

## UNICEF UGANDA

### Ebola Virus Diseases (EVD) Update- 07 October 2022



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**Sensitization of Teachers and Learners during the world Teachers day District Celebration at Kassenyi Church of Uganda**

#### Situation Overview

Uganda Ministry of Health (MoH) **declared the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) - Sudan strain outbreak on September 20, 2022**, following a positive test result for one adult male in **Mubende district**. The case was locally developed, not imported. Onset date for the outbreak is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

#### Key Highlights

- EVD infections have so far been confirmed in five districts of Kagadi, Mubende, Kyegegwa, Kassanda and Bunyangabu.
- The epicentre continues to be Mubende district with 36 confirmed cases.
- An additional 16 districts<sup>1</sup> are at high risk whereas the rest of the districts<sup>2</sup> in Uganda are categorized as moderate risk.
- Surveillance teams from MoH have been deployed in all at risk districts.
- There is currently one operational Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) at Mubende RRH and a specialized facility to handle health worker cases at Jmedic facility in Fort Portal district<sup>3</sup>.

#### Summary cases

Summary of cases in Mubende, Kyegegwa, Kassanda, Kagadi and Bunyangabu districts	Number
Cumulative cases	64 (confirmed 44 and probable-20)
Children under 18 among confirmed cases	7 (16%)
Cumulative deaths	28 (confirmed 10 and 18 probable)
Case Fatality Rate among confirmed cases	22.7%
Cumulative recoveries	7
Cumulative Health Worker infections	10 (4 deaths)
Cumulative number of contacts listed	878
Follow up rate of contacts	82%

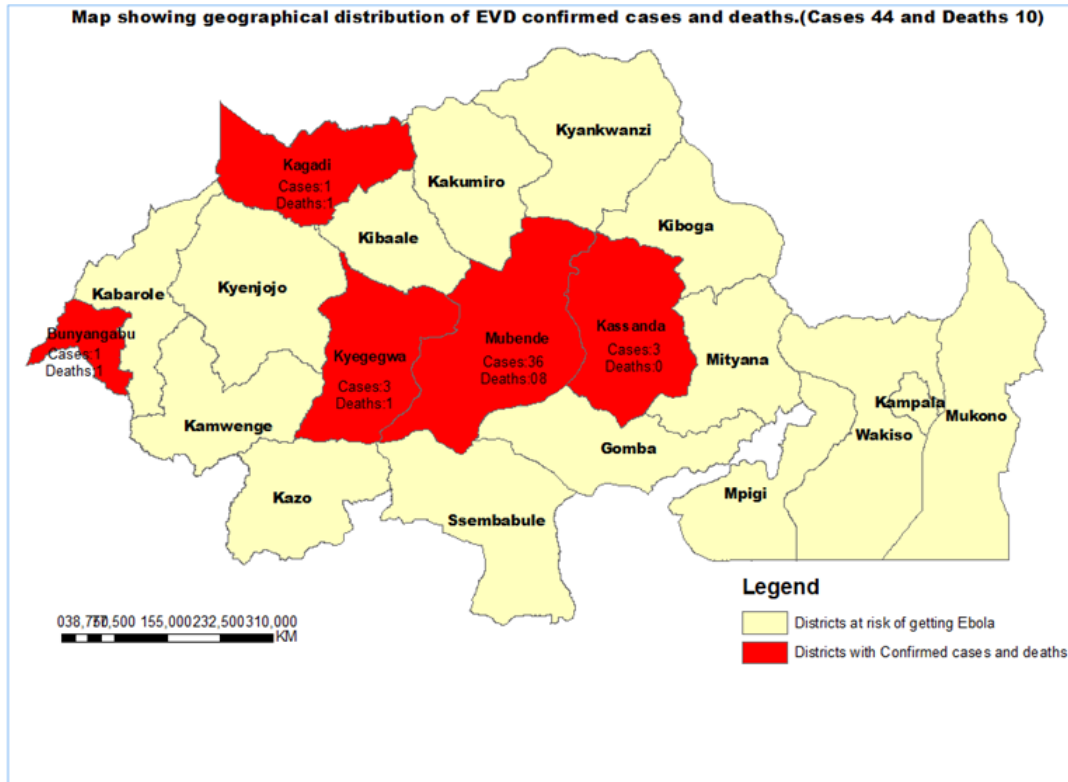
**Table 1: Summary statistics of EVD outbreak in Uganda as of 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**

<sup>1</sup> Kakumiro, Mityana, Mpigi, Kampala, Kiboga, Kibaale, Kyankwanzi, Gomba, Sembabule, Kazo, Wakiso, Kyenjojo, Kabarole, Kamwenge, Fort Portal City, Mukono, Kamwenge

<sup>2</sup> 125 remaining districts as per the current UBOS 2023 Population Projections

<sup>3</sup> Entebbe and Naguru ETUs have been activated in Kampala

- On-site mobile testing laboratory was deployed in Mubende with six hours turnaround time for samples.
- Daily National and District Task Force (NTF/DTF) meetings are on-going.
- The response is coordinated by a multi-stakeholder National Task Force (NTF) co-chaired by MoH and WHO. UNICEF provides support to both national and district level Task Forces.



## UNICEF immediate response

UNICEF response is focusing on Infection Prevention Control (IPC)/WASH, Risk Communication Community Engagement (RCCE), Nutrition for children admitted in ETU, Child Protection/MHPSS, continuity of essential health services. UNICEF has so far invested US\$500,000 out of which US\$ 95,662 worth supplies<sup>4</sup> have been dispatched to 14 districts<sup>5</sup> as of 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## WASH

- UNICEF is constructing a water supply system at Madudu HCIII in Mubende district.
- Seven water tanks (10,000 litres) were installed estimated to benefit about 1,000 people with safe water access.
- 10 mobile toilets were installed at Mubende Regional Referral Hospital (RRH) and Madudu sub-county.
- UNICEF has delivered WASH/IPC supplies to Mubende District Local Government (DLG) and Mubende RRH.
- The IPC supplies are estimated to benefit about 2,567 patients at the RRH for four months and 25 health facilities in the DLG for three months.
- A WASH needs assessment is ongoing in 5 hot spot districts including in schools.

<sup>4</sup> Personal protective equipment (PPE), Information Education materials (IEC), WASH and hygiene materials

<sup>5</sup> Mubende, Kakumiro, Gomba, Kampala, Kassanda, Kazo, Kiboga, Kyankwazi, Kyegegwa, Mityana, Mpigi, Mukono, Ssembabule, Wakiso

## Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- UNICEF is co-chairing together with the MoH the Risk Communication Social Mobilization and Community Engagement (RCSM-CE) sub-committee on EVD.
- UNICEF is supporting the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) to implement community sensitization in eight districts<sup>6</sup>. Additional six<sup>7</sup> at risk districts will be covered through the partnership with Lutheran World Foundation (LWF) (Mityana, Mpigi, Mukono, Kampala, Wakiso and Kyenjojo)
- 3,945 stakeholders<sup>8</sup> were oriented on EVD and their roles in EVD prevention, surveillance and management.
- RCCE messaging is currently airing through 23 radio stations (several with national coverage) and three televisions.
- Dissemination of awareness messages (signs, symptoms, and prevention measures) is on-going through U-report.
- IEC materials worth US\$85,691 - posters, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), banners and job aides have been delivered to affected districts<sup>9</sup>.
- UNICEF has provided 40 mega-phones to support community mobilization in Mubende.
- MoH Call centre team is providing daily updates and responding to queries shared by the public through the U-report dashboard.
- Mubende district is being supported to conduct grassroot RCCE mobilization and talk shows in the district.
- 10 vehicles have been provided to MoH to support RCCE activities in the affected districts.

## MHPSS/Child Protection

- UNICEF partner, Butabika Hospital is providing MHPSS services in ETU in Mubende and designated isolation units in Kyegegwa and Kassanda.
- UNICEF providing technical support to Probation, Social and Welfare Officers (PSWOs) in affected districts to enable support to the EVD response.
- PSWOs have visited families in communities affected by EVD, including those where children that were temporarily separated with the PSS team.
- With UNICEF support, guidance on child friendly ETUs was developed and shared with the lead of the clinical sub-pillar for pillar review and clearance.
- UNICEF supported a mapping of para-social workers in Kyegegwa district; this will guide the selection and training of para-social workers on basic Psychosocial Support (PSS)

## Education

- With UNICEF support, the Ministry of Education and Sports has issued a circular to District Education Departments and Heads of Education Institutions to ensure schools have necessary supplies, link to Ebola surveillance alert toll free lines and reactivation of existing school surveillance task forces.

## Additional assistance

- 15 vehicles to support surveillance/contact tracing.
- Support for data management using GoData tool
- 10 computer tablets delivered to MoH to support reporting in Madudu and Mubende RRH treatment centers to prevent and control infections.

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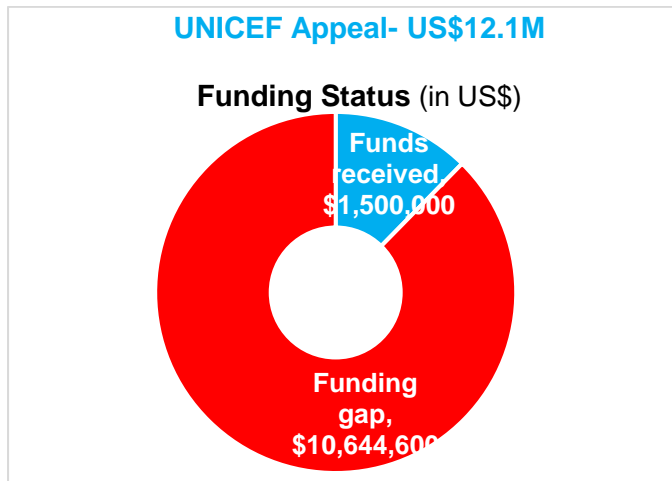
<sup>7</sup> Mityana, Mpigi, Mukono, Kampala, Wakiso and Kyenjojo

<sup>8</sup> 40 District leaders and councillors, 393 sub-county leaders, 136 VHTs, 13 boda boda riders, 656 teachers, 1,615 students, health assistants, uniformed personnel ((Army, police, prisons)

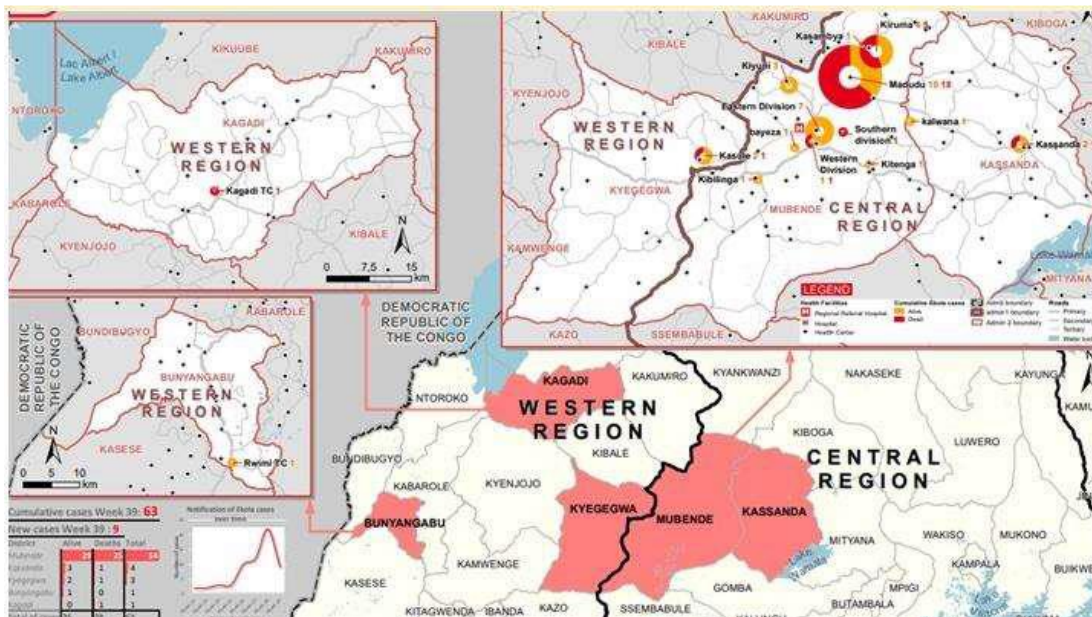
<sup>9</sup> Materials are in English and three local languages - Luganda, Runyoro, Rutooro, Runyankore, Rukiga

## Funding Overview

UNICEF is appealing for US\$12.1M as per the six months costed EVD response plan in line with national Government plan. UNICEF expresses its sincere gratitude to USAID for their timely contribution of US\$1M to the response. This is in addition to an initial internal allocation of US\$ 500,000 that was made by HQ<sup>10</sup> which leaves a total funding gap of US\$ 10.6M<sup>11</sup>.



Map 2 showing geographical distribution of affected and neighboring districts that are at very high risk.



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<sup>10</sup> Allocation of Humanitarian Thematic Funds from HQ

<sup>11</sup> To meet immediate EVD response needs, the Country Office reprogrammed internal resources (US\$500,000) to procure urgent emergency supplies, support national and district programming, RCCE, Education and MHPSS services.