

AMIGOS INTERNACIONALES

BUNDIBUGYO EBOLAVIRUS RESPONSE

FIELD UPDATE NO. 06

First-Week Operations Show Strong Community Reach - Critical Gaps Remain in PPE, Referral, Survivor Support, and Reporting

Partner-reported Week 1 results from Ituri document meaningful community engagement while showing where limited resources are constraining the response.



Field photograph included in the Marie-Claire Foundation Week 1 report. Individual date/location caption was not supplied in the source.

40

indicators monitored

14

met or exceeded target

23

partially achieved

3

not achieved / N.A.

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

A new weekly partner report transmitted to Amigos documents operational performance across the first week of August 2026 in Ituri. The report tracks 40 indicators across administration, surveillance, clinical support, IPC/WASH, community engagement, laboratory, logistics, and coordination. Its strongest performance is community engagement; its weakest areas are safe referral, survivor reintegration, vulnerable-child protection, PPE availability, and reporting.

SOURCE STATUS

Primary operational source: Marie-Claire Foundation (FMC), signed by Dr. Delphin Katchelewa in Kinshasa on August 3, 2026 and transmitted to Amigos by Dr. Paul Mulyamboga. Figures below are partner-reported operational results.

1 | PERFORMANCE: THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE IS WORKING

The clearest strength in the Week 1 report is Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE). Seven of nine RCCE indicators exceeded their weekly targets, producing 3,637 reported activities/results against 3,319 expected - 109.6% overall.

Selected activity	Target	Reported	Rate
People sensitized	1,500	1,873	124.9%
Households visited	60	67	111.7%
Leaders engaged	12	15	125.0%
IEC materials used	250	312	124.8%
Door-to-door sessions	6	8	133.3%

Field reach beyond the easiest locations

The report also records full coverage of six targeted hard-to-reach Health Areas by mobile community teams. Thirteen functional Community Action Committees were reported against a target of twelve.



Community outreach / awareness activity



Community discussion / follow-up

2 | SURVEILLANCE AND CASE SUPPORT REMAIN INCOMPLETE

- Daily home follow-up: 21 of 30 expected - 70.0%.
- Early community alerts: 22 of 30 expected - 73.3%.
- Citizen self-notification: 4 calls of 12 expected - 33.3%.
- Safe referral of suspected cases: 6 of 15 expected - 40.0%.
- Family psychosocial support: 11 of 15 targeted families - 73.3%.
- Survivor reintegration: 5 of 20 expected - 25.0%.
- Protection of children separated or orphaned by Ebola: 0 of 5 planned.

FIELD IMPLICATION

The report's strongest system is community mobilization. The operational bottleneck is converting that reach into faster referral, survivor support, protection services, and complete reporting.

3 | INFECTION PREVENTION AND FRONTLINE PROTECTION

IPC/WASH activities reached 347 reported achievements against 508 expected, or 68.3%. Teams reported meaningful decontamination and hygiene distribution, but the same report shows significant supply shortfalls.

23 / 30

premises decontaminated

156 / 200

hand-gel units

138 / 200

soap units

239 / 500

pairs of gloves



Source-report photograph showing personnel in full PPE handling a deceased person during a community response activity. The source does not provide an individual date or location caption.

Protection-equipment gap

- All 60 planned community volunteers (RECO) were reported equipped with field intervention materials.
- 3,412 protective masks were distributed against a target of 3,600 - 94.8%.
- Only 239 pairs of gloves were distributed against a target of 500 - 47.8%.
- Only 3 dignity kits were distributed against a target of 30 - 10.0%.
- No new handwashing point was installed against a target of six; the report says work instead focused on maintenance and rehabilitation of existing points.

4 | WHY THE GAPS PERSIST

- Insufficient financial resources for survivor support, vulnerable children, vulnerable households, and dignity kits.
- Limited supplies and PPE availability.
- Transport and logistics constraints in hard-to-reach areas.
- Limited access to sampling and diagnostic sites.
- Weak specimen-transport capacity when activated.
- Limited resources for persons with disabilities, displaced populations, and other vulnerable groups.
- Community reporting failure: none of three expected reports reached PHEOC/COUSP within the required deadline.

5 | WHAT THE SOURCE REPORT RECOMMENDS NEXT

- Intensify early warning, citizen self-notification, contact follow-up, and safe referral of suspected cases.
- Secure financing, transport, logistics, and essential response supplies.
- Strengthen psychosocial support, survivor reintegration, protection of OVC, and assistance to vulnerable groups.
- Pre-position gloves, masks, soap, alcohol-based hand gels, and dignity kits in priority areas.
- Improve access to sampling and diagnostic sites and secure specimen transport and return of results.
- Maintain strong RCCE performance while improving inclusion of persons with disabilities and displaced populations.
- Strengthen coordination participation and deliver community reports to PHEOC/COUSP on time.
- Review underperforming indicators every week and apply targeted corrective measures.



Treatment / isolation-area image included in source gallery



Burial-related field image included in source gallery

6 | DATA INTEGRITY AND SOURCE ATTRIBUTION

The partner report includes a national epidemiological annex listing 4,209 confirmed cases and 1,916 deaths and is signed August 3, 2026. Because that snapshot predates later public reporting, Amigos is preserving it as the epidemiological context of the source document rather than presenting it as the current national baseline.

Operational achievements in this Field Update are attributed to the Marie-Claire Foundation source report. They have not been independently audited by Amigos. The source also contains several zero-target / non-applicable indicators and methodological cautions; those have been retained rather than converted into accomplishments.

ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARD

Amigos separates official epidemiological data, partner-reported operational results, and unresolved field observations. Reporting dates and scopes are preserved rather than silently merged.

SOURCE

Primary field source: Fondation Marie-Claire, “Rapport Hebdomadaire de la Riposte à la MVE S1 Ituri-Aout 2026,” signed Dr. Delphin Katchelewa, Kinshasa, August 3, 2026; transmitted to Amigos Internacionales by Dr. Paul Mulyamboga on August 11, 2026.

Companion source: Weekly KPI monitoring workbook, “Rapportage Hebdomadaire de Rapportage Ebola S1 Aout 2026,” containing the detailed 40-indicator performance matrix.

The response is strongest when local teams can find people early, protect themselves safely, earn community trust, and move suspected cases quickly into care.