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Second alert: March 3, 2025 | Ebola in Uganda

Sub-Locations Affected

Central Region (Kampala District, Wakiso District),
Eastern Region (Jinja District, Mbale District)

Event Description

As of February 24, 2025, a new death due to Ebola was recorded in Uganda. While Ugandan health officials alerted U.S. authorities about the case on February 27, 2025, neither the Ugandan government nor the WHO has made a public statement regarding the matter.

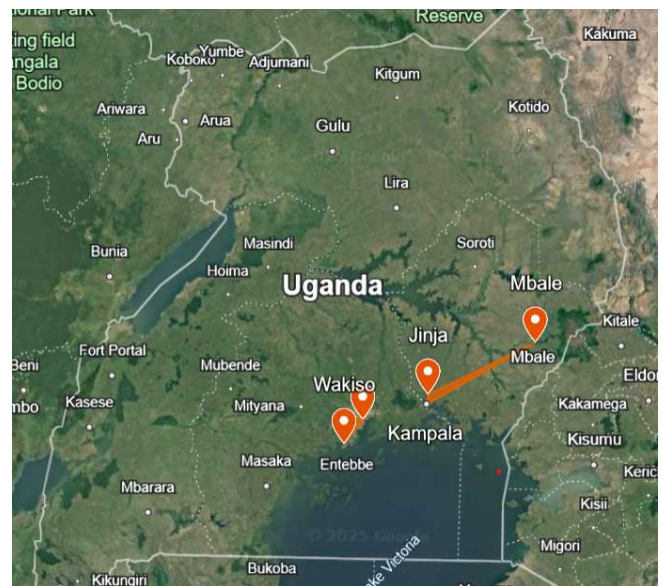


Figure 1: Uganda Affected Locations

Epidemiological Information

- The Sudan Ebola Virus Disease outbreak was declared on January 30, 2025.
- A 4.5-year-old child from Kibuli, linked to the primary cluster, died at Mulago Hospital on February 25, 2025, with classical Ebola symptoms.
- As of March 1, 2025, a total of 10 confirmed cases have been reported.
- Two deaths have occurred: the "index case" and the tenth confirmed case (the 4.5-year-old child). This confirms a 20% case fatality rate.
- Eight Ebola survivors were discharged from hospitals in Kampala and Mbale on February 18th and 19th, 2025.

- Heightened surveillance efforts are ongoing, including active case searches at all health facilities and exit screening for outbound travelers.
- The cases are centered in Kampala and Mbale.
- Known symptoms of Ebola include high body temperatures, fatigue, chest pain, diarrhea, vomiting, unexplained bleeding, and yellowing of the eyes. Bleeding is usually a late-stage symptom.
- Unknown cause of deaths in the family of the latest EVD victim could mean a bigger problem in the community and undetected transmission chains.
- The child was treated at three different hospitals before death, suggesting potential for nosocomial transmission and highlighting the need for stronger infection control in healthcare settings.

Response Measure

- The Ugandan Ministry of Health is actively implementing a range of measures to control the outbreak:
 - Identifying and monitoring individuals who may have encounter confirmed cases.
 - Providing appropriate medical care to confirmed cases.
 - Vaccinating contacts of confirmed cases to prevent further spread (note: The specific vaccine availability and type may depend on the Ebola strain).
 - Proactively searching for potential cases at health facilities to ensure early detection.
 - Screening outbound travelers at airports and border crossings to prevent international spread.
 - Intensifying public health messaging to educate the public about Ebola prevention and symptoms.
- Heightened surveillance efforts are in place to detect new cases quickly.
- Public is urged to report any individuals exhibiting Ebola-like symptoms and to adhere to Ministry of Health guidelines (hand washing, avoiding unnecessary body contact).
- Focus on strengthened infection prevention and control measures within healthcare facilities to minimize the risk of nosocomial transmission

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