

**DRC**

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**SITUATION**

On 1st August 2018, an outbreak of Ebola virus was confirmed in Mabalako Health Zone in Mangina village situated in Beni Territory, North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The official declaration of the epidemic by the National Ministry of Health initiated a response from WHO and other organizations from the health sector to attempt to stop the further spread of the disease and treat the affected.

Unfortunately, these attempts have not been totally successful as Ebola continues to spread to several locations within the Beni territory region and Ituri Province according to WHO report on 30 October 2018, 244 persons have contracted Ebola and 144 deaths have occurred.

**NEEDS**

The epidemic has put the town of Mangina in a state of crisis. The epidemic affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: lack of accurate information about the way to prevent the spreading of the disease. There is a need to intervene by providing specific care to the survivors and those who have been orphaned from that epidemic.

<input type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	protection services

The dire situation is further compounded for the epidemic affected people with vulnerabilities, more specifically for widows and unaccompanied children. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

**STAKEHOLDERS**

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	DRC government through Health Ministry: Involved in advocacy in resources mobilization as well as strategy to stop the spreading of the epidemic of Ebola virus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	World Health Organization: is actively involved in activities aiming at controlling the spreading disease and issuing on daily basis sitrep.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	MSF is involved in both health response and cases investigations of the sick people,
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Dealing with dignified and secure burial of the infected who have lost their lives.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Due to the spread of cases across different quarters in Beni and surroundings, Government is working towards involving the police (in the future maybe military) to enforce actions, for example the mayor has issued an edict making the police more involved in following up suspected incidents. These measure's indicate the government is under pressure to curb the epidemic. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DR Congo (MONUSCO) indicate that they plan to be also involved to curb the epidemic.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	BOAD is deeply involved in preventive activities asking communities members to use hand wash kit and community sensitization on good hygiene and sanitation practices.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Involved in advocacy due to the current security situation in the zone under ADF control which causes constraints on effective intervention to reach potential people affected by Ebola virus to get appropriate care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	ECC is deeply involved in awareness raising in terms of sensitisation and setting hand kits in front of their churches against Ebola virus thorough the Nord Kivu province
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	They played the role to direct any suspect case to the check point aimed at measuring the temperature
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Actively involved in sensitisation among them the survivors are used as key messengers

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by DRC government through Health Ministry. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (Health Cluster) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

#### **ACT Alliance**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Beni Territory North Kivu Province in DRC since 2004, now helping/planning to help people affected by the epidemic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the epidemic, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in sensitisation to prevent people against Ebola virus as well as psychosocial support to the families who have lost their close relatives and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT DRC national forum Members namely BOAD, Eglise Evangelique Lutherienne au Congo (EELC) and Church of Christ in Congo (CCC) have submitted a Rapid Response Fund for Ebola response while Lutheran World Federation (LWF), NCA, Christian AID (CA), BOAD, Salvation Army, Eglise Evangelique Lutherienne du Congo (EELC) and Church of Christ in Congo (CCC) are submitting an appeal on Ebola response. In order to ensure Ebola epidemic affected persons' basic needs are met and proper sensitisation and other appropriate health measures aiming at to put under control the widespread of Ebola virus are in place, a multi sector approach will be used. The various proposals will plan to provide support related to sensitisation of Ebola to the whole community, community leaders will be trained; and hygiene practices will be promoted by setting up hand washing kits in schools; churches and market places. Psycho social support to affected families (especially those who have lost close relatives) will be provided.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing financial support to assist affected persons in the coming days.



Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the epidemic are amplified.

**Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel ([Line.Hempel@actalliance.org](mailto:Line.Hempel@actalliance.org))**

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