

## Key updates

- While the weekly number of confirmed cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) seems to be dropping new confirmed cases are being reported in remote and insecure zones of North Kivu and Ituri provinces. There is noticeable increase in case incidence in Biakato mine health area, Mandima health zone. Through community engagement and awareness raising programmes, World Vision has supported 640, 996 people, of these 266, 792 are children, through its food security and livelihoods, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), risk communication and risk management as well as protection efforts. The goal is to reach a million people by year end.
- In total 37,427 people affected by ebola have received food through World Vision, supported by WFP. Altogether 624,557 tonnes of food have been distributed to survivors, contacts, patients as a strategy to safeguard vulnerable children from immediate and long-term risks.
- Community resistance against the ebola response is still high, especially in Ituri Province where a journalist who has been championing the fight against ebola was killed over the weekend.
- A government campaign against militia groups in Eastern DRC necessitates caution and vigilance for field teams.

## Key messages

- The current outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has resulted in a total of 2182 recorded deaths, out of 3269 total cases since August 2018 (World Health Organization [WHO], Situation Report for 30th October 2019). 245,085 people have been vaccinated during the same period.
- Nearly 30% of Ebola cases are children (Source: UNICEF, Oct 2019), in a country ranked fifth most fragile state out of 178 (source: Fragile State Index 2019).
- The crisis in the DRC is complex bringing together a confluence of health, insecurity and environmental crises. Insecurity leads to lack of access, and that drives the increase in cases. The technical means to stop Ebola are available but without access or a secure operating environment they cannot be deployed effectively enough (Source: IASC, June 2019).

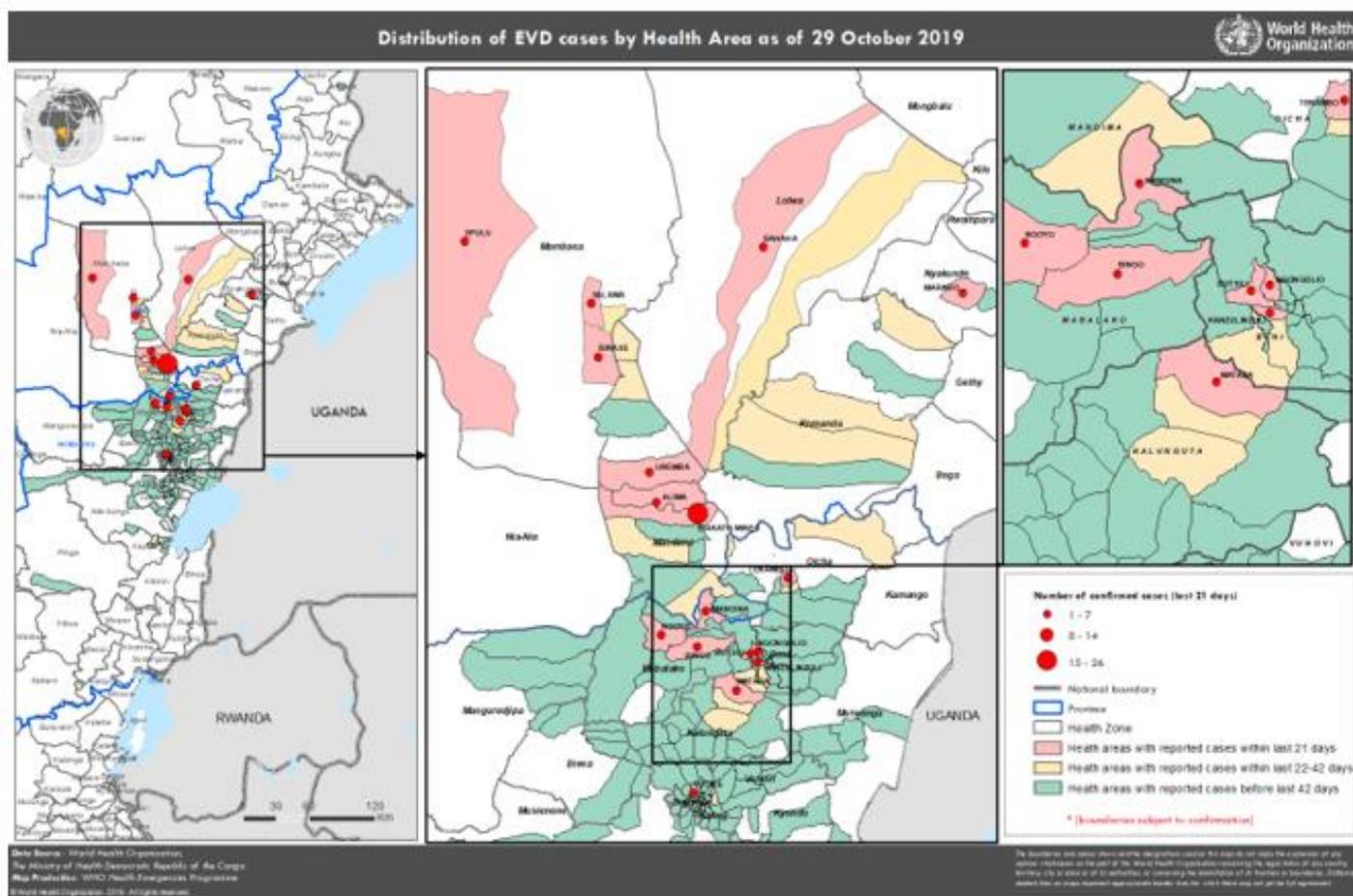
**Total number of cases: 3,269**  
(3,152 confirmed, 117 probable)

**Total number of deaths: 2,182**  
(lethality 67%)

**Total vaccinated: 245,085**

\* These numbers fluctuate on a daily basis due to many factors, including continuing monitoring, investigation and reclassification of cases

## Current spread of disease



## Response highlights



### RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND CHANNELS OF HOPE ACTION TEAMS TRAINED

- **63** religious congregations participated in Channels of Hope and Channels of Hope Action Teams to engage their communities with life-saving risk communication and build trust.



### MASS CAMPAIGN & AWARENESS RAISING

- **40,573** people reached (including **18,599** children) through faith leaders, community action teams, women and youth, encouraging them to participate in community surveillance and agree to be vaccinated.
- Several people have heard multiple broadcasts by trained faith leaders about Ebola, its mode of transmission, prevention and treatment, on 5 different radio channels in Beni, Butembo and Goma.
- About **2,059** children from **12** schools have participated in awareness training and handwashing demonstrations in Goma, Butembo and Kalunguta health districts.



### FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE

- **2,316** contacts received **45.4** metric tonnes of food, **210** healed patients got **15.8** MT, and **1603** discharged non-cases supported with **78.5** MT of food.



### HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

- **WAGTECH** kit procured to test quality of water.
- **1,000** kits in **250** schools benefit **85,856** children.
- **4** locations identified for new water sources, and **2** for rehabilitation of water points.
- **865** public kits in **785** religious and **9** public institutions benefit **22,399** people (**7,392** children).
- **10,515** household kits benefit **63,909** people (including **20,188** children).

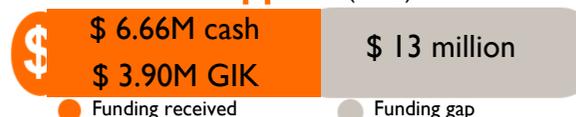
- **6** hygiene kits for **6** entry checkpoints in North Kivu and Ituri provinces (100L tank, 5kg of chlorine, gloves).
- **79** sanitising sprays for **40** checkpoints.

## What is World Vision's role in the ebola response?

WV DRC interventions focus on risk communication and risk management, WASH, protection, food security and livelihood in the affected Health Zones of North Kivu province: Goma, Beni, Butembo, Katwa, Oicha, Katwa, Masareka Kalunguta, Vuhovi, Lubero, Ma-gurudjipa, Rutshuru and Mabalako.

- Through religious leaders, women's and youth associations, we inform communities about Ebola, how to protect themselves, care for the sick and contain the spread of the epidemic.
- We provide food to at-risk populations to realise objectives of 3 key pillars to care, contain and protect.
- We provide psychosocial support to help affected families, especially children.
- We support prevention measures in schools to create a protective environment.
- We make water, hygiene and sanitation available in communities, schools and health centres.
- We respond to vulnerabilities that pre-existed the Ebola outbreak and which actively contribute to its spread.
- We coordinate with our partners to ensure the physical, emotional and psychological well-being of children.

## World Vision appeal (US\$)



## RESPONSE DONORS



## Response achievements



498

women and youth association members trained



326

faith leaders trained on Ebola



201

action team members trained on Ebola



488

community health workers trained on Ebola



492

teachers trained on Ebola



640,996

people reached with life-saving messages



37,427

Quarantined contacts and patients received 625 MT of food



10,461

Families, schools and churches reached with 11,065 hygiene kits



640,996 people including 266,792 children received prevention/treatment information and/or health monitoring

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