



Vessel From Kisangani Held Outside Kinshasa After Suspected Ebola Death

The vessel held offshore at Bende-Bende port, Maluku, as authorities cordon the landing. Circulated with the August 5 public health alert.

FIELD SUMMARY

The Yingfeng 2 left Kisangani, capital of affected Tshopo province, on July 20 or 21. Downriver in Mongala a passenger fell ill, went ashore and died before reaching hospital. He was buried untested. Authorities retraced his route, boarded the boat at Bende-Bende and held it at Maluku port outside Kinshasa, where about 200 passengers are now being screened.

WHAT CHANGED THIS WEEK

- 51 of 140 health zones affected across five provinces
- Case fatality 45.1% — nearly one in two patients dies
- The index patient was buried without a sample taken
- Contacts must be traced along a two-week river route
- A second boat, from Équateur, is under watch for cholera

RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

CONFIRMED CASES

3,874

DEATHS

1,751

CASE FATALITY RATE

45.1%

HEALTH ZONES AFFECTED

51 of 140

CONTACT TRACING

78.4%

PASSENGERS HELD

about 200

WHY THIS MATTERS

This is the Bundibugyo strain, for which no targeted treatment is widely approved. One man boarded in an affected province, sickened downriver and was buried before anyone could test him — while 200 people continued toward a capital of 17 million. Rivers are the roads of this country, and the outbreak travels at the speed of the current.

THE ASK: \$750,000–\$1 MILLION IN FEDERAL HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

Amigos Internacionales is requesting \$750,000 to \$1 million in federal humanitarian support to scale Ebola preparedness and response across the northern Ituri and Aru-Arua corridor — covering PPE and medical supplies, physician and clinical deployment, community surveillance in hard-to-reach health areas, and field logistics. We are a Tyler, Texas 501(c)(3) with a 59-year record, delivering through Congolese and Ugandan medical leadership already inside the region. We ask our congressional delegation to secure agency review at State DHR and CDC and to expedite the fastest award pathway available.

Sources: Institut National de Santé Publique (RDC), situation as of August 3, 2026; RFI and Radio Okapi, August 5, 2026; public health alert issued at Kinshasa, August 5, 2026; Fondation Marie-Claire field reporting, Ituri Province. The vessel case is unconfirmed; the index patient was buried without a sample being taken.