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DISEASE ALERT



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First alert: February 10, 2025

Third alert: April 11, 2025 | Ebola in Uganda

Sub-Locations Affected

Central Region (Kampala District, Wakiso District)

Western Region (Kyegegwa District, Ntoroko District)

Eastern Region (Jinja District, Mbale District)

Event Description

On April 5, 2025, Uganda has discharged the last two confirmed cases of Sudan Ebola Virus Disease (SUVD). In line with WHO protocol, the country initiated a 42-day countdown, after which the outbreak may be officially declared over if no new cases are detected during this period.

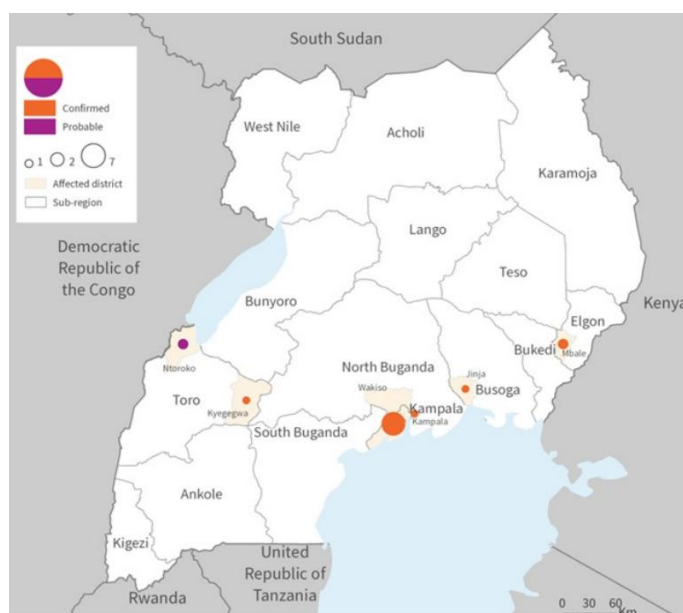


Figure.1. Distribution of confirmed and probable cases of Sudan Ebola virus disease in Uganda between January 30 and March 5, 2025

Source: <https://reliefweb.int/report/uganda/disease-outbreak-news-sudan-virus-disease-uganda-8-march-2025>

Epidemiological Information

- On January 30, 2025, The Ministry of Health (MoH) of Uganda declared an outbreak of SUVD in Kampala, following confirmation from three national laboratories. The index case was a 32-year-old male nurse who died on January 29, 2025, at Mulago National Referral Hospital due to multi-organ failure.

- As of February 4, there were seven confirmed cases, including the index case, resulting in a case fatality rate of 14.3%.
- On February 19, The MoH announced that the last eight confirmed cases had been discharged from the Ebola treatment units in Mbale and Kampala.
- On March 1, the MoH declared a new case confirmed on February 27, 2025. The case was a four and-a-half-year-old child who died in the pediatric acute care unit of Mulago National Referral Hospital on February 23, 2025, bringing the cumulative confirmed cases to 10 and deaths to 2. Following investigations, two probable deaths linked to this case were reported, including the child's pregnant mother died on February 6, 2025, and the newborn died on February 12, 2025.
- On March 3, additional confirmed case reported in an adult female, bringing the cumulative number of confirmed cases to 11.
- On March 4, a case was confirmed, an adult female, contact of the probable case, bringing the cumulative number of confirmed cases to 12. Both of these cases are currently admitted to treatment facilities.
- As of March 5, 12 confirmed and two probable cases, among these four deaths (two confirmed, two probable) have been reported with a case fatality ratio (CFR) of 29%. 192 new contacts listed around the new cases and 299 previously listed contacts who had completed the 21-day follow-up period.
- The age range of confirmed cases is 1.5 years to 55 years, with a mean age of 27 years and males accounted for 55% of the total cases. The cases were reported from six districts in the country.

Response Measure

- Deployment of 300 volunteers trained in Epidemic Preparedness, Community Based Surveillance (CBS), and Protective Gender and Inclusion in Mbale, Kampala, Jinja, Wakiso, and Iganga districts.
- Deploy two trained Safe and Dignified Burial (SDB) teams of eight volunteers each in Mbale District and Mbale Town, with the exception of one targeted area without such training.

- Trained four volunteers in Mbale in SVD EMS infection prevention and control (IPC) to effectively decontaminate field ambulances and ensure a safe working environment for teams and patients.
- MoH chaired district task force meetings in Kampala, Jinja, Wakiso, and Mbale, where multi-sectoral partners reviewed SVD response progress and planned activities. At the MoH's request, Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) supported the establishment of 2 ambulances and SDB vehicle decontamination sites in Mbale and Wakiso.
- Volunteers from the URCS conducted SVD awareness activities in targeted districts, reaching 452,198 people through group information sessions and village meetings.
- The URCS Emergency Response Teams evacuated 140 suspects from the community to Ebola Treatment Units, resolving 97% of the total community alerts raised during the reporting period.
- URCS has also participated in all relevant pillar meetings namely case management, Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Surveillance and WASH.

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