

Readiness of health facilities to diagnose, manage, and prevent the Ebola epidemic along border districts in Southwestern Uganda

Interview Guide

Demographics	Response
Name of health facility	
Level of health facility	
District	

Elements for prevention	Response (Available/Absent)
Have a facility-level committee/Ebola Task Force	
Have identified, trained and designated an incident manager	
Provide training for the rapid response teams	
Tested coordination and operations through simulation exercises and drills.	
Have infection prevention and control guidelines and SOPs.	
Have basic hygiene, sanitation, disinfection, PPE, and other IPC services	
Train HCWs on IPC measures and waste management.	
Have a basic isolation unit (e.g., two beds).	
Disseminate simplified case definitions to staff and community.	
Train HCWs on case definitions and use of investigation forms.	
Contact tracing guidelines and SOPs available and disseminated to HCWs	
At least one trained team for contact tracing	

Elements for diagnosis	Response (Available/Absent)
Protocols for specimen collection and shipment.	
Train laboratory personnel on safe collection, packaging, labelling, and referral.	
Access to immediate lines of reporting for potential EVD cases (dead or alive).	
Have a 24/7 hotline or existing emergency numbers to manage/receive alerts	

Elements for management	Response (Available/Absent)
Adequate supplies and isolation room(s) for suspected cases.	
Identify and train clinical staff on EVD case management and IPC.	
SOPs for safe and dignified burials	
Train ambulance teams (if facility-managed ambulances) (n=12)	
Equip at least one burial/decontamination team	
Ensure isolation structures have IPC facilities, waste management, water, and power.	
Identify suppliers of essential items (PPE, disinfectants, medical supplies).	
Have accessible contingency fund for immediate response to an EVD outbreak	
Identified funding sources and mechanisms to raise additional resources if necessary.	

Facility Administrator.....

Interviewer.....