



# Kyangwali COVID-19 Updates

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# Highlights

- Index cases Diagnosed on the 09/08/2020
- On 09/09/2020 Cumulative COVID-19 cases are **90 with one death**
- **September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>: 11 positive cases out of 154 samples (7.14% rate)**
- **54% of the current active covid-19 cases are humanitarian staff**
- **24 persons discharged** from Hoima and Mulago Treatment Unit
- **30 persons in Quarantine** in the settlement
- Currently, the response team/surveillance has ran short of specimen collection kits
- UNHCR with support from Partners **distributed around 89 000 Re-usable masks** to all eligible POCs in the settlement' distribution will continue
- **Epicenter of Infection**- Maratatu C and Kasonga; **Other villages**- Kirokole, Mukarange, Kyebitaka,

# Coordination

- **Daily Settlement level Task Force** co-chaired by OPM and UNHCR is ongoing
- **District level Task Force** meetings chaired by the RDC are ongoing
- Ministry of Health, WHO, DLG are supporting the response
- **Daily Settlement Health Rapid Response Team** meeting (UNHCR and MTI and other health partners)
- UNHCR has recently filled the Public Health Officer post in Kyangwali for better response and coordination

# Surveillance & Laboratory



- VHTs are conducting daily surveillance within the settlement
- Contact tracing is ongoing
- Humanitarian workers are undergoing testing within the settlement
- RWCs are supporting community surveillance and reporting new arrivals from Congo- COVID-19 cases among the leadership
- **Contact Tracing expands with new positive cases**

# Infection Prevention & Control

- Hand Washing Facilities are available at entrances of health facilities, as well as screening
- Health workers are using PPEs (masks, gloves)
- Health teams disinfect the offices of the humanitarian agencies
- Hand washing facilities have been provided at all public places, markets, with
- PPEs are still available for the health workers(likely to last a month)
- Refugees receive facemasks distribution on going
- **New FDP being established in Maratatu**



# Case Management



- 41 Health workers trained in case management in the district but only 24 remained available
- Kasonga treatment unit is complete though needs equipping
- **WHO/MoH/MTI /partners conducted an assessment of Kasonga treatment Unit, as NT-CTU, for management of Asymptomatic cases**
- Infrastructural modifications approved by UNHCR
- LWF support for WASH activities ongoing

# Risk Communication

- Target is to reach a critical mass of 90% of the population
- VHTs conducting risk communication within the settlements with support from RWC s
- Ongoing meetings with Refugee Leaders and community sensitization meetings are ongoing
- Motorcycle drives are being supported by partners
- High risk areas like markets are being reached on various market days

# Challenges

- Feeding in quarantine Centre and Treatment Centre for POCs and guards for these locations
- Logistics- fleet to respond to cases (need for Ambulances)
- COVID-19 Test Kit challenges
- Adhering to Guidelines
- Police have manpower challenge
- Need for Psychosocial support for teams in IQC, humanitarian staff, and staff in self quarantine
- Theft of the property in the homes of people taken into quarantine or treatment
- Humanitarian workers sharing accommodation
- Adherence to guidelines (humanitarian staff & refugees, overcrowded markets, breaking curfew, et cetera)
- Stigmatization and misconceptions surrounding COVID-19
- Pendular Movement from DRC to Uganda and back.