Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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On 30 May 2017, WHO informed that since 11 May 2017 no new confirmed cases of EVD are reported in DRC. The current number of confirmed EVD cases is therefore two since the beginning of the outbreak. Moreover there are three probable, two from Nambwa and one from Ngayi, and 12 suspected cases from four health areas (Nambwa, Muma, Ngayi and Ngabatala). As of 30 May, 101 contacts are actively surveilled for EVD signs and symptoms. The area where the outbreak is reported, i.e. Likati Health Zone, is a remote and hard to reach zone, with limited communication and transport infrastructure. Likati health Zone shares borders with two provinces in the DRC and with Central African Republic. According with WHO, there is concern about Ebola spreading to the neighboring Central African Republic where militia violence has forced thousands of people to flee across the border.

Updated modelling suggests that the risk of further EVD cases is currently low but not negligible; 73% of simulated scenarios predict no further cases in the next 30 days.

In the general hospital in Buta a laboratory has been established for providing differential diagnosis, i.e. hepatitis B, C and E, Yellow fever, Shigella, Salmonella, malaria and blood cultures, for patients who tested EVD negative.

Regarding vaccination, the protocol for a possible ring vaccination has been formally approved by the national regulatory authority and Ethics Review Board of DRC. However, international vaccine deployment and cold chain shipment to DRC is currently not advised.

WHO does not recommend any restriction of travel and trade to DRC based on the currently available information. However, as of 30 May 2017 nine African countries, including Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, have instituted entry screening at airports and ports of entry.

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