

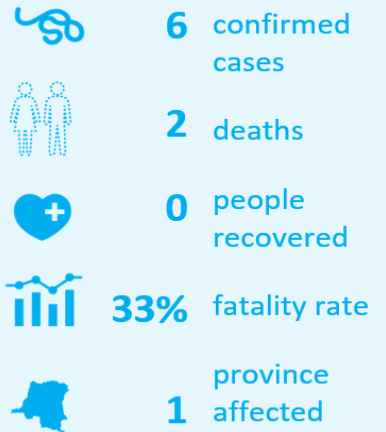


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**EBOLA**  
Situation Report #3  
15-19 February 2021

**Epidemiological situation**

(as of 19 February 2021)



**Overview**

- As of 19 February, there were 6 confirmed Ebola cases and 2 deaths in the Health Zones of Biena, Katwa and Musienene. The last two cases, a 20-year-old male student and a 37-year-old man, were all contacts of the first case who passed away on 3 February.
- Two children under 5 are among other suspected cases.
- A second, larger batch of UNICEF supplies arrived in Butembo on 17 February. The 204 cubic meter shipment contained disinfection equipment, including chlorine sprayers, detergents, protective equipment, boots, face shields, coveralls and aprons. Equipment was also provided for the Ebola Treatment Centre, such as mattresses, tables, soap, buckets, taps, and two 1000-litre water tanks.

**UNICEF's Response**



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

**In Biena Health Zone:**

- Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies (personal protective materials, disinfecting products, safe waste disposal containers and water storage tanks) were distributed to a Health Centre (FOSA);
- Pharmacy owners were briefed on infection prevention and control in the Masoya, Bombi and Musenge Health Areas.

**In Katwa Health Zone:**

- Gloves were distributed to 5 Health Centres (FOSA);
- 3 reservoirs (2 with 5,000-liter capacity and one with 10,000-litre capacity) were distributed to the Ebola Treatment Centre;
- 74 healthcare providers were briefed on respiratory hygiene, how to prepare a 0.05% and 0.5% chlorine solution (for disinfection) and on properly filling in the triage register.



**In Musienene Health Zone:**

- UNICEF supported the disinfection of the Intensive Care Unit inside Musienene General Hospital;
- IPC supplies were distributed to 3 Health Centres (FOSA);
- 21 healthcare providers were briefed on respiratory hygiene, how to prepare a 0.05% and 0.5% chlorine solution (for disinfection), and on properly filling in the triage register.

**Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)****In Katwa Health Zone:**

- Community Action Cells (CAC) members visited 819 households, reaching 3,799 people in total with Ebola awareness messages;
- The CAC relayed 76 community alerts of possible Ebola cases and conducted 5 educational talks on Ebola prevention, reaching a total of 92 people, including 19 care providers;
- 11 community radio stations have broadcast messages on Ebola prevention and vaccination.

**In Biema Health Zone:**

- The CACs raised awareness on Ebola prevention among 38 people at the Pombi roundabout, as well as among 46 women at the ante-natal clinics at the Anuarité and Mambowa Health Centres;
- CAC members visited 208 households, reaching 1,040 people in total with Ebola awareness messages;
- CAC members conducted educational talks on Ebola prevention with 28 young people in Pombi, 24 construction workers at the Ebola Treatment Centre in Masoya and 18 mechanics at the Kakule garage in Mambowa;
- CAC members conducted 124 interpersonal consultations on case confirmation;
- CAC members briefed 10 pharmacy owners on disease surveillance.

**Health and Nutrition**

In collaboration with National Programme on Nutrition (PRONANUT), UNICEF has provided nutrition support to 5 patients (2 confirmed and 3 suspected Ebola cases), and to a 4 month-old child (suspected case) who has been put on breast milk substitute.

**Psychosocial Support and Child Protection****In Biema Health Zone:**

- Psychologists trained by UNICEF provided individualized support to 4 suspect cases currently in isolation, 3 cases who were discharged (they tested negative), and 4 families of the confirmed cases.

**In the Katwa Health Zone:**

- A temporary space for children separated from their parents is operational next door to the Ebola Treatment Centre in Matanda;
- Psychologists provided individualized support to 5 contacts at the Matanda Hospital; they also provided support to 5 people who opposed the admission of a suspect case to the Ebola Treatment Centre;
- Psychologists prepared 7 members of three families to receive an Ebola test;
- 42 people received psychological counselling in preparation for the bio-cleaning of Matanda Hospital.

**Coordination**

- UNICEF participated in response coordination meetings held by the North Kivu Provincial Department of Health;

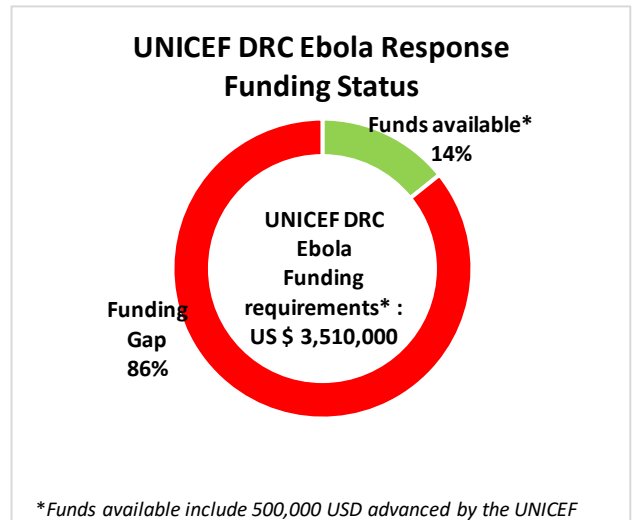
- A partner organization, International Medical Corp (IMC) has committed to install a 72 square-meter tent for children separated from their parents;
- UNICEF has presented its strategy to the Katwa Head of Division and the Chief Zone Doctor;
- Partners are currently discussing how to integrate and operationalize Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse strategies as well as activities within different pillars of the Ebola response including ways to strengthen the capacity of concerned parties.



### Funding Overview

In response to the reappearance of Ebola in North Kivu, UNICEF has estimated that 3.51 million is required for an immediate response (3 months) within its areas of responsibility.

UNICEF has already allocated US\$ 500,000 to meet critical needs until additional funding is secured. But more than ever, UNICEF needs flexible and timely funding to respond where the need is greatest as the epidemic evolves.



### External Media

The communication team published a total of 13 posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) since the [announcement of new Ebola cases in North-Kivu province](#), reaching more than 100,000 people on Facebook alone. New multimedia material was uploaded on [WeShare](#) and is freely available for media.

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