



WFP Uganda Ebola Virus Disease Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

As of **4th November 2022**, the country marks 46 days of response to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak since the first case was confirmed on 19th September 2022.

There are still **seven affected districts** in Uganda - Mubende, Kassanda, Kagadi, Bunyangabu, Kyegegwa, Wakiso, and Kampala—all with confirmed EVD cases.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) now reports **131 confirmed cases** and a further 21 probable cases. This is now one of the **largest EVD outbreaks in Ugandan history**. On a positive note, there hasn't been a chain of transmission in Kampala since 14 cases were reported there last week. This indicates that contact tracing for EVD is effective since patients are now being identified in the earlier phase of the illness.

To date, there are **46 confirmed deaths**, **49 recoveries**, and **18 infections among healthcare workers**. A **21-day lockdown** has been in place in the Mubende and Kassanda districts since 15th October, and since 27th October in the Kagadi, Kyegegwa, and Bunyangabu districts.

This week, WFP dispatched **five additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs)** – **two** to Mubende and **three** to Kassanda for storage and staff working space.

WFP is commencing food assistance to **7,500 affected people with distributions starting next week**.

The WFP EVD response plan requires **US\$ 6.2 million** and presently has a **funding gap of 84.6 percent**.

IN NUMBERS

131	21
Confirmed cases	Probable cases
46	20
Confirmed deaths	Probable deaths
49	7
Recovered	Districts affected
20	
High-risk districts including Kampala and Wakiso	
25	
Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) provided	
6	
Trucks provided to MoH and WHO	
2,737	
Square meters of storage space provided	
1,237	
Cubic meters of PPEs and medical kits transported	

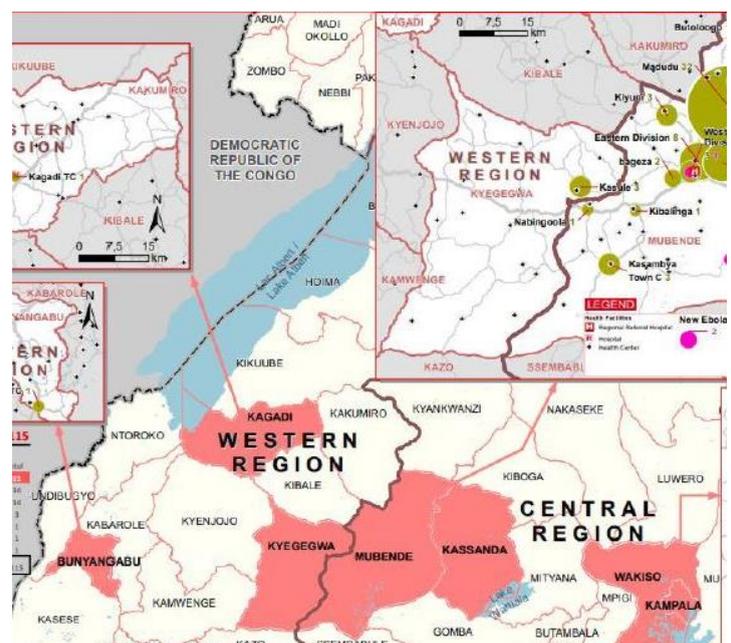
SITUATION UPDATE

Despite increase in the number of EVD cases, the current probability that citizens, expatriates, or tourists living in or traveling to EVD-affected areas of Uganda will be exposed to the virus is very low, if they adhere to the recommended precautionary measures.

The Ugandan government is carrying out community-based surveillance and active case finding. An on-site mobile laboratory has been established in Mubende and risk communication activities are ongoing in all affected districts. Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), WHO, and other partners have teams in Uganda to support the coordination of the response.

There are no licensed vaccines against the Sudan ebolavirus, and there is no available data on the level of cross-protections. The availability of a vaccine was proven to be very helpful in control of the previous outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This unavailability of vaccines will be an additional challenge in the control of this outbreak.



Map showing the 7 districts in the Western Region of Uganda with EVD spread

Government Response:

The Government and partners have set up three Ebola Treatment facilities in Mubende District which include a 42-bed capacity Ebola treatment facility at the Mubende Regional Referral Hospital (RRH), a 42-bed capacity Ebola Treatment Facility at the district Works Grounds, and a treatment facility at the original outbreak epicentre – an eight-bed capacity facility for suspected cases under investigation.

There are two permanent treatment facilities in Mulago National Referral Hospital with a 120-bed capacity, and Entebbe National Isolation Centre with a 67-bed capacity facility including eight Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds. This is where all current Kampala Metropolitan confirmed cases are being managed.

MoH with support from partners is setting up an additional treatment facility at the Mulago Sports Field. This 64-bed capacity facility will be built in two phases over a period of four weeks. With completion of this facility, MoH will have 351 beds available for the treatment of confirmed cases. Furthermore, open spaces have been identified to set up more tents should the need arise.

In the previous week, the Office of the Prime Minister dispatched food commodities to Mubende District Local Government and Mubende Municipality respectively. The food is being distributed to different EVD-affected categories at household level. The food basket includes Beans and Maize flour (1st class) with a ration size of 10kgs (Maize flour) and 5kgs (Beans) per household. Special increased rations are for households directly impacted by the EVD i.e., fatalities, quarantined, isolated, or directly constrained.

WFP Response

The field teams are harmonising the beneficiary list for contacts that can be used for the upcoming dry ration distribution to be implemented by the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS). WFP will provide food for **7,500 people** across the affected districts. At the request of MoH, WFP is also taking over the provision of prepared meals to the EVD patients within treatment units, as well as to on-duty health workers.

It is already clear that this outbreak is not ending anytime soon. WFP is therefore revising its ‘Concept of Operations’, envisaging a six-month operations stretching into 2023, with provisions for assistance to communities undergoing protracted lockdowns.

LOGISTICS

This week, WFP dispatched **five** additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) – two to Mubende and three to Kassanda for storage and staff working space. To date, **1,100 square meters** of storage space has been provided in Mubende and **528 square meters** in Kassanda.

WFP has also supported MoH with **74 chairs, six refrigerators, six freezers, 24 fans, and six Air Conditioning Units** to enhance the working conditions for the EVD response team. Additionally, **946 iron sheets, 50 chairs, two cookers, two gas**

cylinders, 30 flood lights, 30 bulbs, tarpaulins, and other assorted items were released to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for the Mulago Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) setup.

WFP continues to support last-mile transport services with **622 cubic meters** of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and medical kits. Additional PPEs and medical kits were transported from National Medical Stores (NMS) to various high-risk districts in the Southwest, Wakiso, and Kampala with a cumulative volume of **1,237 cubic meters** of cargo so far transported.

WFP is working with MSF and MoH to establish an ETU in Mulago and Kasanda-Bweyongedde. WFP has also received a request from the MoH for eight additional MSUs to be set up at the new Mulago ETU.

As arrangements are made to begin wet feeding through MoH, alternative cooking areas are being set up among the three ETUs of Mubende RRH, Madudu Health Center III, and Kasanda-Bweyongedde Health Center II.

With support from United Parcel Services (UPS), WFP will airlift MSUs from Dubai to Entebbe. The cargo flight is scheduled for Friday 11th November.



RESOURCING OUTLOOK

We are currently standing at USD 1.7 million out of the requested USD 6.2 million. Funding gap is USD 5.2 million.

MSUs awaiting dispatch from Dubai to Entebbe



More Pictures from the EVD Response

WFP Team meeting with Mubende District EVD Incident Commander



Bweyongedde ETU in Kassanda



MoH, WFP, and UNICEF logistics management in Mubende



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