

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN DRC (weekly update):**Epidemiological situation** (May 30, 2018):

Cases: 50 (37 confirmed, 13 probable, 0 suspected)

Deaths: 25 (12 out of the confirmed cases)

The number of cases has decreased due to the elimination of suspected cases that resulted negative. <https://us13.campaign-archive.com/?u=89e5755d2cca4840b1af93176&id=7bf4510a98>

The WHO is “cautiously optimistic” given the decrease in new cases over the last days, but the lack of screening in several ports along the Congo River is worrying.

<https://www.irinnews.org/news-feature/2018/05/30/ebola-fear-suspicion-and-anger-along-congo-s-river-worry>

Vaccination

Since the launch of the vaccination campaign on May 21, 682 people have been vaccinated, including 499 in Mbandaka, 113 in Bikoro and 70 in Iboko.

Treatments

Regeneron has sent 10 doses of its experimental treatment (based on the combination of three mAbs) to DRC. <http://investor.regeneron.com/releaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=1068983>
The country has allowed imports of other potential treatments such as Zmapp and 114 mAb, but it is still not clear whether they will be used.

There are currently around 20 Ebola patients receiving care in DRC, most of them in the remote areas of Bikoro and Iboko.

MSF has installed a total of 42 beds for treatment and isolation (10 in Ibiko, 12 in Mbandaka and 20 in Bikoro).

Funding

The Ebola outbreak in DRC is testing for the first time an emergency funding mechanism set up by the World Bank, Japan and Germany in 2016. 12 million USD have already been injected into the response. <http://www.irinnews.org/news/2018/05/28/congo-ebola-outbreak-offers-first-test-emergency-fund-prevent-pandemics>