

Key updates

- Violence, and civil unrest disrupted Ebola response activities mostly in Beni and Butembo by limiting access to affected communities and increasing mass people movements in the region, which portends high risk of the disease spreading, even across borders. Several organisations, including World Vision, have temporarily suspended some activities and relocated staff to safer areas.
- Three responders were killed and 7 others injured during a targeted attack on an Ebola response camp in Biakato mines, and another on an Ebola coordination office in Mangina.
- Similar events in the past have affected contact tracing, surveillance and vaccination activities resulting in increased transmission.
- WHO reports that of the total confirmed and probable cases, 56% (1866) were female, 28% (936) were children aged less than 18 years, and 5% (163) were healthcare workers. Now there are questions emerging regarding possible resurgence of the disease in Ebola survivors.
- World Vision is one of the international organisations that signed a letter to the Humanitarian Co-ordinator in DRC calling for inclusive participation in strategic discussions on post-Ebola planning.
- Community-based Channels of Hope (COH) and Channels of Hope Action Teams (CHATS) have shown they can assure sustainable programme implementation, since they were able to conduct awareness-raising activities at a time when other interventions were temporarily suspended.
- Cumulatively, World Vision has engaged faith leaders, women and youth groups to reach 696,709 people (291,615 children) with Ebola-related messages on prevention, treatment and vaccination; 40,522 have received supplementary food, targeting patients, survivors, and contacts, while several others benefitted from Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) as well as protection initiatives.
- Community mistrust about Ebola response activities persist and continue to impede the fight against the disease.

Total number of cases: 3,320
(3,202 confirmed, 118 probable)

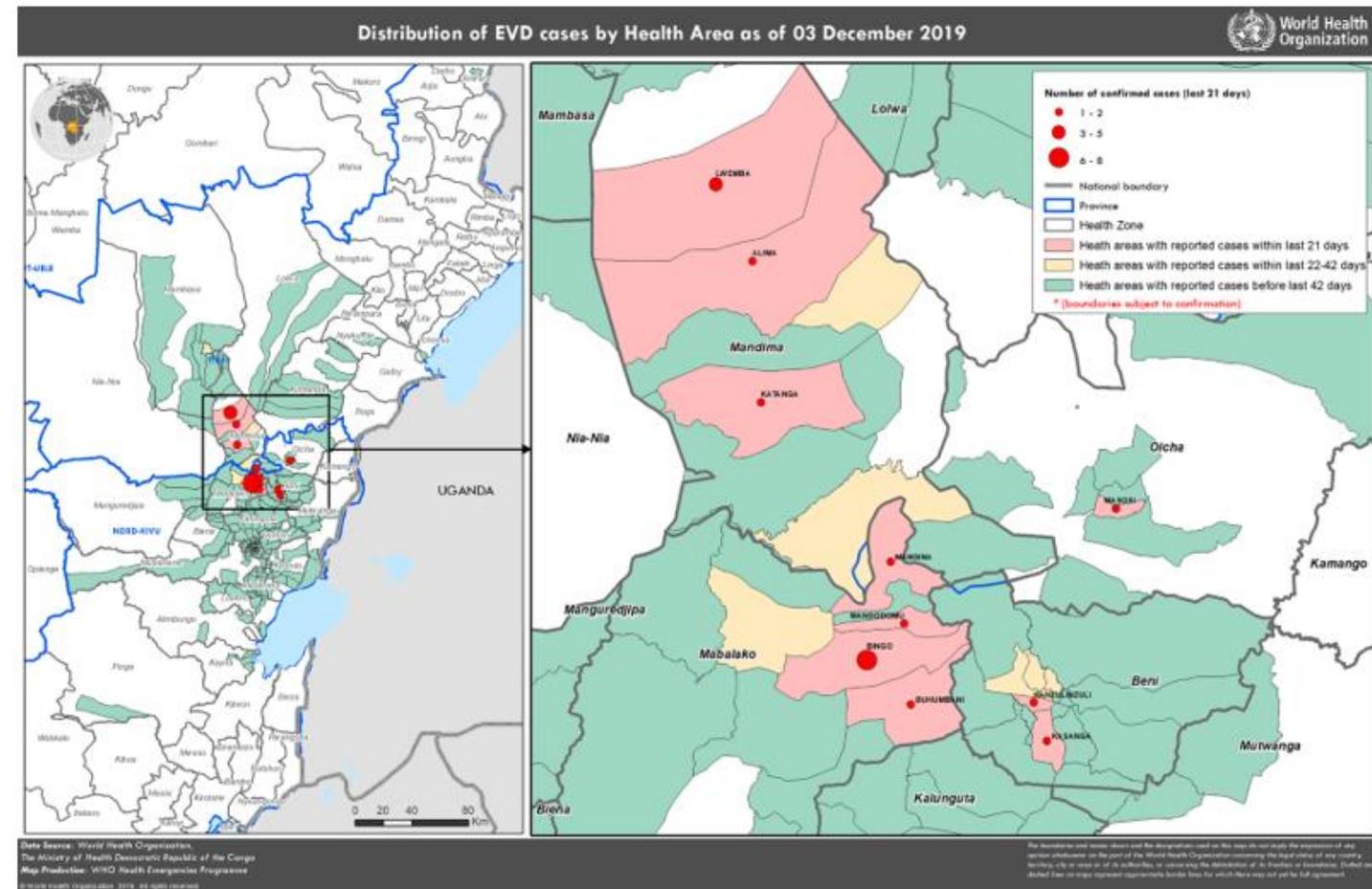
Total number of deaths: 2,206
(fatality ratio 67%)

Total vaccinated: 256,313 (Combined)

Total survivors: 1,084

* WHO surveillance numbers fluctuate on a daily basis due to many factors, including continuing monitoring, investigation and reclassification

Current spread of disease



Response highlights



RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND CHANNELS OF HOPE ACTION TEAMS TRAINED

- 191 awareness sessions were organised by the COH and the CHATS reaching 23,160 people. This number dropped by about 30% due to the insecurity.



PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

- Continued to monitor activities of 22 field responders recently trained to deliver Psychological First Aid (PFA).
- As a member of the of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee reference group for mental health and psychosocial support in emergency settings, World Vision contributed to an Advocacy note for mental health and psychosocial support in the context of Ebola Virus Disease
- The Health Ministry has requested World Vision to train its psychologists on Psychological First Aid (PFA) for children. In addition WHO needs World Vision to train survivors currently working in treatment and transit centres.



FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE

- 470 contacts received 8.016 tonnes of food, 93 survivors and patients 6.858 MT, and 622 discharged non-cases supported with 26.509 MT of food.



HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

- WASH activities in Beni and Butembo have been delayed due to the recent spate of violence, which necessitated temporary suspension of work.
- Initial analysis of 50 water points suggests about 60% of the samples are contaminated with Ecoli I, a strong indication of sewage or animal waste contamination.
- 35 sites identified and GPS mapped for construction of new latrines.

- 9 sites identified and GPS mapped for drilling of boreholes fitted with solar powered motorised units
- 54 sites marked for water point construction.

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

- WV DRC is focusing 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 faith-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



11,463
young girls and boys reached with life-saving messages in 2 weeks



361
faith leaders trained on Ebola



201
action team members trained on Ebola



510
community health workers trained on Ebola



492
teachers trained on Ebola



23,160
reached with life-saving messages in 2 weeks



40,522
quarantined contacts and patients have received 741 MT of food



10,461
families, schools and churches reached with 11,065 hygiene kits

696,709 people including **291,615** children received prevention/treatment information and/or health monitoring

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