UNICEF EOC¹ - DRC Ebola Response
Nord-Kivu and Ituri. What has been done since 1 year (August 2018 - July 2019)

Population Nord-Kivu and Ituri²

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Ebola³

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Psychosocial

UNICEF provided lead support to the Government in the Psychosocial Commission based in Goma with sub-commissions in other areas in North Kivu and Ituri affected by the epidemic. The mobilization of psychosocial assistants (APS) and psychologists to provide direct and individualized support to Ebola affected children and families has been the key strategy of MHPSS response. The APS, as the backbone of the psychosocial response, represents an important contribution from the child protection sector in a public health response. This function has proved not only adept in creating trust and confidence with the families and communities affected - but also in facilitating access to them from other more sensitive areas of intervention like de-contamination, vaccination, safe and dignified burials (etc).

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WASH/IPC

The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) strategy, as part of EVD Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), aims to stop the spread of the disease through the provision of WASH in public and private health care facilities plus reinforcement of basic WASH services, which includes the provision of water and WASH kits and awareness raising of traditional practitioners hygiene promotion and provision of WASH kits in schools10, WASH in communities through mass outreach on hygiene promotion and the setup of handwashing stations/temperature check points in strategic transit locations, and joint supervision of health infrastructures to ensure that efficient and sustainable programmes of high quality are developed.

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Education⁶

The education strategy involves key EVD prevention measures on schools, including the mapping of schools to identify their proximity to a confirmed case and identification of schools in the affected health areas, training of educational actors (students, teachers, inspectors, school administration agents, head of educational provinces, parents’ association) on Ebola prevention.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

The spread of Ebola virus disease is due to inadequate social practices of members of the concerned communities on the one hand, and to unprotective professional behaviours of some actors in charge of the response pillars on the other. The objective of the RCCE is to identify and act on the determinants of these risk behaviours, and to promote behaviours that are conducive to preventing and stopping the epidemic. As individuals live within community and associative networks whose leaders influence their behaviour, community engagement and ownership of the response is the main foundation of RCCE’s interventions to ensure the sustainability of results.

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Social Science analysis Cell⁶

The social sciences section aims to increase the effectiveness, appropriateness and accountability of the Ebola response through social and behavioural sciences research. Social sciences research agenda and themes are based on specific programme objectives and often closely linked to epidemiological analysis and requests from technical commissions. Social sciences analyses support UNICEF programme teams and the overall response to better understand and engage the communities with which we work and to identify more appropriate and accountable public health interventions. UNICEF’s Social Sciences team contributes to the integrated Analysis Cell which includes Epidemiology and Social Sciences work.

¹Ebola Operation Center. ²Data from the 2014 DRC Statistical and Population Projection https://data.humdata.org/dataset/drc-statistiques-des-populations. ³Data from MasterLine database: Ministry of Health as of 31 July 2019. ⁴Of which 72 staff deployed for : Programmes, IM, Operations, Preparedness, Management, Health. ⁵The budgets mentioned range from SRP1 to SRP3 and do not take into account SRP4. ⁶The Education and Social Science budgets were financed by the C4D sector (RCCE) - Dashboard and documentaion link. ⁷The mentioned budget concerns Nutrition.
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**Psychosocial**

- **5,487** Children as confirmed or suspect case receiving psychosocial support inside the transit centers and ETCs
- **7,953** Affected families with confirmed, suspects, probable cases who received psychosocial assistance and/or material assistance
- **18,765** Contact persons, including children, who received psycho-social support
- **2,091** Separated children identified who received appropriate care and psycho-social support as well as material assistance
- **1,960** Orphans identified who received appropriate care and psycho-social support as well as material assistance
- **856** Psychologists and psychosocial agents trained and deployed to respond to the needs of affected children and families

**WASH**

- **2,162** Health facilities in affected health zones provided with essential WASH services
- **6,111** Community sites (port, market places, local restaurant, churches) with hand washing facilities in the affected areas
- **2,183** Target schools in high risk areas provided with handwashing facilities
- **11,679** Households of confirmed cases, contacts and neighbors of confirmed cases who received a hygiene and prevention kits with adequate messaging

**Education**

- **891,048** Students reached with Ebola prevention information in schools
- **42,310** < 23 months children caregivers who received appropriate counseling on IYCF in emergency
- **31,576** Frontline workers (RECO) in affected zones mobilized on ebola response and participatory community engagement approaches
- **151,704** Listed eligible people for ring vaccination informed of the benefits of the vaccine and convinced to receive the vaccine within required protocols

**Nutrition**

- **465** Less than 6 months children who cannot be breastfed and who receive ready-to-use infant formula in ETCs, nursery’s, orphanages and in the communities
- **6,334** Ebola patients who received nutrition support during treatment according to guidance note (disaggregated by age group)
- **151,704** Frontline workers (RECO) in affected zones mobilized on ebola response and participatory community engagement approaches
- **9,194** Households for which personalized house visits was undertaken to address serious misperception about Ebola, refusals to secure burials or resistance to vaccination

**RCCE**

- **52,685** Members of influential leaders and groups reached through advocacy, community engagement and interpersonal communication activities. (CAC, religious/traditional leaders, opinion leaders, educators, motorists, military, journalists, indigenous group leaders, special populations, and adolescents)
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Sources: UNICEF, Ministry of Health July 2019. *The target numbers has been changed in relation to the evolution of the epidemic. **XX% of planned targets were met*
UNICEF EOC - DRC Ebola Response - Epidemiological data
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EVD: Spatio-temporal evolution of the number of confirmed cases since August 2018. Sources: Ministry of Health - DRC (MasterLine DB - Epidemiology unit, July 31, 2019)

Cumulated cases as of 31st July 2019

- **Confirmed cases**: 2,749
- **Deaths**: 1,813

**Legend**
- International boundaries
- Lakes
- **Health zones affected (26)**
  - Total confirmed cases
    - 1 - 10
    - 11 - 35
    - 36 - 75
    - 76 - 200
    - 201 - 400
    - 401 - 640

**Confirmed cases**
- **Females**: 1,520 (55%)
- **Males**: 1,149 (42%)
- **Children**: 745 (27%)
- **Children <5 years old**: 426 (57% of the Children)

Sources MoH - WHO as of 31 July 2019.

Interactive dashboard link

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9The total of confirmed cases include 80 sex unspecified (3%).
11Sources MoH - WHO as of 31 July 2019.