

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN UGANDA
NTF Situation Report (sitrep No 20) as at 10.00 Hrs; 10th January 2008
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1. Situation in the Field:

- The Ebola outbreak is on the decline, no new case has been reported since 3rd January 2008 and no patients are admitted in any of the two isolation units in Bundibugyo district. The last patients in the Isolation units were discharged on 8th January 2008.
- Close down plans are underway, Kikyo Isolation unit is temporarily closed, and Bundibugyo Isolation unit will retain a skeleton staff.
- Contact tracing, social mobilization and psycho social support are still on going.

2. Laboratory and Surveillance:

- No more alerts reported in the communities for the last 3 days
- To date a cumulative total of 149 cases with 37 deaths have been reported (Case Fatality rate of 24.8%) while 37 were laboratory confirmed. 14 of the confirmed cases died.
- Contact tracing is still on going, with a cumulative total of 804 contacts, 223 are still under follow up. 152 contacts were followed up yesterday they are all in good health. Priority is being given to follow-up of contacts to confirmed cases because of fuel scarcity.
- No laboratory samples were collected yesterday. The cumulative laboratory samples collected to date is still 134.
- The MoH/ CDC team doing the extended epidemiological investigations has so far investigated 43 cases and obtained 30 samples. In total 79 known cases are remaining for follow-up.

3. Case Management and Infection Control:

- There are no inpatients in both Bundibugyo and Kikyo isolation unit
- Plans to train all health workers in the country on universal standard infection control precautions is underway by the MOH and other partners, training will also focus on highly contagious diseases like Ebola and Marburg.

4. Coordination – Collaboration:

- The NTF will hold a meeting today 10th January 2008, the exit plans will be discussed in this meeting.
- The NTF will conduct the usual weekly visit to Bundibugyo tomorrow the 11th January 2007
- The District task force continues to hold meetings on a daily basis.

5. Logistics:

- MoH has finalized plans for procurement and distribution of PPEs to all health facilities in the country.

6. Social mobilization, media and psycho social support:

- The social mobilization teams have continued with sensitization of communities on Ebola in communities in Bundibugyo district.
- The field psychosocial intervention group has reached out to 80 families and 325 individuals. The main problems noted include, stigma, lack of school fees to support the orphans,

7. Travel advice:

- There is no travel restriction to the affected district or Western Uganda in general as this disease is transmitted through direct contact with an Ebola patient or contact with body fluids from an infected person.

8. Challenges:

- Bundibugyo district is still hit by the fuel crisis affecting the follow up of contacts, psychosocial support and social mobilization activities.