases in the last 24 hours	0	
Number of new deaths in the last 24 hours	0	
Cumulative number of suspected cases	1	
Cumulative number of deaths	0	
Case fatality ration (C.F.R)	0	

## Sucpected Viral Haemorrhagic Fever in Gangura Payam, Yambio County



#### Partner presence

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Pillar	Partner supporting	
Coordination	MOH, WHO	
Surveillance	MOH, WHO & CGPP- WVI	
Case Management	МОН	
IPC/WASH	WHO, MOH	
RCCE	MOH, WHO & UNICEF	
SDB	МОН	

#### What we know as of 23 December 2023

- On 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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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