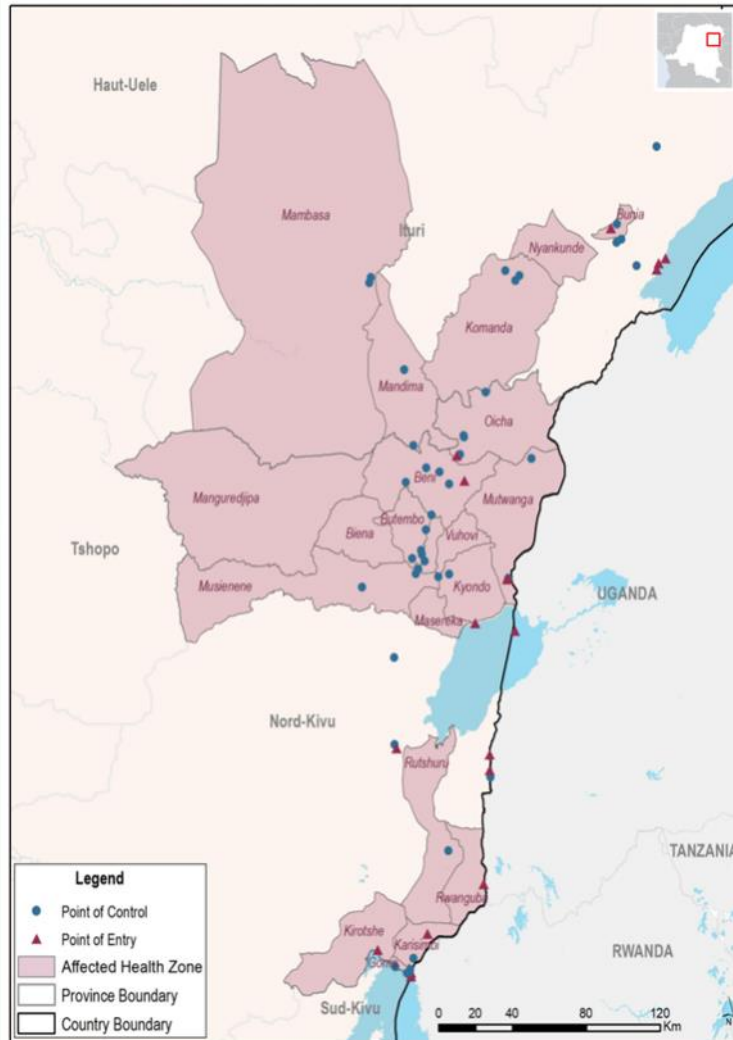


EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD) RESPONSE IN DRC

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AT A GLANCE

- ✓ In partnership with the Congolese Ministry of Health, particularly the National Programme for Border Health (PNHF), IOM implements **surveillance and disease prevention activities** at points of entry and points of control (POE/POC), using information on population mobility to minimize disease transmission to new areas and across borders.
- ✓ There are currently **22 outbreak affected health zones** and the risk of transmission of the virus to neighboring provinces and other countries still remains very high. Despite significant progress, the response remains challenging in many ways. POE/POCs are particularly vulnerable to insecurity due to their locations outside of the main towns, on key roads, or in the middle of crowded and populated areas. The high mobility of the population in the affected provinces and the surfacing of the disease mandates the strengthening of POE/POCs in several areas.
- ✓ As of 14 April 2018, the Ministry of Health has registered **1,264 probable and confirmed cases**, 803 deaths, 371 persons discharged as cured from Ebola Treatment Centers (ETC).

80 POINTS OF CONTROL / POINTS OF ENTRY, INCLUDING **64** IN NORTH-KIVU AND ITURI

> 700 IOM-SUPPORTED STAFF IN THE FIELD

	TRAVELLERS SCREENED	HAND-WASHED INDIVIDUALS	ALERTS REPORTED	ALERTS VALIDATED	CONFIRMED EVD CASES
1-14 APRIL 2019	3,101,600	3,102,818	79	32	1
CUMULATIVE SINCE AUG. 2018	48,770,126	21,695,400 <i>(since Jan. 2019)</i>	641	289	8

POINTS OF ENTRY AND CONTROL AT THE FRONTLINE OF THE OUTBREAK



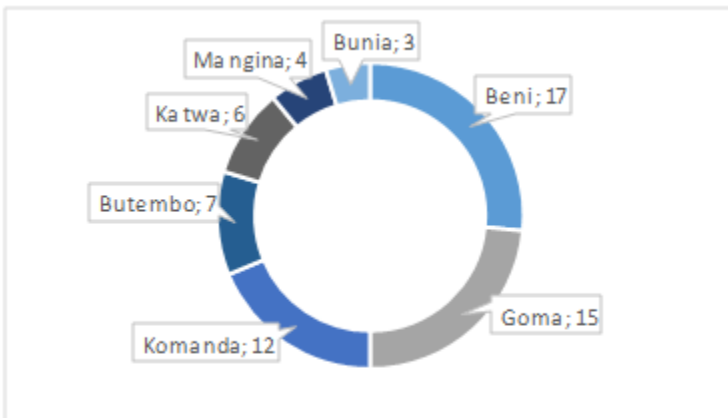
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On 10 April 2019, a medical doctor died in Beni from EVD. He had generated around 534 contacts, among them two frontline workers working at Mukulya POC (North-Kivu). All contacts, including the frontline workers, were listed by the surveillance commission and are being followed by the contact tracing team.

In addition, two EVD confirmed cases were registered among workers at Butembo airport. In response, flights were suspended for a period of time and the airport was disinfected. IOM and the PNHF at the Ministry of Health will roll-out sensitization sessions on the risks of Ebola and disease prevention measures at key airports in North Kivu and Ituri.

To reduce risk of disease transmission, frontline workers are trained on infection prevention and control

(IPC) measures and are provided with personal protective equipment, such as gloves, face masks, and aprons.



Geographical repartition of the POE/POCs in North-Kivu and Ituri, around main cities

HIGHLIGHT

The USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) granted IOM 3.4 million USD to respond to the Ebola outbreak and strengthen epidemic preparedness in health zones and provinces that are not affected by the disease. The six-months project will focus on enhancing the quality of disease surveillance and prevention at POE/POCs through regular training of frontline workers and robust supervision. The project will support risk communication and community engagement efforts to improve awareness and encourage community ownership of POE/POC activities.

UPDATES

- On 13 April 2019, the POC Komba succeeded in intercepting a positive case of Ebola. The dead body of a 42-year-old male was detected at the POC as it was being transported in truck from Vulamba to Malende for burial. This is the eighth positive case that was reported from POE/POC since the beginning of the outbreak in August 2018. Nine persons were accompanying the body in the truck: they are now listed and being followed.
- IOM and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) organized a workshop, from 10-12 April 2019, to improve health screening at Goma airport. The workshop brought together 22 participants from different government agencies involved in the airport operations to develop a multi-sectoral plan of action to ensure that the airport meets the requirements of the International Health Regulations and is prepared to respond effectively if EVD cases are detected in Goma.
- IOM participated in the Operational Planning Workshop for SRP 3 organized by the Ministry of Health in Goma, between 10-12 April 2019. IOM, PNHF, and WHO jointly identified key interventions that will be put in place to reinforce the role of POE/POC in the response.

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