

Key updates

- Transmission intensity remains steady with an average of 86 cases per week (range 80 to 91 cases per week) in the past six weeks.
- In the last 21 days, 14 new cases were reported among health workers and cumulatively, 149 (5%) of healthcare workers were infected to date.
- Cases are moving to new health zones and re-emerging in health zones with previously controlled infections, the greatest number coming from Beni.
- Threats against responders, demonstrations and strikes following the recent killings by rebels in Oicha (Beni) health zones and recurrent clashes between the Mai Mai armed group and Congolese army (FARDC) on the Beni-Butembo axis have delayed activities on ground.
- On 30 July, a confirmed case was reported in Nyiragongo Health Zone on the outskirts of Goma. Due to the delay in reporting to a health facility, secondary transmissions were anticipated. His wife and child tested positive, received treatment, and were discharged healed from the Goma Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) on August 13, 2019.
- Goma has had four confirmed cases (2 deceased, 2 healed). All 256 contacts related to the first case in Goma (reported 14 July) finished their 21-day follow up period. 232 contacts (including 114 high risk contacts) of the second reported case remain under surveillance.
- For over a year, children have been suffering the devastating effects of the Ebola virus, which makes basic services such as health care and education much harder to access, particularly for the most vulnerable. Children represent about 28% of cases, and suffer secondary effects when family members fall ill or die.

WHO appeal

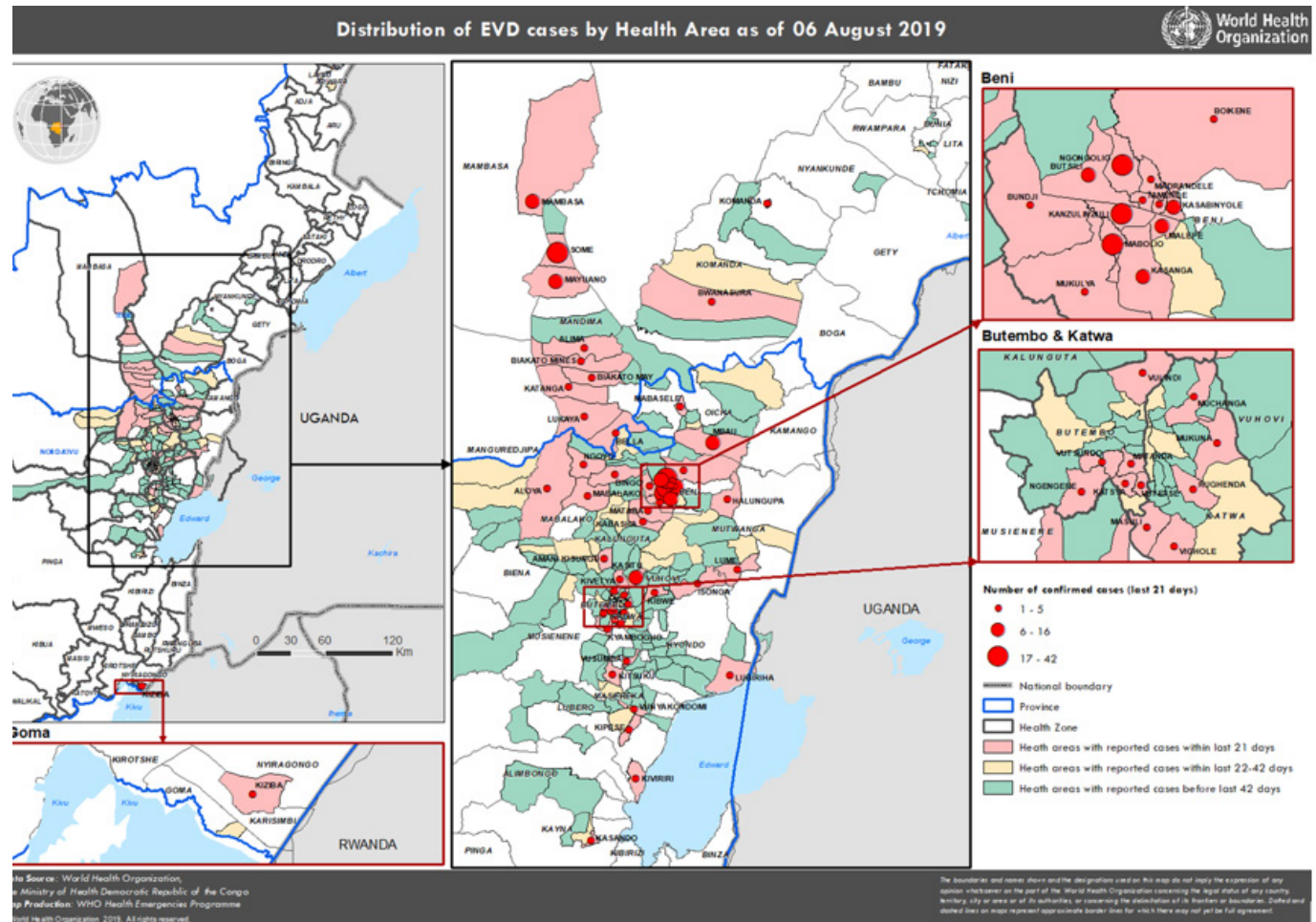
WHO estimates that from March to September, the combined financial need for all response partners is at least US\$ 287,590,149 million between July and December 2019.

Total number of cases: 2,837
(2,743 confirmed, 94 probable, 28% children)

Total number of deaths: 1,898
(1,804 confirmed, 94 probable, lethality 67%)

*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 COMMUNITY HOPE ACTION TEAMS TRAINED

- **326** religious leaders trained in Channels of Hope for Ebola engage their communities with life-saving risk communication and build trust.
- **201** Community Hope Action Teams (CHAT) members share behavior change messages in households and schools.



MASS CAMPAIGN & AWARENESS RAISING

- **89,423** people reached (including **35,175** children) by the religious leaders through homilies and sermons encouraging them to participate in community surveillance and agree to be vaccinated.
- CHAT members have organized community awareness events, teaching **57,081** persons (**13,863** children) about Ebola symptoms, prevention and treatment.
- An estimated **250,000** people (including **58,750** children) heard multiple broadcasts by trained religious leaders about Ebola, its mode of transmission, prevention and treatment, on 5 different radio channels in Beni, Butembo and Goma.
- About **1,935** children from **12** schools participated in awareness training and handwashing demonstrations in Goma, Butembo and Kalunguta health districts.



HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

- **1,000** kits in **250** schools benefit **85,856** children (100L tank, 4 basins, 4 buckets, 4 shelves, 1 box soap, 1 thermometer).
- **865** public kits in **785** religious and **9** public institutions benefit **22,399** people (including **7,392** children) (100L tank, 5kg of chlorine).
- **10,515** household kits benefit **63,909** people (including **20,188** children) (20L bucket, 5L basin, 9 bars of soap).

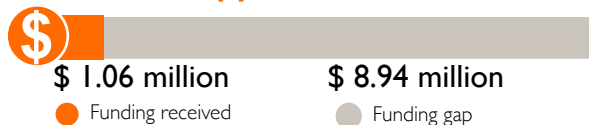
- **6** hygiene kits for **6** entry checkpoints in North Kivu and Ituri provinces (100L tank, 5kg of chlorine, gloves).
- **79** sanitising sprays for **40** checkpoints.

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

WVD DR Congo focuses on community engagement in the affected Health Zones in North Kivu province: Goma, Beni, Butembo, Katwa, Oicha, Katwa, Masareka Kalunguta, Vuhovi, Lubero, Magurudjipa, Rutshuru and Mabalako.

- Through religious leaders and CHAT members, we inform communities about Ebola, how to protect themselves and contain the spread of the epidemic.
- We provide psychosocial support to help families, including children, affected by the disease.
- We put prevention measures in place 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.
- As the epidemic continues, we coordinate our efforts with our partners to ensure the physical, emotional and psychological well-being of children.

World Vision appeal (US\$)



RESPONSE DONORS



Response achievements



488
health personnel and community health workers trained



492
teachers trained on prevention/vaccination



401,424 (including **144,513** children) received prevention/treatment information and health monitoring



250,000
people reached with messages from faith leaders

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



401,424
people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance since August 2018



144,513
children reached with life saving humanitarian assistance since August 2018

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