Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

World Vision

Key updates

- Last week DRC reported the first COVID-19 case in its borders, just 7 days after the country celebrated the discharge of the last Ebola patient from a treatment centre in Beni. The count down to 42 days (covering two incubation periods) is in progress, and the country is optimistic it will soon be declared Ebola-free!
- The presence of COVID-19 in DRC is of serious concern for a community that has been battling Ebola for the last 19 months, coupled with measles, cholera, hunger and chronic insecurity.
- World Vision is realigning its structures and messages, including its acclaimed Channels of Hope Teams, to support government efforts to stop COVID-19. The first COH COVID-19 TOT is scheduled for next week
- Aware that getting to Zero does not mean the end to the devastating consequences of the disease, World Vision has started work on its post-Ebola strategy. This is to ensure that the is meeting the evolving needs of Beni, Butembo, Katwa, Kalunguta and Mabalako.
- Several organisations are reviewing their plans and others have started winding down on their activities, which has unfortunately left some areas restive.
- During the Ebola crisis, 7,352 children were separated from their families, 2,563 were orphaned and 975 were infected. World Vision continues to raise awareness about this crisis, to inform programme and policy improvement, as well as to focus attention on the mental health of children.
- The Ebola Vaccine Deployment, Acceptance and Compliance (EBODAC) project has deployed mobile technology in Goma. It helps remind Johnson and Johnson study participants about the second dose, and guide them to where they can find answers to any matters arising. This data will also inform future programming.
- World Vision has reached almost 1 million people (379,775 children) through its response (food assistance, WASH, community engagement / IPC, protection and psychosocial initiatives.

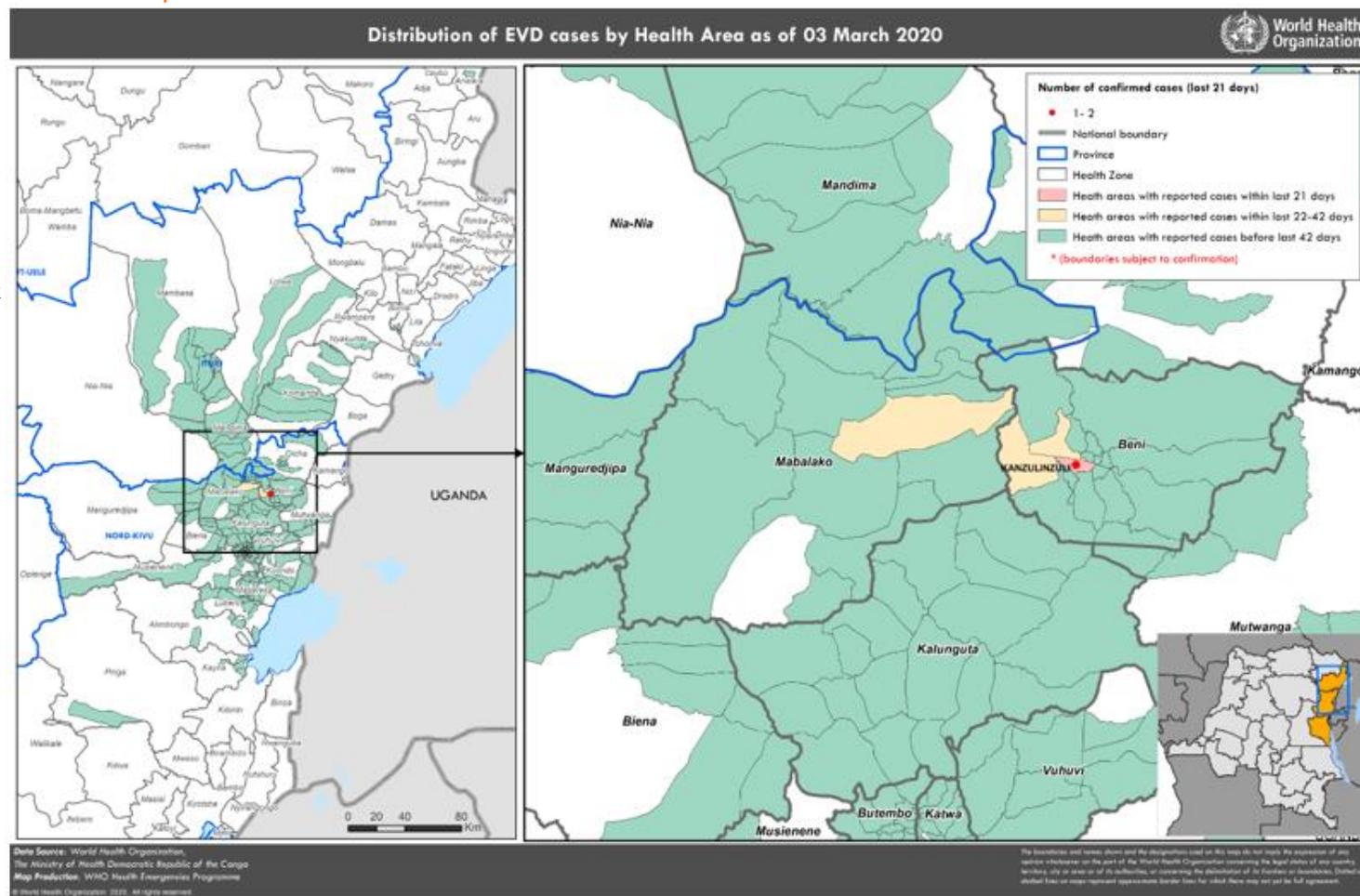**Total number of cases:** 3,444
(3,310 confirmed, 134 probable)

Total number of deaths: 2,264
(fatality ratio 67%)

Total vaccinated : 320,669 (numbers reflect the two vaccines)

Total survivors: 1, 169

* WHO surveillance numbers fluctuate daily due to many factors, including continuous monitoring, investigation and reclassification

Current spread of disease

Distribution of EVD cases by Health Area as of 03 March 2020

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the World Vision International

Sources: World Health Organisation, Ministry of Health

Response highlights

RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND CHANNELS OF HOPE ACTION TEAMS TRAINED

- 396 awareness sessions by faith leaders reached 110,953 including 6424 IDPs with messages of vaccination against Ebola and encouraged them to seek early treatment when sick.

PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

- World Vision is scaling up its MHPSS programme to address mental health gaps, thanks to new private funding.
- Four awareness sessions on reducing stigma against children affected by EVD were completed in 3 primary schools (Maboya, La merveille, Tusongembele) and one institute (Mangote). 2052 people were reached. The sessions focussed on stopping stigma related to the Ebola Virus Disease in schools and avoiding or managing the resulting psychosocial consequences.
- To reduce the stigma that children who have been both directly and indirectly affected by Ebola face, 456 people (278 males and 178 females) were trained on ''Psychological First Aid for Ebola''. They were also trained on how to make referrals to organisations charged with Mental Health/Psychosocial Support.

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE

- **10,503** people (contacts, patients and survivors) received **93.96** MT of food. In total, **71** outreach events were conducted on project objectives and CR Mechanism.

WASH SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- A total of 2469 persons (1,357 children) have been reached with hygiene and sanitation promotion messages as part of the infection, prevention and control programme.

- Ninety volunteers have been equipped with skills, through a training activity, to inform and sensitise their communities in Butembo, Katwa and Kalunguta on how to keep their villages healthy.

- 9 sites identified and GPS mapped for drilling of boreholes fitted with solar -powered motorised units

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

WV DRC response actions focus on response pillars I and III. Risk communication and risk management, WASH, protection, food security and livelihood activities in 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 the 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$)

$ 9.8M cash	$ 8.82M
$ 5.42M GIK	
● Funding received	○ Funding gap

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64,388
girls and boys reached with life -saving messages in February

886
faith leaders trained on Ebola

255
action team members trained on Ebola

86
community health workers trained on Ebola

10,989
community feedback participants

110,953
reached with life -saving messages

16,800
contacts and patients received 204 MT of food

110,461
families schools and churches reached with 11,065 hygiene kits

cumulatively **883,637** people **(379,775** children)

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