

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN UGANDA
NTF Situation Report (sitrep No 21) as at 10.00 Hrs; January 15, 2008
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1. Situation in the Field:

- The Ebola outbreak is under control with no new case being 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 January 8, 2008.
- Contact tracing, social mobilization and psycho social support are still on going.
- Kikyoo Isolation unit is temporarily closed; Bundibugyo Isolation unit will remain open with skeleton staff to attend to any alerts.
- International partners are scaling down the number of staff in the field due to reduced activities, capacity building and handover to local staff continues according to the exit strategy.

2. Laboratory and Surveillance:

- 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, 115 are still under follow up. 112 contacts were followed up yesterday they are all in good health.
- All contacts of positive cases completed follow up on January 13, 2008
- No new laboratory samples were collected. The cumulative laboratory samples collected to date remains 134.
- The MoH/ CDC team doing the extended epidemiological investigations has so far investigated 72 cases, with a cumulative total of 39 laboratory collected samples. 53 known cases were remaining for follow up

3. Case Management and Infection Control:

- There are no inpatients in Bundibugyo isolation unit. The one in Kikyoo has been closed.

4. Coordination – Collaboration:

- The NTF conducted the weekly visit to Bundibugyo on the 11th January 2007, held a meeting with DTF to discuss the exit strategy.
- The NTF held a meeting today January 15, 2008.
- The NTF will meet weekly with effect from next week; and the sitrep will also be produced weekly.
- The District task force continues to hold meetings on a daily basis.

5. Logistics:

- Procurement of infection control supplies and PPEs for all health facilities nationwide is being undertaken by the MoH.
- Registration process of the procured motorcycles ongoing.
- The radio communication equipment from WHO/DRC for use in the hard to reach mountainous areas arrived in the country.
- Documenting the overall logistical input by all partners towards the Ebola response is in progress.

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 82 families and 344 individuals. The main problems noted include, stigma and 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:

- The fuel crisis continues to affect the out break control measures (follow up of contacts, psychosocial support and social mobilization activities) in Bundibugyo district.