

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ebola outbreak: The Red Cross and Red Crescent Response Plan

The current Ebola outbreak is happening in three health zones in Democratic Republic of the Congo's Equateur Province: Wangata, Bikoro, and Iboko. This revised Emergency Appeal will support

400,000 of the most vulnerable people in these areas for six months, and will also undertake preparedness and prevention work in Equateur's four neighbouring Provinces.

Snapshot



The outbreak was confirmed on 8 May. By 14 June, 66 cases – 38 confirmed as Ebola Virus Disease – had been reported, and 28 people had died.

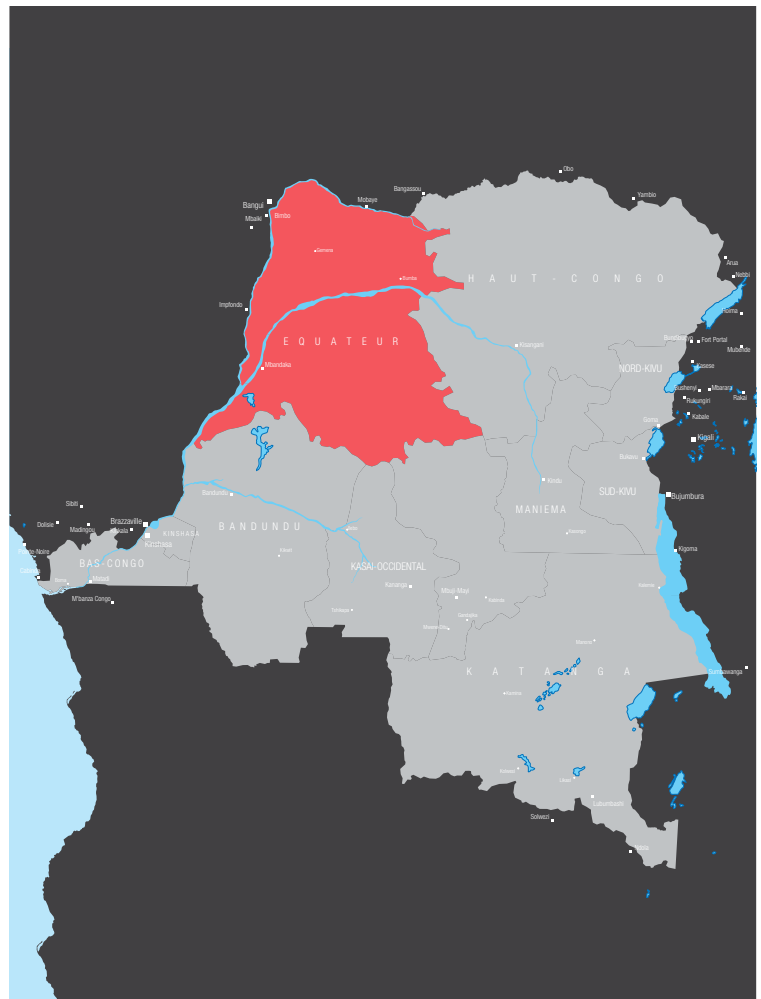
The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are working to support the DRC Red Cross response to the outbreak.

Our Red Cross and Red Crescent Response Plan focuses on epidemic control: community-based surveillance and contact tracing, safe and dignified burials, risk communication and community engagement, Infection Prevention and control support to health facilities and communities, and psychosocial support.

IFRC Appeal

The Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners urgently need your support to stop the spread of an Ebola outbreak in Equateur Province.

-  **7.8 million** Swiss francs needed for epidemic control (revised upwards from 1,630,297 Swiss francs)
-  **400,000** people to be supported for six months





Our emergency operation



Social mobilisation, risk communication, and Community Engagement and Accountability:

critical to ensure that fear and rumours do not undermine the response efforts



Surveillance and contact tracing:

Follow-up on potential contacts and notification of new cases



Safe and dignified burials and disinfection:

Preventing transmission of Ebola through traditional burial practices



Psychosocial support:

culturally-appropriate support for people who have lost loved ones or are at risk of infection



Infection, Prevention and Control support to health facilities:

stopping the spread of infectious diseases to other patients and health workers



Strengthening the capacity of health staff to respond to Ebola outbreaks:

ensuring early detection of suspected Ebola cases; safe and appropriate triage systems.



Key figures



400,000

people to be supported
for six months



7,879,764

Swiss francs
appeal budget



264,601

DRC Red Cross volunteers
active in communities

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