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Key updates

- Last Friday, the D.R. Congo Ministry of Health announced a new case of Ebola in Beni, in a country that is already burdened by an increasing number of COVID-19 cases – now at 267 people. The new case was discovered just two days before the Country could be declared free of Ebola!
- COVID-19 "stay-at-home" prevention measures make it more challenging to conduct contact tracing in a community that is already suspicious and distrusting of humanitarians.
- Beni, an epicentre of the Ebola outbreak, has already reported 2 cases of COVID-19. Addressing two most dreaded and highly contagious health crises in an area characterised by spikes of conflict poses an unprecedented challenge for the country currently battling the World's worst measles epidemic.
- Amidst much needed lockdown strategies, to check the spread of COVID-19, World Vision advocates facilitated humanitarian access to ensure child protection and life-saving operations continue. I5.6 million people in DRC are in dire need of humanitarian aid, including food assistance, other health interventions, including responding to the needs of refugees and IDPs.
- World Vision is advocating the prioritisation of sharing ageappropriate, COVID-19 and Ebola, information with kids, because even if they don't know the details, they know something dreadful is going on! Many children may suffer psychological challenges if this gap is left unattended.
- World Vision is reorienting and equipping its 800 Channels of Hope influencers (105 faith leaders so far) and Channels of Hope Teams (CHATS) to, counter rumours and initiate protective health behaviour to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and Ebola.
- To listen to affected communities and help address misinformation, World Vision is utilising dialogue and listening groups, championed by the Ebola Vaccine Deployment Acceptance and Compliance initiative, as channels for community engagement and participation.
- World Vision has reached more than one million people (379,775 children) through its integrated response (food assistance, WASH, community engagement / Infection Prevention Control (IPC), protection and psychosocial initiatives.

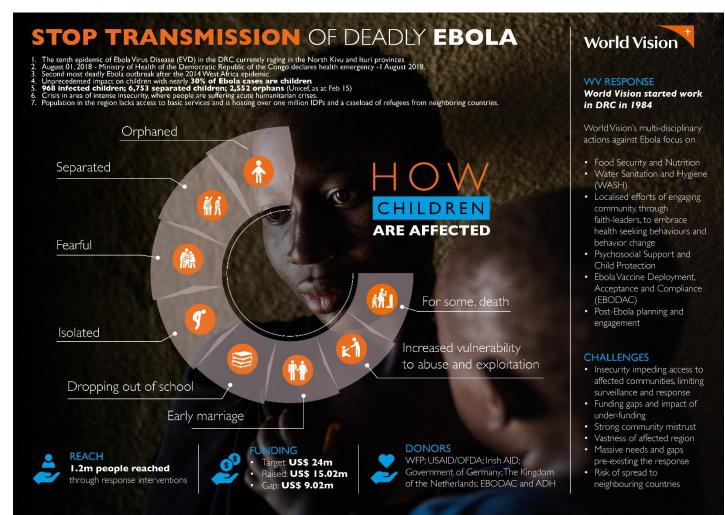
Total number of cases: 3,456 (3,311 confirmed, 145 probable)

Total vaccinated: 322,192 (numbers reflect the two vaccines)

Total number of deaths: 2,266 (fatality ratio 67%)

Total survivors: 1, 169

* WHO surveillance numbers fluctuate daily due to many factors, including continuous monitoring, investigation and reclassification



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Response highlights

RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND CHANNELS OF HOPE ACTION TEAMS TRAINED

797 awareness sessions by faith leaders reached 131647
people, including 6706 IDPs with messages of vaccination
against Ebola and encouraged them to seek early treatment
when sick.



Four awareness sessions on reducing stigma against children, affected by EVD, were completed in 8 schools, for school children, community members and teachers. A total of 2682 people, drawn from the host as well as IDP. communities with messages to stop stigma related to Ebola in schools and avoiding or managing the resulting psychosocial consequences.

- 89 people (74 teachers and head teachers, 12 parents of families affected by EVD and 3 community leaders) were trained on "Psychological First Aid for Ebola". They also learned how to make referrals to facilities charged with Mental Health/Psychosocial Support.
- Eight children received individualised psychotherapy.



FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE

World Vision is adapting food distribution protocols from the Ebola response, including social distancing and ensuring tailored beneficiary messaging, to inform food assistance programmes for COVID-19 in other parts of the country.

WASH SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- A total of 29,805 persons (15,827 children) have been reached with hygiene and sanitation promotion messages as part of the infection, prevention and control programme.
- Public handwashing kits, including water tanks, chlorine and soap have been distributed to 64 churches and mosques, in Butembo, Katwa and Kalunguta.
- __76 Water Management Committees (WMCs) have

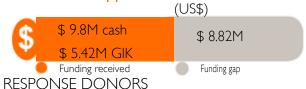
been constituted in Butembo, Kalunguta and Katwa.

World Vision's combined Ebola and COVID-19 response?

WV DRC is engaged in risk communication and risk management, WASH, protection, food security and livelihood activities to stop the spread of Ebola and COVID-19 in the areas affected by Ebola as well as other parts of World Vision's operations in the country.

- Reorienting faith -leaders, women's and youth associations, to innovate ways of informing communities about Ebola and COVID-19, empowering them to protect themselves, care for the sick and contain the spread of the twin crises
- We provide psychosocial support to help affected families, especially children.
- We support infection prevention control measures in schools and in communities to create a protective environment.
- We make water, hygiene and sanitation available in communities, schools and health centres.
- We respond to vulnerabilities that pre-existed the Ebola outbreak and which actively contribute to its spread.
- We coordinate with our partners to ensure the physical, emotional and psychological well -being of children.
- We are providing personal protective equipment to safe frontline responders, health workers and carers.

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90,449

children reached with life -saving messages in March



faith leaders trained on Ebola and COVID-19



action team members trained on Ebola and COVID-19



134

community health workers

trained on COVID-19



7,317

community feedback participants



164,134

reached with life-saving messages



123,765

beneficiaries, 1,459.4 MT



9,126

people reached with hygiene kits



cumulatively over 1,000,000 people (379,775 children)

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