



UPDATE ON THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE IN DRC
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1. Update

- Number of confirmed cases: 53
 - Laboratory-confirmed cases: 13
 - Probable cases: 19
 - Suspected cases: 21
- Number of deaths: 31
- Number of ill health professionals: 9
- Number of hospitalized people (in isolation): 12
 - Lokolia: 8
 - Watshikengo: 3
 - HGR Boende: 1
- Total number of contacts: 185
- Number of contacts seen to date: 177 (96%)
- Number of samples analyzed: 15
- Samples resulted positive: 13

2. Coordination

- Response coordinated by Dr Benoît Kebela from the Ministry of Public Health and expert in Ebola who is on his way towards Lokolia (Equateur province), epicentre of the disease
- Response supported by humanitarian UN agencies and NGOs
- Communication of guidelines on appropriate conduct carried out by clinicians in the areas affected by the epidemics:
 - Surgeries and injections to be reduced to the minimum for three weeks
 - Vaccination activities to be postponed
 - Malaria rapid diagnostics to be suspended

3. Security and logistics

The following items/personnel have been made available:

- Cargo transport (UNHAS, Aviation without Borders and MONUSCO)
- Technical personnel (WFP and MONUSCO)
- Tents (WFP and UNICEF)
- Generators, refrigerators, VSAT and Thurayas (UNICEF)
- Vehicles (UNICEF and MONUSCO)

4. Réponse

4.1. Ongoing

- A new freight has been received and temporarily isolated in Boende HGR (MSF)
- Potable water for the field teams has been provided (MONUSCO)
- A communication strategy for behaviour change is being supported (UNICEF and OCHA)
- A UNICEF team (one expert in communication and one coordinator) has arrived today in Boende
- Epidemiologists have been sent on site (WHO)
- A roster of specialists has been established (WHO)
- Food distribution planning under way (WFP)

4.2. Planned

- Lokolia: early implementation of isolation in the coming days (MSF)
- Motorcycles, bicycles and medical material to be purchased (Gouvernement)
- Provision of motorcycles, bicycles and megaphones (UNICEF)
- Broadcasting of radio spots to raise awareness in local languages (UNICEF)
- Logistics support staff for Lokolia to be provided (WFP and UNICEF)

5. Gaps

Need for:

- Mobile laboratory on site
- Humanitarian partners to implement the response
- Health personnel
- Personnel to raise awareness on hygiene practices

6. Financing

- United Nations rapid response mechanisms (CERF and CHF) will fund the response in line with needs.