

Ebola outbreak



Democratic Republic of Congo Update on UNFPA contribution to Ebola outbreak response

1. Situation overview including Security Issues

Exactly one month that the 10th EVD outbreak declared by the MoH affects the North Kivu and Ituri provinces, Eastern DRC.

As of September 1st, 2018 we registered

- A total of 120 cases, 90 confirmed and 30 probable cases.
- 11 suspected cases being investigated.
- 2 new cases confirmed in Béni.
- 1 death of a confirmed case in Mabalako.

2. Humanitarian needs

The epidemiology of this 10th Ebola outbreak requires a strong SRH related response

- ✓ Over 60% of cases are female
- ✓ Approximately 1 thirds of cases are women in reproductive age group.
- ✓ Confirmed case after C-section.
- ✓ Confirmed sexually transmitted case
- ✓ Health facilities are overcrowded
- ✓ Maternities wards need refurbishments and equipment
- ✓ Midwifery workforce are among confirmed cases
- ✓ UNFPA conducted a needs assessment of maternities and health facilities in Beni, Makeke and Mangina, including the maternity of the Epicenter (Mangina) and the maternity of the main referral hospital in Beni
- ✓ Special measures must be taken during the start of the school year to limit the risk of transmission in schools
- ✓ The CO aim is to targeted RH services including maternity services, youth centers

3. Technical assistance from ESARO and HQ

The regional ESARO office has sent the Humanitarian Adviser to support the Ebola response activities. It is:

- ✓ Participate in the implementation of the scientific protocol on the effect of vaccination on pregnancy
- ✓ Train clinical providers, midwives in hospitals
- ✓ Participate in training on SR kits
- ✓ Contribute to PSEA training
- ✓ Costed Plan for SRH needs response of the Ebola in North Kivu

Situation by the number

- 25 kits for managing sexually transmitted infections according to the syndromic approach in **9,475** patients
- 25 individual hygiene delivery kits to ensure **5,000** deliveries free of infectious risk even out of health facilities
- 12 medical delivery kits with equipment and supplies such as gloves
- 4 transfusion safety kits consisting of various supplies, group testing and testing to screen for infections such as syphilis, hepatitis and HIV and malaria to enable **200** safe, secure and safe transfusion cases.
- 4 obstetric surgery kits for hospitals and reference health center, including Beni HGR, Oicha HGR and Mandima HGR, as well as the Mangina Reference Health Center.

Fundings are from internal UNFPA Emergency Fund, and Canada flexible humanitarian fund



The Gov of DRC has demonstrated outstanding leadership in addressing the 9th Ebola outbreak in Equateur and with the 10th Ebola outbreak in North Kivu. UNFPA DRC was proud to timely and promptly support the Minister of health to keep Ebola vaccination ongoing with emergency contribution 10,000 Noristerat syringes to fill the gap whilst regular syringes are being channelled. We will replace the syringes to ensure no stock out in the provision of available injectable contraception methods

Maternities renovation and equipment

In response to one of the Government's requests for the response to the EVD and on the basis of the rapid assessment of the situation carried out by the UNFPA Resident Representative, the maternities of the Beni General Referral Hospital and the Health Center Mangina Reference Center, the epicenter of the epidemic at the EVM, will be refurbished and equipped by UNFPA to break the chain of transmission. Because in these health facilities many health workers remain exposed to contamination by manipulating medical and surgical equipment. The renovation works of the two maternity wards starts this Monday September 03



2. Support to communication and community engagement

- ✓ UNFPA participates in the development of the communication plan
- ✓ Collection of priority needs expressed by the Minister of Health
- ✓ Participation in the awareness activity in the community
- ✓ Meeting with UNICEF to explore areas of collaboration
- ✓ Multiplication of tools and communication support: leaflets, posters, bill-boards, T-shirt
- ✓ Support for the production and broadcasting of broadcasts, spots and firmware (press releases) radio and TV
- ✓ Support to awareness of proximity and in public places
- ✓ Briefing and reinforcement of mobilizing community relay capacities in materials and interpersonal communication media (megaphones, batteries, posters, leaflets).
- ✓ Working with its implementation partner PPSSP, UNFPA conducts awareness raising activities in households and public places (churches, markets ...). As of August, 16,428 total people reached including 3,436 men; 7,791 women; 1,333 adolescents boys and 3,868 adolescents girls.



4. UNFPA Provides blood transfusion kits to the provincial blood transfusion unit

One of the peculiarities of this donation is the support for transfusion safety. The blood transfusion center in Beni covers 6 health zones, namely Beni, Oicha, Mabalako, Kalingita, Mutwanga and Kamango, the latter remaining inaccessible for reasons of insecurity. Transfusion of a unit of blood cost \$ 16. The donation of 4 transfusion safety kits must enable the free delivery of this service.



5. Donation of 10 Tons of emergency RH kits

UNFPA donated 10 tons of medical and surgical materials and reproductive health medicines through the Director General of the fight against the disease, Dr. Ndjoloko Tambwe Bathé, representing the Minister of health.

This endowment of UNFPA valued at more than US \$ 215,000, is intended for about twenty health facilities in the province of North Kivu and Mandima health zone in the province of Ituri. It will provide assistance to nearly 31,000 people for 6 months and allow pregnant women to give birth in maternity hospitals without the risk of contracting Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), women and girls to have access to health services. reproduction including family planning but also the care of victims of sexual violence even during the Ebola outbreak.



Training on PSEA/AAP

Under the leadership of the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator, UNFPA (lead for PSEA/AAP within the HCT), OCHA, MONUSCO and SAVE THE CHILDREN developed and are running a programme for PSEA to prevent any Sexual Exploitation and Abuse among the humanitarian actors. Nearly 50 humanitarian actors were briefed on PSEA this Saturday in Beni and training continues this Sunday in Mangina.

