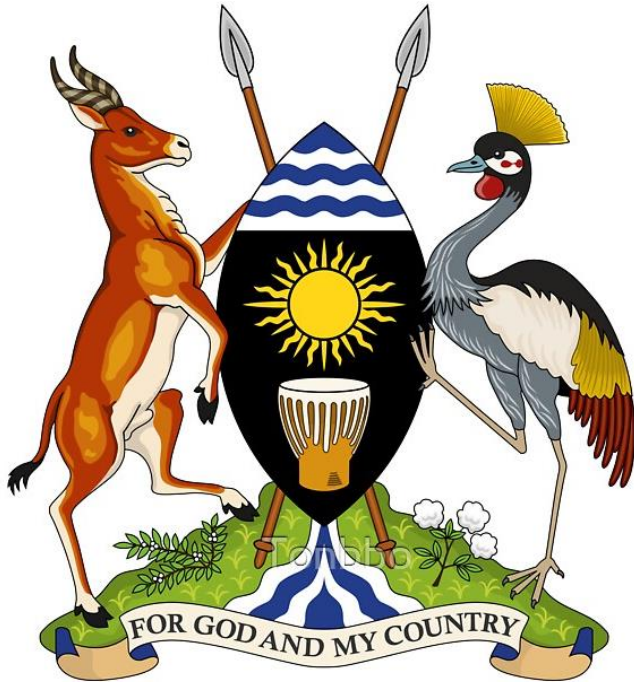


Uganda's Response to Bundibugyo Virus Disease

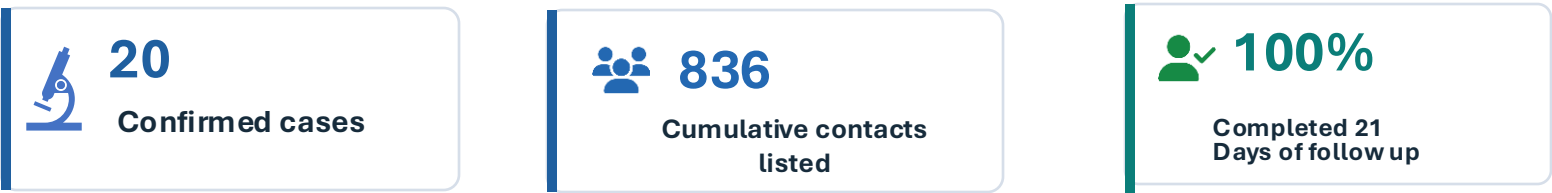


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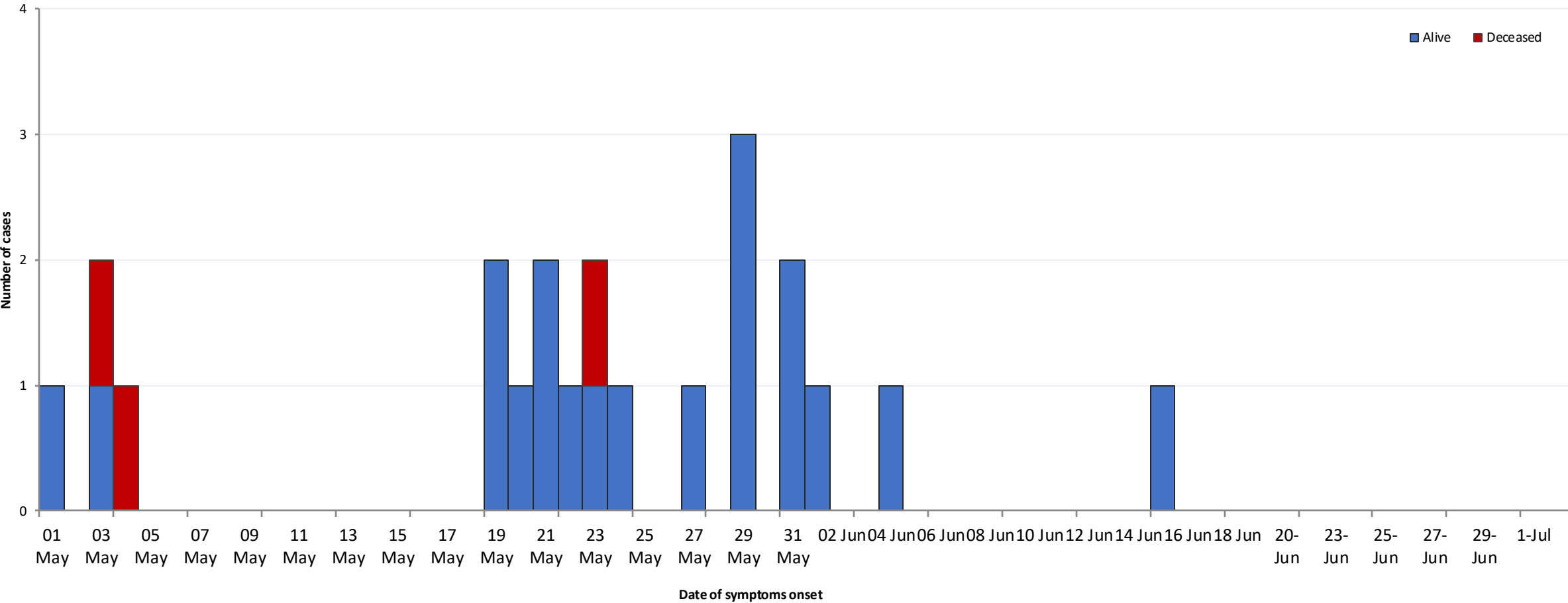
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Epidemiology Summary - Uganda



4 cases - health workers

Epi-Curve by date of symptom onset, N=21 (Confirmed & Probable Cases)



Age and Sex Distribution of the Confirmed and Probable Cases, N=21



11 (52%)

Male



10 (48%)

Female



1.8 - 59 yrs

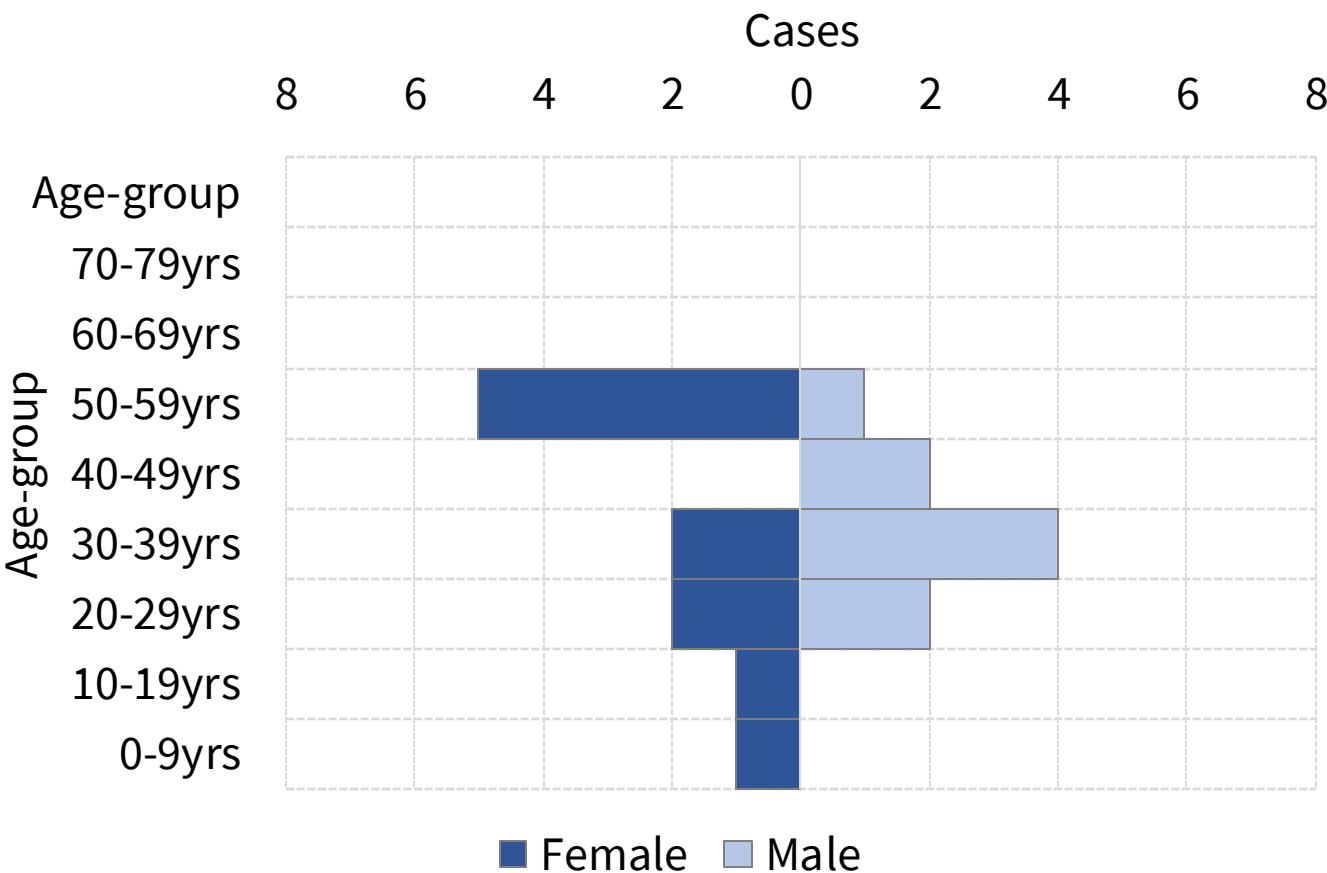
Age range



34 yrs

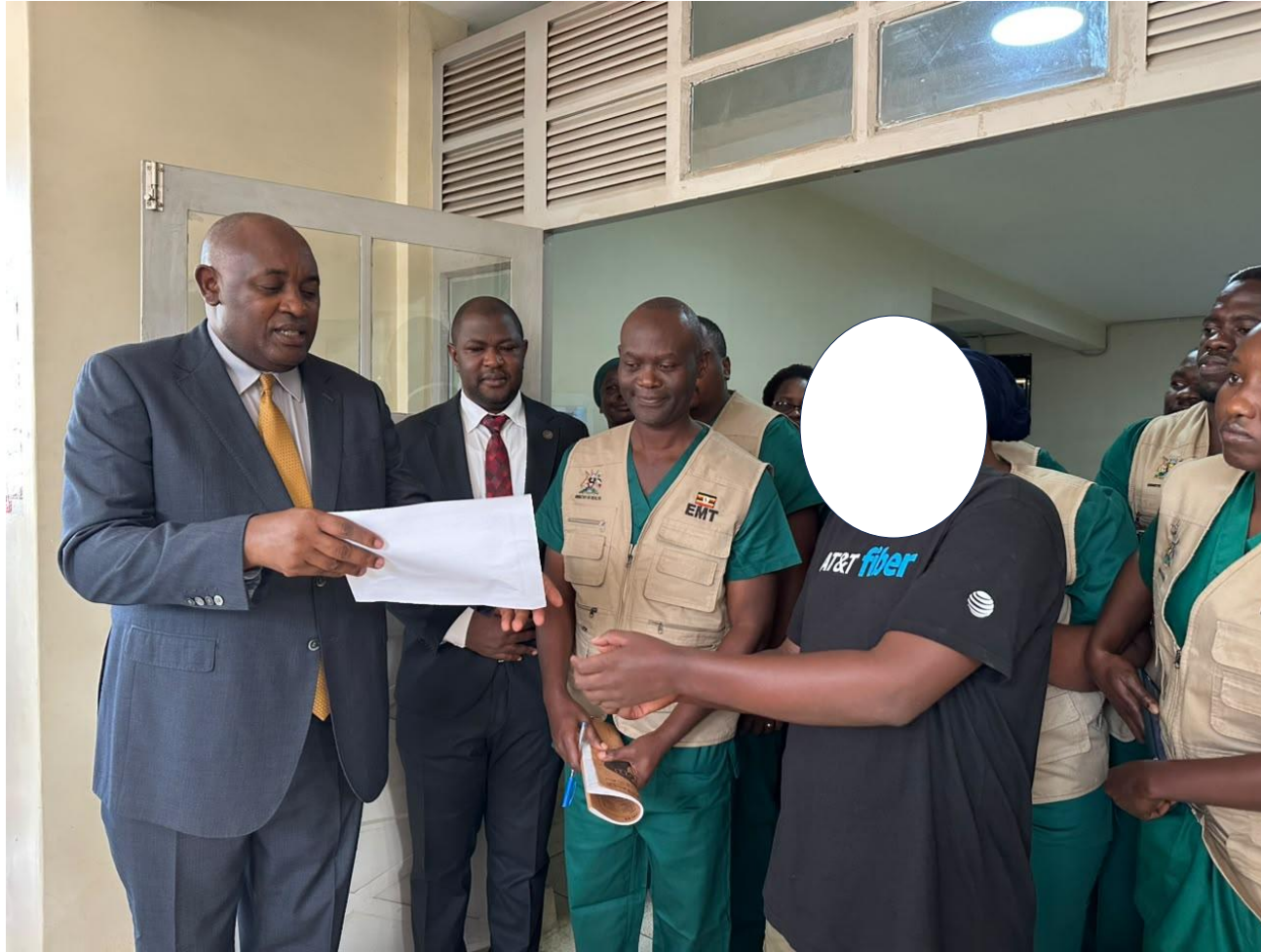
Median age

Cases (confirmed and probable by age group and sex)



Uganda's Current Situation

NO active cases in Uganda



Deployment in the DRC

- Kasenyi
- Aru
- In-country readiness efforts continue (surveillance, RCCE, laboratory, and coordination)
- Cross-border coordination meetings to harmonize approaches

Key milestone

- **15 May 2026: BVD case confirmed, MoH declared outbreak**
- **21 June 2026: The last confirmed case of BVD was reported in Uganda, This case was discharged (recovered) on 16 July 2026.**
- **23 June 2026: The last contact of the 836 total contacts completed 21 days of follow-up.**
- **28 August marked the end of 42 days based on the last discharged confirmed case**



Summary statistics

- **Cases: 20 confirmed, 1 probable**
- **Deaths: 2 deaths, 14% case fatality rate**
- **Contacts: 836 listed and followed up**
- **Recoveries: 18 recoveries, 95% recovery rate (ETU)**

Uganda's Lessons: Response Advantage...

- **Political Leadership and Governance**
- **Strong coordination structures including PHEOCs**
- **Multisectoral collaboration and partnerships**
- **Community trust**
- **Highly skilled workforce**

Uganda's Response

- Surveillance systems
- Experience deploying quarantine measures for contact management
- Case management capacities, including ICU and HDU Capabilities
- Laboratory capacity nationwide, including mobile labs
- Cancelling the 3rd June 2026 Namungongo Matyres annual mass gathering event

Bottom line: Sustained investment in preparedness and readiness for public health emergencies is key

- Outbreak was declared on 15 May 2026
- PoE screening commenced 16 May 2026 at major designated PoEs
- Screening scaled up 29 PoEs by the 5th day of response
- Total of 34 PoEs activated for screening.
- 265 personnel deployed at PoE
- Digital tool; locator form was deployed on 19th May 2026
- QR code self declaration



Interventions at PoE

Assessments:

- MOH, WHO & USCDC 18th May 2026
- East African Community - civil aviation safety and security oversight agency (CASSOA) 21st - 25th May 2025
- MOH, WHO, US CDC, & IDI 31st May 2026
- ECDC, MOH, WHO, US CDC exit screening 20th June 2026

Support Supervision:

- MOH top management , 4th June 2026

Check points

- Roadblocks at Packwach & Karuma

Mentorships and training

Date	No.	Comment/target	organization	Topic
6/1/2026	42	Screeners	WHO/CDC	RING/exit/entry screening
6/2/2026	128	Screeners	WHO/CDC	RING/exit/entry screening
6/3/2026	22	Screeners	WHO/CDC	IPC
6/3/2026	54	Screeners	WHO/CDC	RING/exit/entry screening
6/4/2026	48	Screeners	WHO/CDC	RING/exit/entry screening
6/4/2026	13	Screeners	WHO/CDC	IPC
6/5/2026	66	Screeners	WHO/CDC	RING/exit/entry screening
6/10/2026	13	Screeners	WHO/CDC	IPC
6/12/2026	104	Cargo	IDI	IPC/Spillage management
6/15/2026	28	Screeners	IOM	PSEA
6/15/2026	20	Screeners	WHO/CDC	IPC/ RING/exit/entry screening
6/16/2026	13	Screeners	IOM	PSEA
6/17/2026	9	Screeners	WHO/CDC	IPC/ RING/exit/entry screening
6/17/2026		Screeners	IOM	PSEA





North Kivu Governor meeting at MoH 12/08/2026

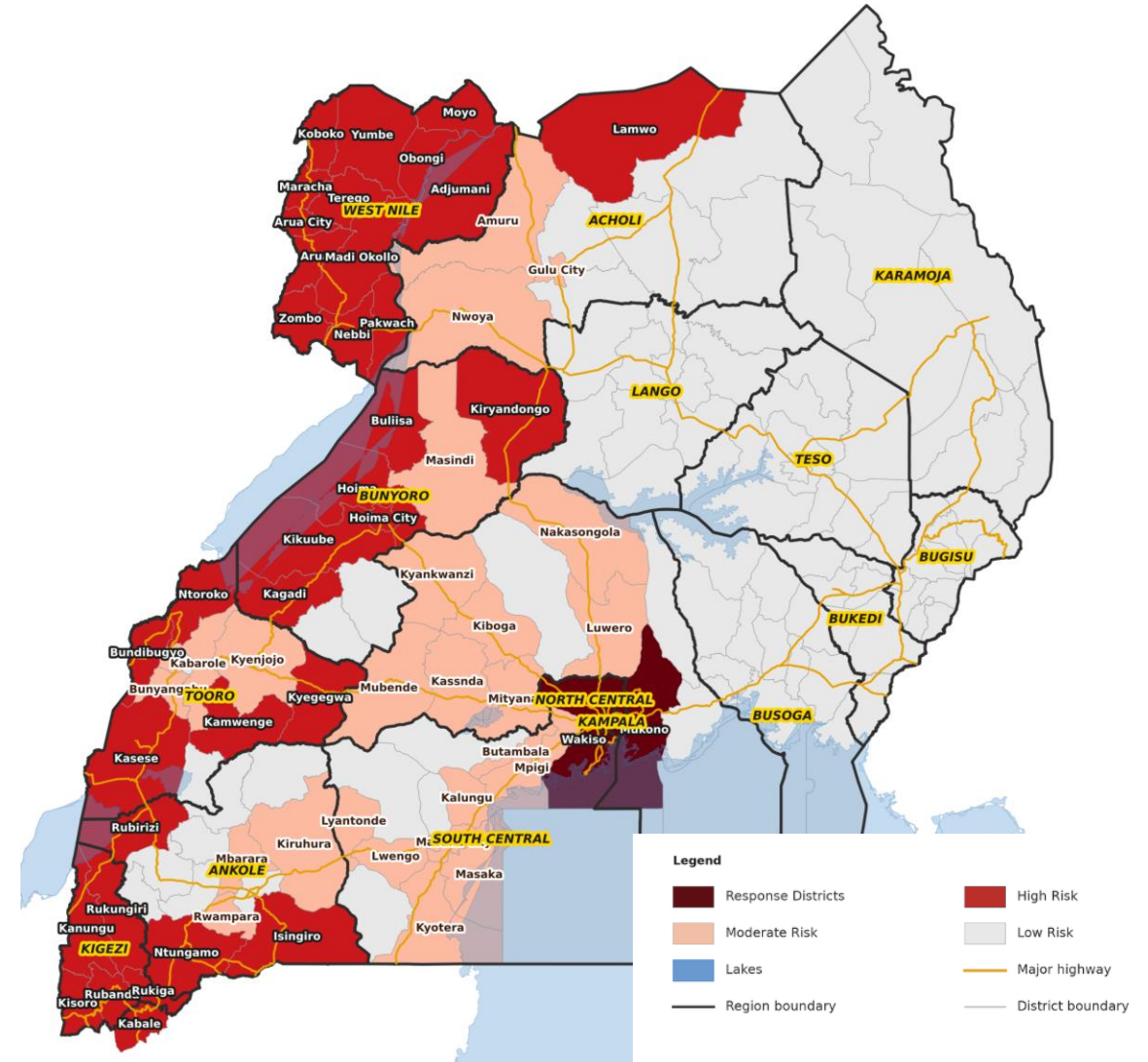
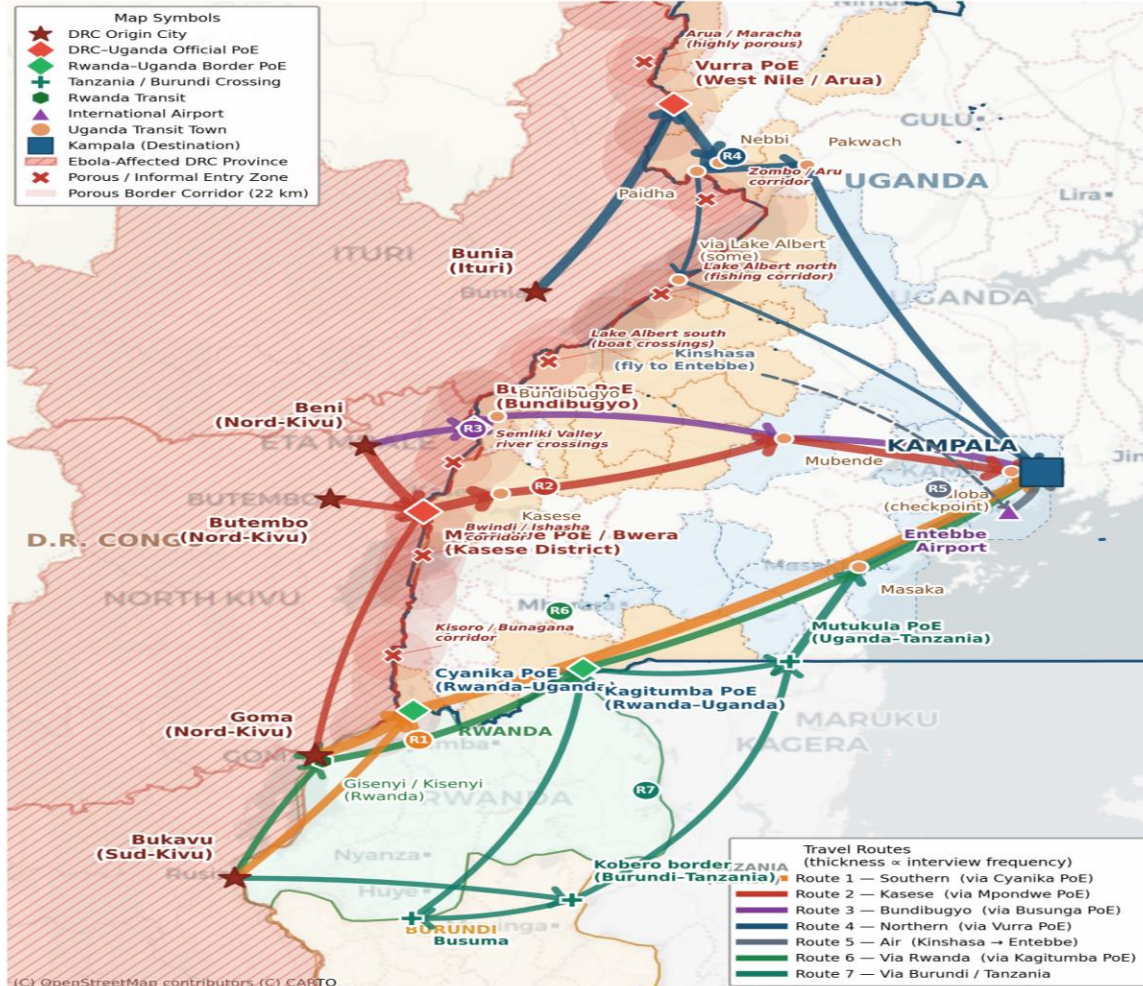


ITURI Governor meeting at MoH, in Ituri

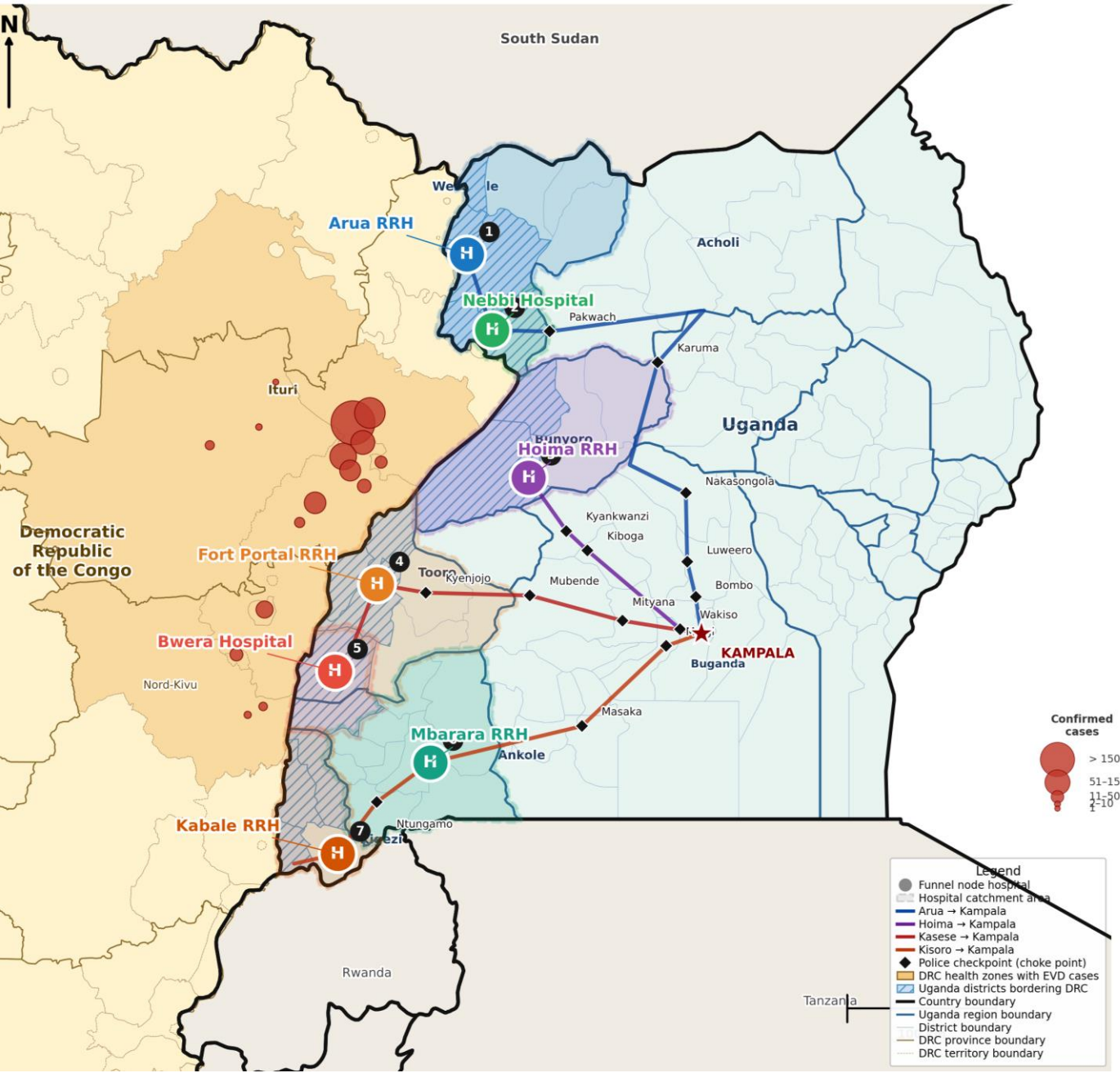
Population movement and porous borders sustain Uganda's border districts at high risk

Population Mobility Routes — Eastern DRC to Uganda

Key DRC origin cities, official border PoEs, travel routes, transit towns | Population Mobility Across Borders (PopCAB) | June 2021



2 Layered Strategy



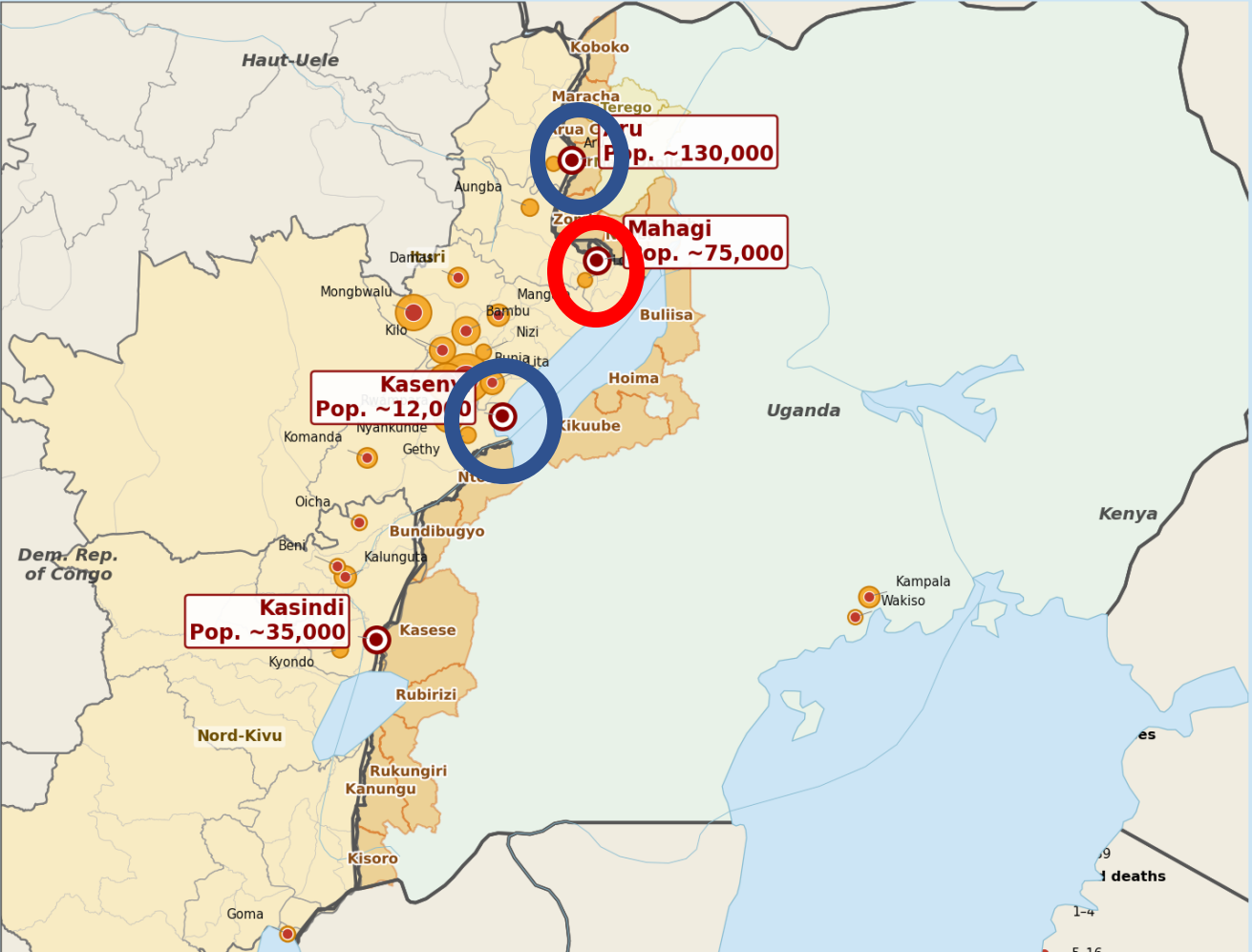
Internal Strategy

Enhanced Readiness with a focus on high-risk districts

- Enhanced surveillance
- Enhanced Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)
- Intensified Laboratory and testing
- Robust Coordination and operational support

External Strategy – Containment at source-Deployment to DRC

Figure 3. Geographical distribution of confirmed and probable cases of Bundibugyo virus disease in DRC and Uganda, as of 31 May 2026



Ministry of Health- Uganda @MinofHealthUG · 14h

The 90-day plan between **Uganda** and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has officially been launched to establish joint laboratory and clinical surge capacity in **DRC** starting with Aru, to control the **Ebola** outbreak. The Ugandan team was led by the Director General Health Services, Prof. @olaro_charles.

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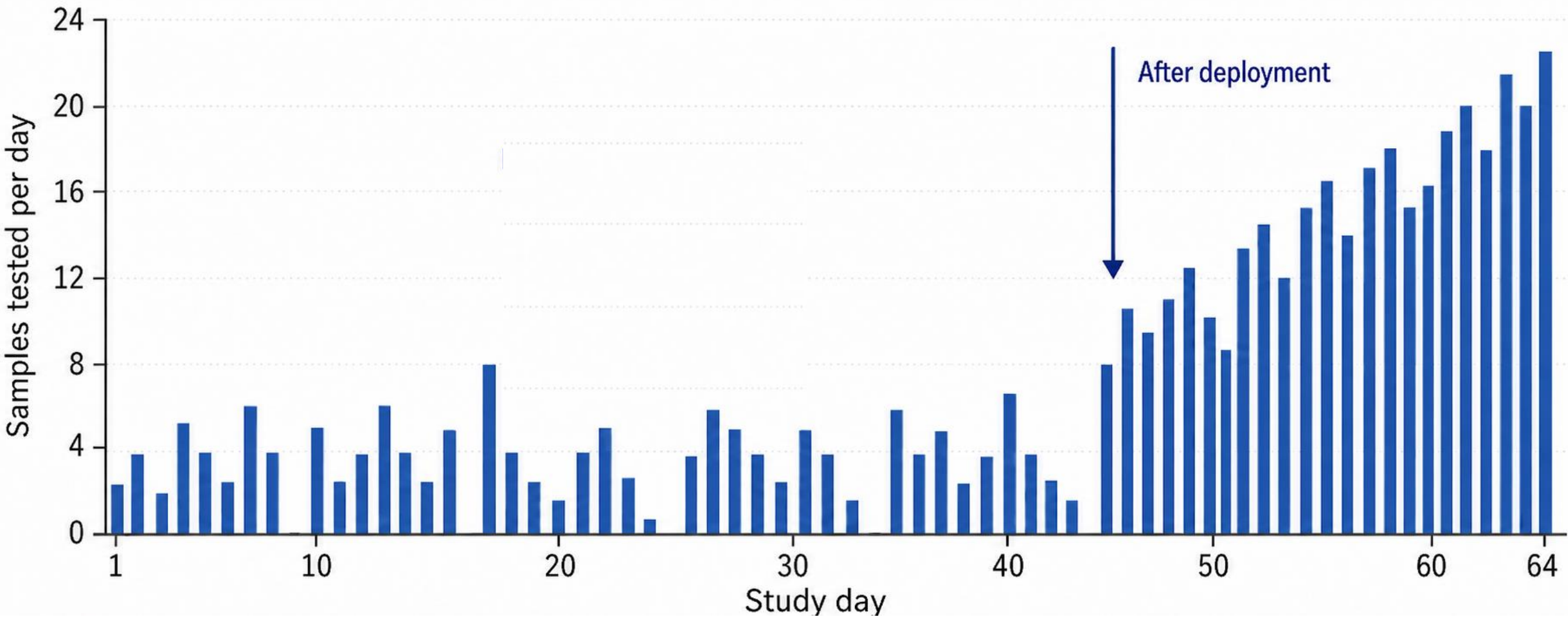


35 days in Aru, 28 days in Kasenyi- with 58 Experts, Mobile labs, and 2 treatment facilities set up, huge logistical support



Progress of samples tested in Tchomia Health Zone since confirmation of outbreak

8 Jun – 10 Aug 2026



Wayforward

- Sustainable surveillance framework
- Joint RCCE mechanisms
- Joint Patient Referral Mechanism
- Harmonise and Implement actions for Border Reopening
- Enhance multilvel coordination for both health and non health actors
- Mapping of actors, health zones/ districts and

Thank you

