



UPDATE ON THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE IN DRC

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1. Update

- Out of a total of 42 cases identified in the Boende health zone, 13 cases have been confirmed, including 7 on 28 August. A total of 15 samples have been analysed in Kinshasa (INRB) and France Ville/Gabon (CIRMF).
- Amongst the 7 new confirmed cases, 4 are located in Lokolia, 2 in Boende Moke and 1 at the Boende General Reference Hospital (HGR).
- 16 suspected cases and 13 probable cases are being followed up by the field teams.
- 11 cases remain in isolation and there have been no additional deaths besides the 13 deaths announced to date.
- 168 cases of contact among people have been identified and are being followed up by the field teams.

2. Coordination

- Finalisation of the national response plan.
- Holding of daily meetings of the National Committee on Coordination (CNC) at the office of the Minister of Health.

3. Security and logistics

- Announcement by the Government of the provision of a cargo flight on Sunday, 30 August 2014.

4. Response

4.1. Ongoing

- UNICEF has made available and sent to the field medical inputs (basic malaria kits, basic diarrhoea treatment kits, etc.), transport material and other non-food items.
- Field teams continue investigating suspect and probable cases.
- Reinforcement of hygiene measures at the borders.
- Continuation of investigations.
- Assessment of needs requiring the support of the logistics commission.

4.2. Planned

- The Red Cross will provide plastic sheeting and tents.
- UNICEF will provide additional medical inputs, 11 tents and other equipment.
- Finalisation of the global communication plan on the Ebola Virus Disease.
- Establishment of a field staff cell for the psychosocial support for the sick and of a project for the reinsertion of affected populations (if possible, survivors).
- A briefing session supported by OCHA to be held in Kinshasa on Tuesday, 2 September 2014 targeting journalists.
- Well digging in Boende under the supervision of the WASH cluster with UNICEF's support.

5. Financing

- Process to request CERF (\$2 million) and CHF (\$1.5 million) funds under way.

6. Gaps

- Potable water needed in Lokolia, epicentre of the disease where the operational centre will be established.
- Ensure the necessary financial resources for the Red Cross agents who will be in charge of setting up tents in Lokolia and provide training for their maintenance.

- Need to send two generators to Lokolia.
- Communication: two VSAT (UNDP and Government) are available but need to be sent to the field.
- Need to strengthen the technical field team with an anthropologist.