

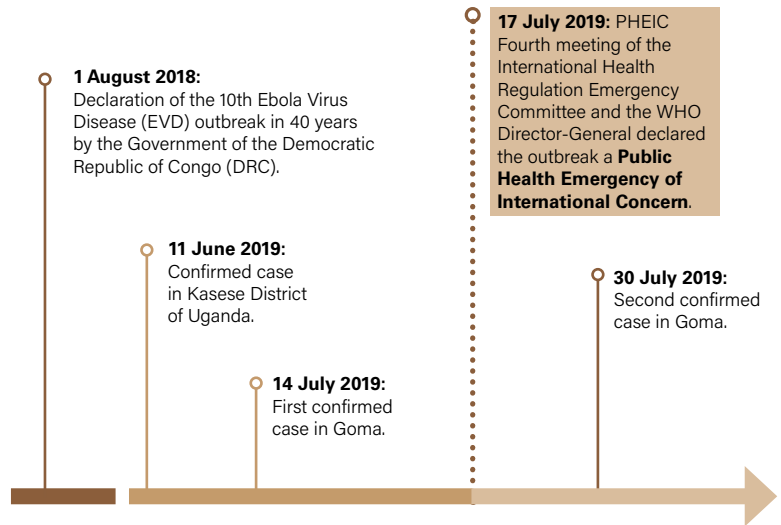
Ebola Virus Disease Response in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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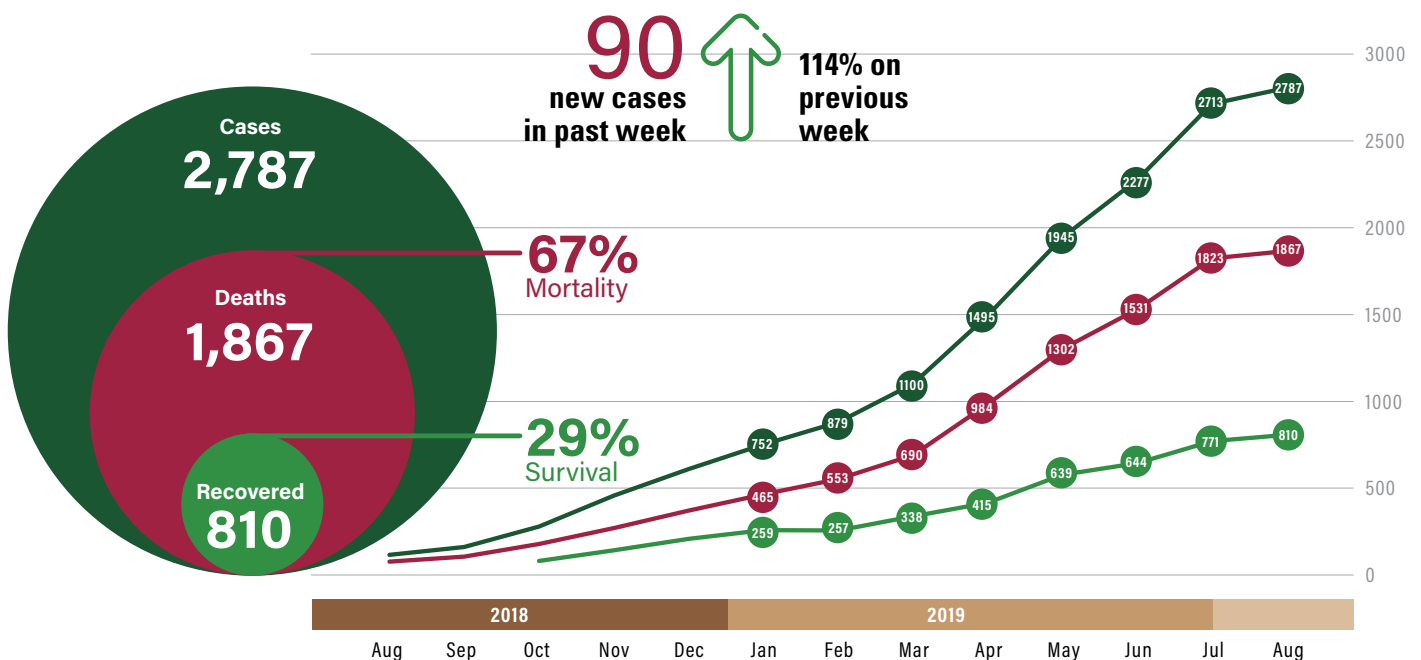
1. Affected Provinces in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



2. Major Timelines in the Response to EVD in DRC



3. Evolution of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak in the DRC, August 2018 to August 2019



4. Key Challenges to EVD Response in the DRC



Insecurity

There have been:

176 attacks on health facilities

51 injuries of personnel

5 fatalities (due to attacks) in the past year.



Community mistrust and resistance



Resource mobilisation

AUC Chairperson to host Africa Against Ebola Forum to raise additional funds for response.



Shortage of responders and medical supplies

5. What more can Africa CDC do?

- Deploy 500 more experts to support response and preparedness in the DRC and neighbouring countries.
- Provide more medical and diagnostic equipment, including mobile laboratories.
- Strengthen public health emergency operations centres in the DRC and neighbouring countries.
- Support training of more experts and volunteer community workers in the DRC and other countries in Africa.
- Strengthen public awareness and social mobilization for the prevention and control of Ebola in Africa.

6. Africa CDC Response (to date)

Briefed the African Union Peace and Security Council.

Briefed the Permanent Representative Committee.

Africa CDC Emergency Operation Centre activated to its highest level.

AUC Task Force on Ebola Outbreak reactivated.

Expanding response support to the DRC and at-risk neighbouring countries.

Deploying additional experts to support response in the DRC and neighbouring countries.

41 public health experts deployed to support response:

- 17 epidemiologists
- 8 infection prevention and control experts
- 4 laboratory scientists
- 4 central support team members
- 3 communication experts
- 2 national coordination team members
- 1 data manager

Trained more than 800 local health care workers and community volunteers in disease surveillance, laboratory diagnosis, risk communication and infection prevention and control.

Supplied six GeneXpert machines and more than 3000 cartridges, and supporting laboratory diagnostic services in six health zones, of which four are fully run by Africa CDC teams.

Supporting surveillance, including cross-border surveillance, and investigation of alerts through contact tracing.

Supporting infection prevention and control and risk communication. Supplied personal protection equipment to 13 health centres and hospitals.