



**World Food
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Memorandum

Proforma for requesting an IRA allocation for preparedness activities

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Subject: Regional Bureau for East and Central Africa request for fund allocation from the Immediate Response Account (IRA) for regional Ebola outbreak preparedness activities

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

RATIONALE:

On 1 August 2018, the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of the Congo notified WHO of a new outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in North Kivu Province, in the eastern part of the country. As of 20 August 2018, a total of 102 cases have been confirmed (75 confirmed, 27 probable), with 59 deaths reported. Six health zones in two provinces are affected, including Beni, Butembo, Oicha, Mabalako, and Musienene in North-Kivu Province, and Mandima in Ituri Province. A total of 2,408 contacts have been listed of which 1,782 were under observation.

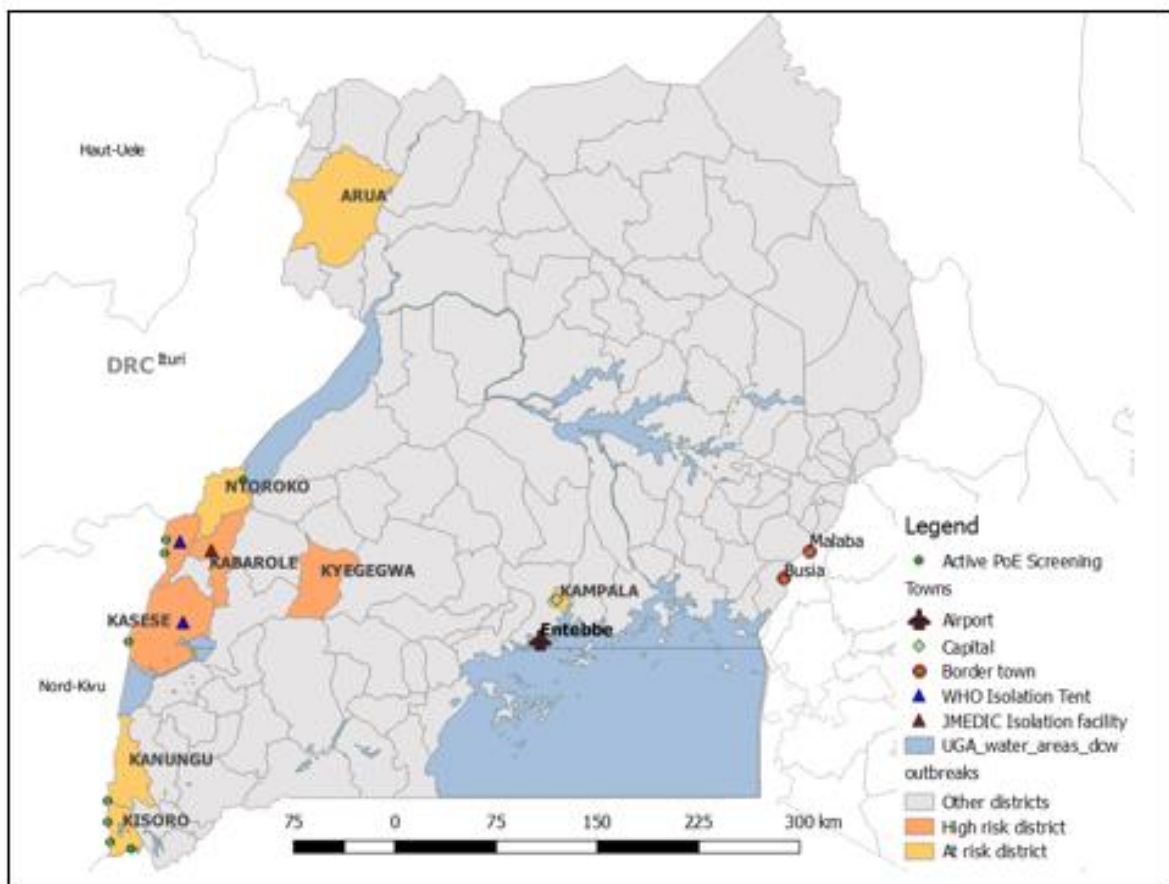
WHO has raised the emergency to a Level 3 and states a 'medium risk' of a regional outbreak, indicating that nine countries are at risk of EVD: Uganda, South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Tanzania, Rep. of Congo, CAR, Angola. Uganda is at the top of the high-risk countries. The below map indicates the most at-risk areas in Uganda: there are refugee camps near the indicated areas, and Arua is a major hub servicing some seven refugee camps (NW Uganda) with approximately 700,000 refugees. The borders between Uganda and South Sudan are extremely porous. Uganda is followed by Rwanda and Burundi, neighboring the North Kivu area.

WFP's role in the 2014 West Africa Ebola emergency was two-fold: as a provider of food assistance and as a provider of logistics common services to the entire humanitarian community and its partners. Services included UNHAS aviation, UNHRD rapid response,

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engineering, logistics cluster, Emergency Telecommunications Cluster and civil coordination.

Given the risk of a regional emergency and potential WFP dual role, it is imperative that regional preparations and coordination starts as soon as possible to augment and support the country specific preparedness efforts leading towards a possible regional operation, which would allow WFP to redirect resources as and when required to best prioritize scarce resources. This request complements the IR-PREPs already approved or under consideration/development in the four priority countries (Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan).



IRA AMOUNT REQUESTED: US\$ 294,595

Australia, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands have so far expressed interest in funding Ebola preparedness and response.

DURATION OF THE ACTIVITY: 1 September to 30 November 2018 (3 months)

JUSTIFICATION:

The new Ebola outbreak in DRC has high potential risk in the neighboring countries, and there is urgent need to respond with urgent preparedness measures in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan. RBN serves an important role in coordinating regional preparedness measures and Nairobi also serves as the primary location for medical

evacuations in the region. As the current Ebola crisis potentially spreads beyond DRC into the RBN region, RBN envisions a need for a regional operation that can ensure efficient allocation of resources across a number of countries as the situation potentially develops in a rapid manner within a highly fluid environment. This will be done in close coordination with RBJ and under the leadership of WHO and national Ministries of Health. IR-PREP funding is therefore urgently required to ensure effective WFP regional support to the Ebola preparedness.

Ebola preparedness activities will be comprised mainly of staffing support (surge staff identification and mobilization for programme, logistics and procurement, Information Management, establishment of a coordination cell, human resources, budget management); logistics and procurement preparedness and coordination (identification of suppliers and white stocks; mapping of UNHRD and CO stocks; inventorizing response mechanisms from other hard-to-reach areas such as South Sudan); and monitoring (mapping of cross-border movements and population densities).

PART 2: DETAILED BUDGET

Table 1: Budget

Strategic Result (SR) / SDG Target		SR 8/ SDG 17.16: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs
High level cost categories	Modality	US\$
	Food	-
	CBT & Commodity Voucher	-
	Capacity Strengthening	-
	Service Delivery	280,000
Total Transfer		276,615
Implementation costs		-
TOTAL transfer & implementation		276,615
Adjusted Direct Support Costs (DSC)		-
Total WFP direct Costs		276,615
Indirect Support Costs (ISC) 6.5%		17,980
TOTAL WFP COSTS		294,595