

# EMERGENCY & HUMANITERIAN ACTION (EHA)

## *UGANDA WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT*

*EPI-WEEK 13 OF 2010*

### *Highlights;*

**WHO-Uganda continue to support government's effort to response to the landslide effect on the population in Bududa, Manafa & Butaleja district**

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## 1. GENERAL SITUATION; POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND SECURITY

- i. **Kampala city;** Is calm following riot by Makerere university students and Buganda loyalist in epi-week 11
- ii. **Acholi and Lango sub-region;** is calm
- iii. **Karamoja sub-region;** Over 2,000 herds of cattle were raided from a protected kraal in Kotido district.

## 2. CURRENT EMERGENCIES

### i. Land slide;

**Kabarole district;** Landslide occurred in Kararole district on the 5<sup>th</sup>/March/2010. The affected villages are Mutumba, Kibowa, Bihondo, and Sibahikwa. Over 3,000 people were displaced and are now camped in Mitandi trading centre, Mitumba church of Uganda and Bihondo primary school. Response to the land slide affected population includes community mobilization and sensitization on improved hygiene. Challenges faced by the displaced population are poor access to safe water and sanitation.

**Butaleja, Manafa and Bududa districts.** Cracks/Soil depression have been reported in 2 sub-counties of Bupoto and Mileoto in Manafa district causing fear of impending land slide. Plans are underway to re-locate people from the affected sub-counties.

### **Gaps in landslide response;**

- Provision of mental health/ psychosocial support services in Bulucheke HC II/ camp remains inadequate and needs to be strengthened urgently. Mental health services in the camp are currently being provided by 1 psychiatric clinical officer, supported by 2 social workers from World Vision – International.
- The environmental condition in the Bulucheke camp has worsened in the past days by mud and wet surfaces inside the tents due to heavy rains.
- Water purification activities (distribution of water purifiers, community sensitization and water quality testing) in Butaleja District are still very limited
- Malaria prevention measures (distribution of LLINs and community education) are still inadequate in the camps.

### **Response to landslides in Bududa, Butaleja and Manafa includes;**

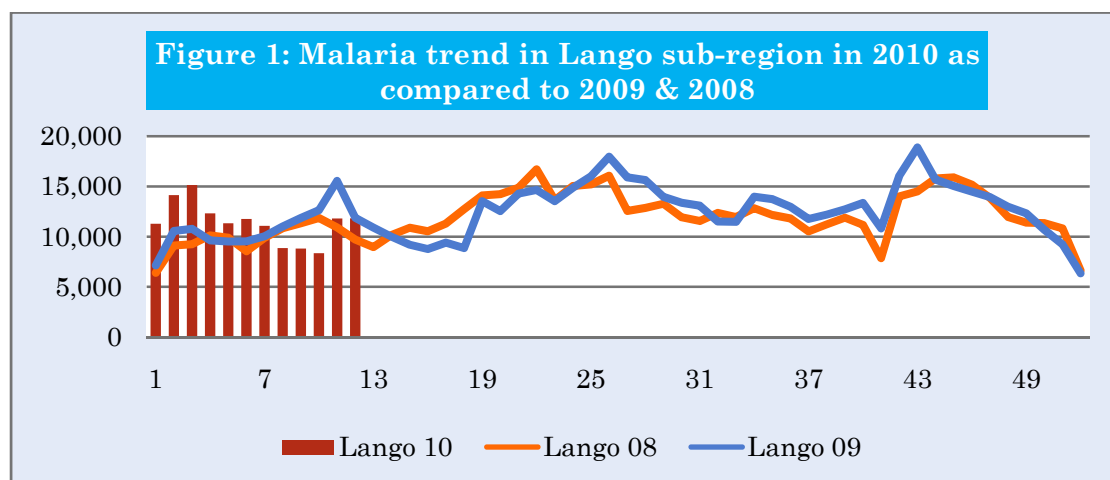
- WHO has provided financial and technical support to MoH to conduct training of 128 health workers from Bududa, Butaleja and Manafa Districts on epidemic preparedness and response (EPR)
- Training of 100 VHTs from 3 sub-counties (most affected by floods) in Butaleja District has been conducted by MoH with support from WHO.

- A rapid nutrition assessment was conducted in Bududa District (Bulucheke Camp) and flood affected communities in Butaleja District by MoH, UNICEF and other Agencies; the result of the assessment is being awaited
- WHO supported Bududa District with funds to deploy additional health workers (1 Doctor, 2 Clinical officers and 4 Nurses) to support provision of health care services to displaced persons
- WHO provided financial, logistical and technical support to Bududa, Butaleja and Manafa District to strengthen surveillance reporting and active case search
- WHO supported environmental health staff in Manafa District to intensify hygiene education and social mobilization;
- WHO supported radio programs in Mafafa District to enhance social mobilization
- Humanity First an international NGO continue to support the DHO in provision of general health services in Bulucheke HC II
- Mbale Hospital, in collaboration with the Indian Association in Uganda, is providing backup human resource for health in Bukigai HC III
- Butaleja District has received essential medicines/ supplies from National Medical Stores.

## Analysis and Health Consequences (Health Problems and Needs of Affected Population)

### *Malaria;*

**Lango;** The trend of malaria in all districts in Lango sub-region in 2010 is comparable to 2009 and 2008. See figure I below for details.



### *Diarrheal disease;*

The trend of diarrheal disease in all districts in Acholi, Lango and Karamoja sub-region in 2010 is comparable to 2009 and 2008.

**Hepatitis E;**

**Kitgum and Lamwoo district;** 2 new cases of Hepatitis E were reported in epi-week 12. Note that over the last 18 weeks, Kitgum district has been registering about 5 cases per week. The cumulative number of cases and deaths since the beginning of the outbreak in November 2007 is 10,580 and 168 (CFR 1.58%) respectively.

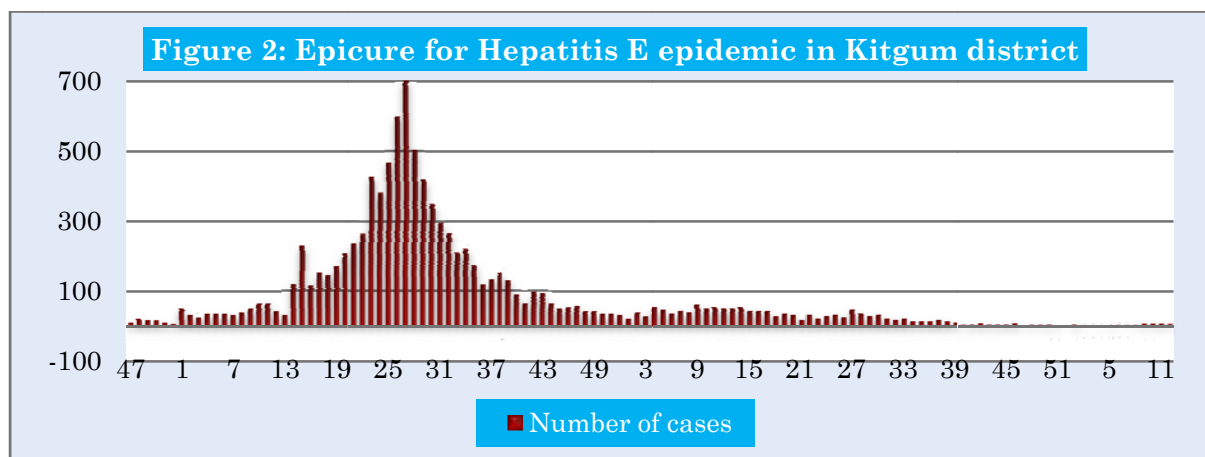
**Pader district;** No new case reported in week 12. The cumulative number of cases reported since the beginning of the outbreak is 252 with 8 deaths (CFR 3.2%)

**Kaabong;** 6 new cases reported in epi-week 12 down from 13 cases reported in epi-week 11. The cumulative number of cases reported since the beginning of the epidemic is 398 with 14 deaths (CFR 3.51%).

**Kotido;** One new case reported in epi-week 12. This follows 13 weeks of zero reporting.

**Moroto;** No cases reported in epi-week 12. The cumulative number of cases registered since the beginning of the outbreak is 21 with one death (CFR 4.7%). See table I and figure 2 below for details.

District	New cases	New deaths	Cumulative cases	Cumulative deaths
Kitgum & Lamwo	2	0	10,580	168 (1.58%)
Pader	0	0	252	8 (3.2%)
Kaabong	6 (suspected cases)	0	398 (suspected cases)	14 (3.51%)
Kotido	1 (Suspected cases)	0	15 (Suspected cases)	1 (6.6%)
Moroto	0	0	21	1 (4.76%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,266</b>	<b>192 (1.7%)</b>



Major challenges to Hep E response still remains poor funding of the response activity, lack of commitment to the response from local leaders and resistance of the community to change behaviors.

**AFP:** One suspected case of AFP has been reported from Lira district.

### Response to the health consequence

**Disease surveillance;** WHO continues to provide technical and financial support to all districts in the three sub-regions of Lango, Acholi and Karamoja in disease surveillance.

**Malaria;** ABT Associates has completed conducting IRS in Oyam district using pyrethroid called Fendona (alpha cypermethrin). IRS activities in Apac district is expected to be complete next week. Coverage for each district is still being computed.

**Diarrheal disease;** WHO continues to support the government of Uganda in health education on sanitation & improved hygiene practices Hepatitis E;

**AFP:** Samples from the suspected case in Lira district have been sent to UVRI for confirmation.

### Response by other partners;

- a. NUMAT continued to support Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS activities in all districts in Acholi and Lango sub-regions. Support includes – supporting re-activation of DAC / DAT / SAT, PMTCT outreaches, Early infant diagnosis, providing LLITNs, refurbishing / equipping the labs, support supervision, TB CB-DOTS,
- b. CUAMM / COOPI continue to support Oyam in implementing comprehensive RH / GBV and child health services
- c. Norwegian Agency & CFI (formerly CCF) are constructing two children's wards in two HCs in Dokolo (Kwera & Obok HCs);

### Other partners present in the region

CESVI, Concern, MTI, AVSI, AIS and Mercy Corps, UNFPA, GOAL, Malaria consortium (MC), AMREF, MEDAIR, , AVSI, MTI, ICRC, NUMAT, Visions in Action, Health Alert and ARC

### Plan for Coming Week

- a. Continue providing support to MoH to respond to health effects of land slide and floods in Eastern Uganda

- b. Support hepatitis E epidemic response in Kitgum, Kaabong, Kotido and Pader district
- c. Provide technical and financial support to the DHOs in strengthening HMIS/IDSR
- d. Provide technical support to MoH and UBoS to finalizing the write up of mini-Demographic and Health Survey

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