Update of Ebola Virus Infections in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Sources

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As of August 26, 2019, according to the WHO, the cumulative number of cases of Ebola Virus Infections is 2983, of which 2878 confirmed and 105 probable. Total deaths are 1994; 891 people survived. The cumulative number of confirmed/probable cases among health workers is 155 (5% of all confirmed/probable cases), including 41 deaths.

The outbreak is occurring in North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri provinces. Neighbouring countries are taking steps to mitigate the risk of spread. The World Health Organization has more than 650 staff on the ground supporting the Government-led response together with national and international partners.

Regarding anti Ebola virus infection vaccination, expanded ring vaccination continues around confirmed cases and front-line people in South Kivu in the Mwenga health district, specifically in Schowa, Mwana and Kakole health areas, as well as in the health zone Ibanda; and around the confirmed case in the Bukonde Health Area in Pinga, North Kivu;

Since vaccination began on 8 Aug 2018, 204 044 people have been vaccinated. The only vaccine to be used in this outbreak is the rVSV-ZEBOV vaccine, manufactured by the pharmaceutical group Merck, following approval by the Ethics Committee in its decision of 20 May 2018.

The Ebola outbreak in North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri provinces is ongoing amidst a complex crisis, with an average of 81 cases per week. The majority of recent cases are coming from Beni and Mandima health zones. On 17 July 2019, the Director-General of the World Health Organization declared the current Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo a Public Health Emergency of International Concern under the International Health Regulations.

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