

EVD Preparedness and Cholera Update

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Status of Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as of 02 December 2018)

- The outbreak is still evolving.
- Cumulative cases **444** (**396** confirmed cases and **48** probable) with **260** deaths.
- A total of **41** health workers have been infected to date, including **12** deaths
- Over **22,000** contacts have been registered since the onset of the outbreak
- **38,821** vaccinated.
- CFR **59%**
- Major Challenges: Continued community reluctance, mistrust and insecurity in affected areas.

Localized EVD outbreak in the DRC

- The outbreak is affecting North Kivu and Ituri of DRC, which border Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan.
- Intense insecurity and a worsening humanitarian situation, causing people displacement and continuous movement of refugee to neighbouring countries, including Uganda, Burundi and Tanzania.
- WHO recently revised its risk assessment for the outbreak to very high(nationally) and low (Regionally).

CURRENT EVD SURVEILLANCE IN UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Monitoring of cross-border movements and traveller's entry screening using thermos-scanners and screening forms is ongoing:

- No EVD Case in URT
- No Report of EVD Suspected case in the week
- Ongoing Screening at the POEs.
- 10 Regions, 18 Districts, 23 POEs (Airports, Ports and Land borders)
- 711 travelers Screened from DRC

- 2 Alerts turned up to be False.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST WEEKS

Coordination

1. National Taskforce for Public Health Emergency meeting was held to review progress and plans to strengthen EVD preparedness in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, on 19/11/2018, Dar Es Salaam. **The following were the key agreed next steps:**
 - Maintain a data base for all the teams in the regions for EVD preparedness which can be mobilized within shortest time possible should an importation of EVD occur
 - Explore the possibility of conducting Ebola vaccination for frontline health workers
 - Finalize preparations for capacity building on EVD in the remaining five high priority regions and support preparedness activities in Pemba.
2. Supported preparations for EVD Simulation exercise and cross border Simulation Steering Group (SSG) meeting.
3. Facilitating preparations for the donors, partners resource mobilization meeting.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST WEEKS

Zanzibar

Supported TOT training on EVD risk communication and community engagement in Unguja and Pemba.

Thirty-five (35) national and district health promotion focal points were trained on RCCE approaches, facilitated to review the draft IEC materials on EVD and develop District Risk Communication Plans.

SITUATION UPDATE FOR CHOLERA

Date: 2nd December 2018, update # 1,083

- ❖ In the week 48 ending 2n December, four cases and zero deaths were reported from Momba DC in Songwe Region, making a cumulative of 33,214 cases including 550 deaths (CFR 1.7%) since August 2015
- ❖ Over a period of four weeks, 67 cases including including one death have been reported from two regions, Songwe (50 cases and one death) and Arusha Region 17 cases and zero deaths

CHOLERA UPDATES AND ACHIEVEMENT

- ❖ WHO supported data verification in Songwe Region from 11-25 November 2018, a mission which revealed gross under reporting of cases (189 cases and one death reported as backlog)
- ❖ RHMT and CHMT mentored on line listing and reporting of cholera cases as well as contact tracing
- ❖ WHO continue to advocate for early reporting and proper documentation of cases
- ❖ Continue provide support to districts which are reporting cases through regular conference calls
- ❖ Work with other partners to finalize country cholera elimination plan

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mainland

- Finalize preparations for capacity building of health teams on EVD surveillance and contact tracing; decontamination and Safe and Dignified Burials; Case Management and IPC; Risk communication and community engagement
- Printing and roll out of EVD Guidelines, SOPs and tools
- First Simulation Exercise Management Group meeting to be held on the 6-7 December 2018
- Finalize planning for Donors and Partners Resource Mobilization meeting
- Initiate procurement of Personal Protective Equipment

Zanzibar

- Finalization of the IEC materials for public education
- Strengthening coordination mechanism for Risk Communication and Community engagement activities
- Support public awareness activities through the TV/Radio and engagement of Shehia leaders including media and community groups

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