



While their mother was isolated in the Ebola center, Christian and Jean-Pierre were being cared for at a UNICEF-supported nursery

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EBOLA
Situation Report # 8
Period covered:
29 November-16 December 2021

Epidemiological Situation
(as of 16 December 2021)

11 cases (7F, 4M)



8 confirmed cases

3 probable cases

9 deaths (3 probable)



2 persons recovered



82 % case fatality



6 cases of children under 5 years
(4 confirmed, 2 probable) (55%)



1 province affected



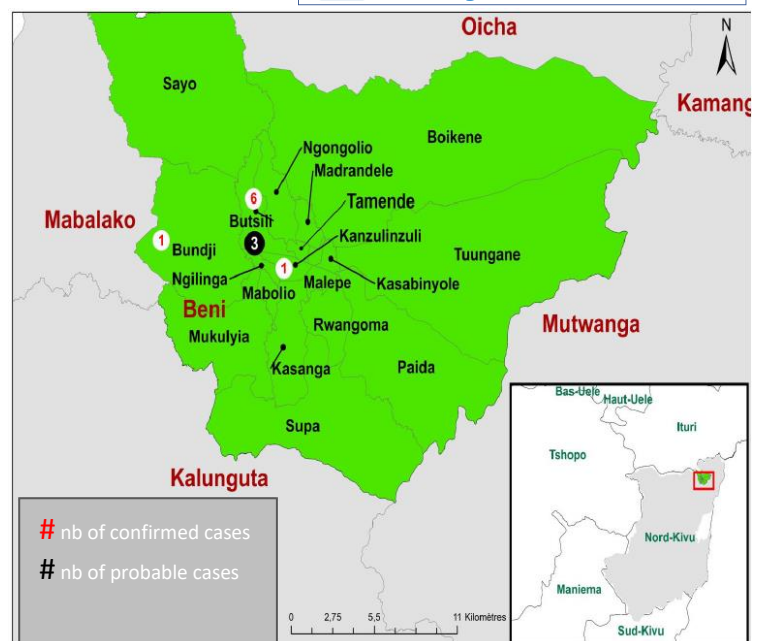
46 days since the last patient was discharged

Highlights

- On 16 December 2021, the end of the 13th Ebola outbreak was declared by the Minister of Public Health, 46 days after the last confirmed case was discharged from Beni's Ebola Treatment Center
- 100% of the Community Action Cells (CACs) in the Beni health zone were operational, reaching 191,061 households and raising 3,964 community alerts
- Community feedback was jointly collected and analyzed to improve engagement strategies in all commissions. A total of 1,786 feedbacks were collected and 12 recommendations implemented.
- The excavation of latrine pits (16 doors) was launched in four priority health facilities
- A fire totally burnt down the crèche in Beni on the evening of 10 December. No human damage but most of the equipment and supplies stored have been destroyed; investigations are still underway to determine the origin of the fire

Situation Overview

- As of 16 December 2021, eight cases (5 female and 3 male) have been confirmed, the last case reported on 30 October 2021. Three deaths from September 2021 have been validated as probable cases (3 deaths including 2 female children under 5 years old and 1 adult)
- The cases have been reported from three Health Areas Butsili, Ngilinga and Bundji within the Beni Health Zone.
- 9 people have died (3 probable, 6 confirmed) and 2 adults have been successfully treated and left the Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) on 5 November 2021.
- As of 16 December 2021, children under 5 represent 55% of all cases (5 female and 1 male).
- Since the beginning of the vaccination activities, 1,876 people have been vaccinated, including 656 with the rVSV-ZEBOV-GP vaccine (from Oct. 13 to Nov. 19) and 1,220 first-line people with the ERVEBO vaccine (Nov. 25 to Dec. 15)
- All contacts lost for a follow-up were either found or exited after 42 days



Ministry of Public Health, 16 December 2021

UNICEF's Response

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)/Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH)

UNICEF in collaboration with its partners:

- Monitoring of and support provided to 83 priority healthcare facilities
- Provision of water to 45 public handwashing points in the health areas of Mabolio, Paida, Kanzuli, Mabakanga, Kasanga and Tamende and at the Control Points of Mukulya, Kyanzaba, Mavivi and Pasisi.
- Briefing of 60 health care providers and 40 hygienists on IPC/WASH and ownership of post-response activities
- Launched the excavation of latrine pits (16 doors) in 4 priority facilities.
- Co-cleaning of the Carl Becker Hospital, the Family Hospital and the Mabakanga Hospital.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- Contribute to the preparation of the ceremony organized on the 16 december for the declaration of the end of the 13th Epidemic
- In Beni health zone: 100% of the Community Action Cells (CAC) (295 out of 295) were operational. They visited a total of 191,061 households and 3,964 community alerts were received.
- In Mabalako health zone, 99% CACs (151 out of 153) are now operational. They visited 11,307 households and raised 1,910 alerts.
- 1,891 people, including 1022 women 316 children, reached through dialogues and briefings in the Mabalako Health Zone.

UNICEF in collaboration with its partners:

- Launched a survey to understand communities' perceptions and perspectives on the RCCE activities, their knowledge and information preferences, including on trusted channels and sources for making complaints and provide feedback developed
- Organized a working session:
 - with 12 nurses on the prevention of nosocomial infections, based on the results of the CASS study and the two communication materials pre-tested by health facility providers with IPC collaboration
 - with 68 people, including 62 women members of support groups for pregnant and breastfeeding women on appropriate childcare
- Organized dialogues and briefings in the Mabalako H reaching 1,891 people, including 1022 women and 316 children
- Briefed the radio producers to discuss challenges and adjust their program planning; 10 community radio stations, including 6 in Beni and 4 in Mabalako, continued to broadcast messages on the prevention of MVE, vaccination and protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA); 04 interactive programs were active on community-based surveillance and MVE prevention on partner radio stations
- Promoted of the new [online library](#) (of the RCCE Commission, open to other actors of the response, to facilitate information sharing and management

Community Feedback Analysis Session:

- Week 49 to 50: a total of 1,786 feedbacks were collected and analyzed. Main feedbacks: 1. Ebola and its consequences (Questions), 2. response process, 3. vaccine, 4. criticism and observations to the response.
- 12 recommendations implemented: analysis of feedback and package of Questions&Answers and key messages adjusted and shared with media, community structures and actors

Health and Nutrition

- 2 children (M :0; F :2) were followed at the Crèche before the fire happened
- 63 patients (M: 24; F: 39) were fed according to their age phases, including 3 children, 10 of whom were children under 23 months of age
- 23 patients (M :3; F :20) accompanying persons counselled on infant and young child feeding (IYCF)

- 2 children (M: 0; F: 2) on breast milk substitute
- Inventory of stocks (materials and others) at the level of the isolation's centers
- 451 ReCo (M :243; F :208) members of the CACs were briefed on the practices of IYCF in an emergency context (), including 163 (M :86; F: 77) in the health zone of Kalunguta HZ (health area of Vurondo, Mbilinga, Kabasha, Kyavisogho, Kahamba, Maboya) and 288 (M :157; F :131) in Beni HZ, AS Butsili, Rwangoma, Tamende, Boikene and Supa) under the support of CEAPRONUT
- 1480 (10H, 1470F) members of support groups formed in Maboya, Kalunguta, Kabasha, Kivetsya, Mataba, Lisasa, Butuhe and Amani Kisungu in the Kalunguta HZ

Psychosocial Support and Child Protection

UNICEF in collaboration with its partners supported:

Psychosocial workers in the community:

- 35 children monitored and psychologically supported, including 4 (4f) orphans and 31 separated children (17g and 14f).
- 206 family members affected, including 2 healed and psychologically supported, among them 29 received food kits.
- 408 suspect cases psychologically prepared for the investigations; 94 negative results announced of which 63 after the swab.
- 30 PPL (care providers) of which 11 women received psychological support to overcome resistance and for the vaccination uptake

Psychosocial workers at the Ebola Treatment Centre and isolation centers:

- 69 suspect cases psychologically supported at the ETC and isolation centers including (15g, 20f, 16H and 18F).
- 250 visitors and accompanying persons psychologically supported.
- 1 child (f) psychologically supported at the nursery.

Psycho-education support

- 220 psycho-education sessions in favor of 1,833 participants on the different themes related to MVE in the health centers

Capacity building

- Training of 40 actors (including 19 women) dedicated to the psychosocial care of individuals and families affected by the MVE

Gender Based Violence/ Gender/PSEA

- Continued community activities reinforcing the PSEA referral pathways at community level
- Participation in the workshop for the evaluation of PSEA activities in the response to the 13th Ebola epidemic and reinforcement of an action plan with a focus on community engagement and community complaint systems

Integrated Outbreak Analytics (IOA)

- The IOA Cell has been working closely with the WASH-IPC commission to develop an evidence-based roadmap to address barriers in IPC perceptions and practice at the healthcare facility level.
- Together with the MoH a final report summarizing all major CAI activities was developed and is being reviewed by all partners.

UNICEF Response Plan & Funding Overview

On 26 October, UNICEF published response plan for an initial three months for an estimated 4.39 M\$. Through a community-based approach, the response plan targeted in priority the health zone affected by EVD and surrounding health zones and contributed to the response plan developed by the Government of DRC.

UNICEF initially allocated US\$ 835,000 of its core funding as well as funding received from the Regional Office to meet critical first line needs. Thanks to the generous contribution of SIDA through flexible funds, UNICEF was able to recover US\$595,000 of the frontloaded core fundings

As the outbreak is now officially over, UNICEF has developed a post Ebola 90 days plan of action for a total of 3.3 M\$ to consolidate the achievements of the Ebola response, maintain a strong epidemiological vigilance, draw lessons of the activities conducted during the response, identify good practices for the future and contribute to the resilience of the health system.

More than ever, UNICEF needs flexible and timely funding to respond where the need is greatest as the outbreak evolves.



External Media

UNICEF reported on the declaration of the [end of the Ebola outbreak](#) on 16 December on its [social media channels](#) and [issued a press release](#). During the reporting period, digital activities focused on [prevention measures](#), [awareness-raising activities in the communities](#) and [care of separated children](#). Following the [fire that destroyed the nursery, UNICEF communicated quickly to provide initial information](#).

Multimedia material is available on [WeShare](#).

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