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DISEASE ALERT



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First alert : September 8, 2025 | Ebola Virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Sub-Locations Affected

Kasai Province (Boulapé and Mweka)

Event Description

On September 1, 2025, the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) alerted the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding suspected cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in the Boulapé Health Zone, Kasai Province. The first known index case was a pregnant woman who died on 25 August from multiple organ failure.

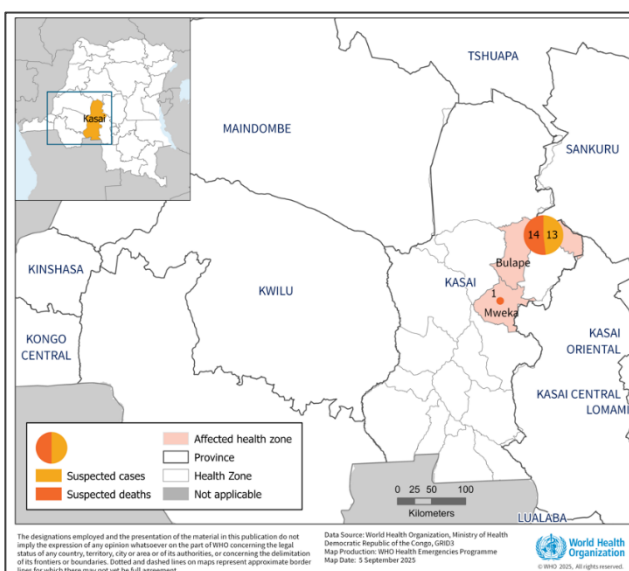


Figure 1. Map of location affected (source: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2025-DON580>)

Epidemiological Information

- On September 4, 2025, the Minister of Public Health, Hygiene, and Social Security of the Democratic Republic of the Congo announced the resurgence of Ebola virus disease (Zaire strain) in the Boulapé Health Zone, Kasai Province.
- As of September 4, 2025, official data recorded 28 suspected cases and 15 deaths (case fatality rate [CFR] = 54%), including four deaths among healthcare workers from three areas of the Boulapé Health Zone (Boulapé, Boulapé Com, and Dikolo) and Mweka Health Zone.
- On August 20, 2025, the first known index case was reported, involving a pregnant woman who presented at Boulapé General Reference Hospital with high fever, bloody diarrhea, hemorrhage, and extreme weakness. She died on August 25, 2025, from multiple organ failure.

Response Measures

- Authorities are implementing several public health measures, including:
 - Activating crisis committees at local and provincial levels;
 - Conducting risk communication and active surveillance;
 - Isolating all cases and applying Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures;
 - Administering intravenous medications to all patients;
 - Continuing contact isolation, tracing, and investigations.
- In response to the outbreak, the WHO is supporting the national authorities through:
 - Conducting risk assessment and investigation;
 - Providing operational, financial and technical assistance to the Ministry of Health to enable a rapid response;
 - Supplying essential items, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medical supplies, and infrastructure support; and
 - Preparing 2,000 doses of the approved Ervebo vaccine in Kinshasa, to be shipped shortly to the affected area for vaccination of contacts of confirmed or suspected cases, as well as frontline and healthcare workers.
- The WHO assessed the public health risk as high nationally, moderate regionally, and low globally.

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