

Sudan Ebola Outbreak: Regional Readiness and Response Update



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Risk Levels

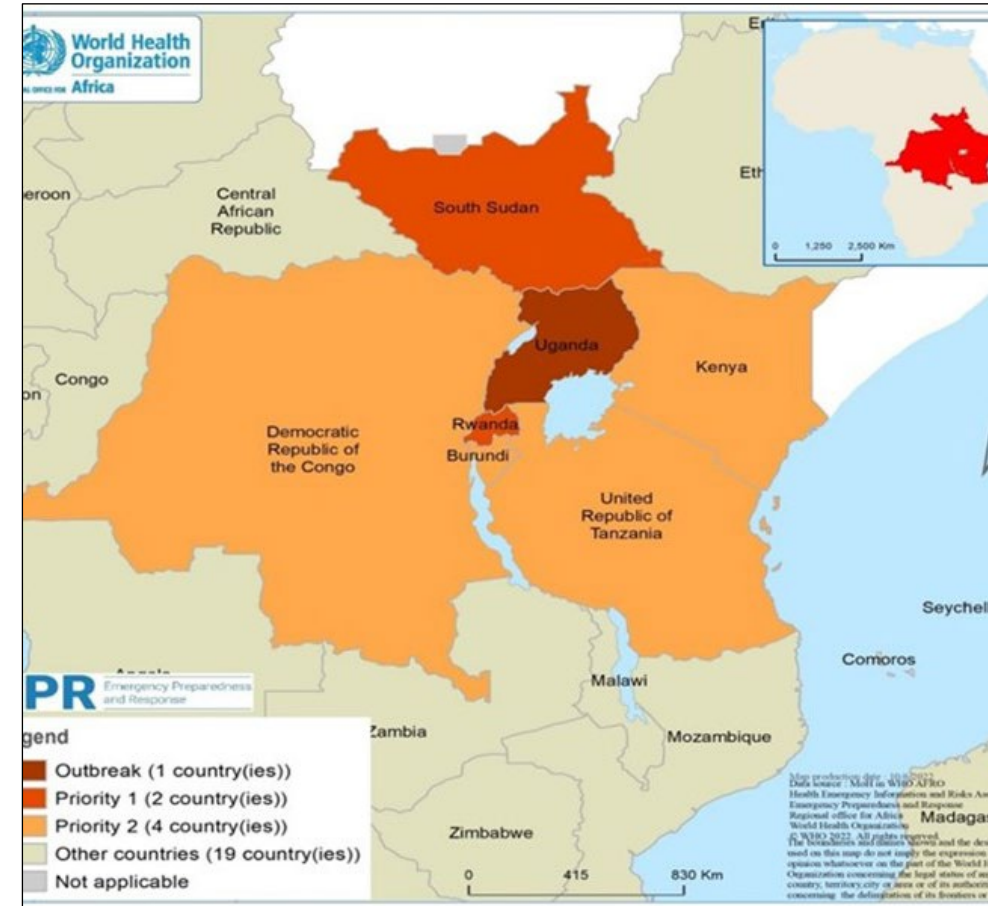
WHO, in consultation with the countries, conducted a risk analysis in the region.

Criteria for risk characterization

- Proximity to the epicenter
- Trade and regional connectivity
- Cultural and social connections including refugee ties
- Ease of mobility and highways

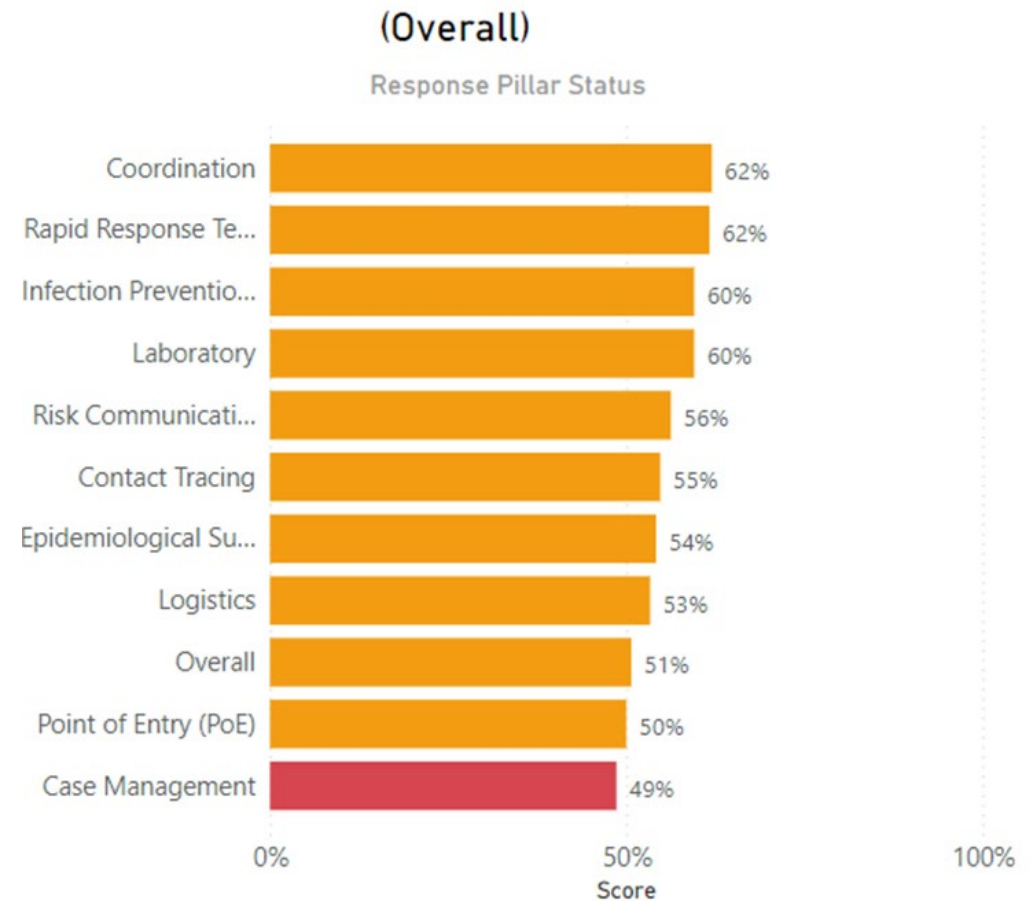
Six (6) countries are prioritized currently:

- Priority 1: High risk - Rwanda and South Sudan
- Priority 2: Moderate Risk - Burundi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Tanzania



Assessment of current capacities, September 2022

- **SVD self assessment checklist** with indicators that:
 - assess the establishment of systems and capacities at the national/subnational level that;
 - Guides planning and readiness
 - Assists member states in assessing their level of readiness
 - Identifies operational gaps and recommendations to close the gaps
- **SVD readiness dashboard** publishes the KPIs that will be monitored every month



Summary: Capacity status by country

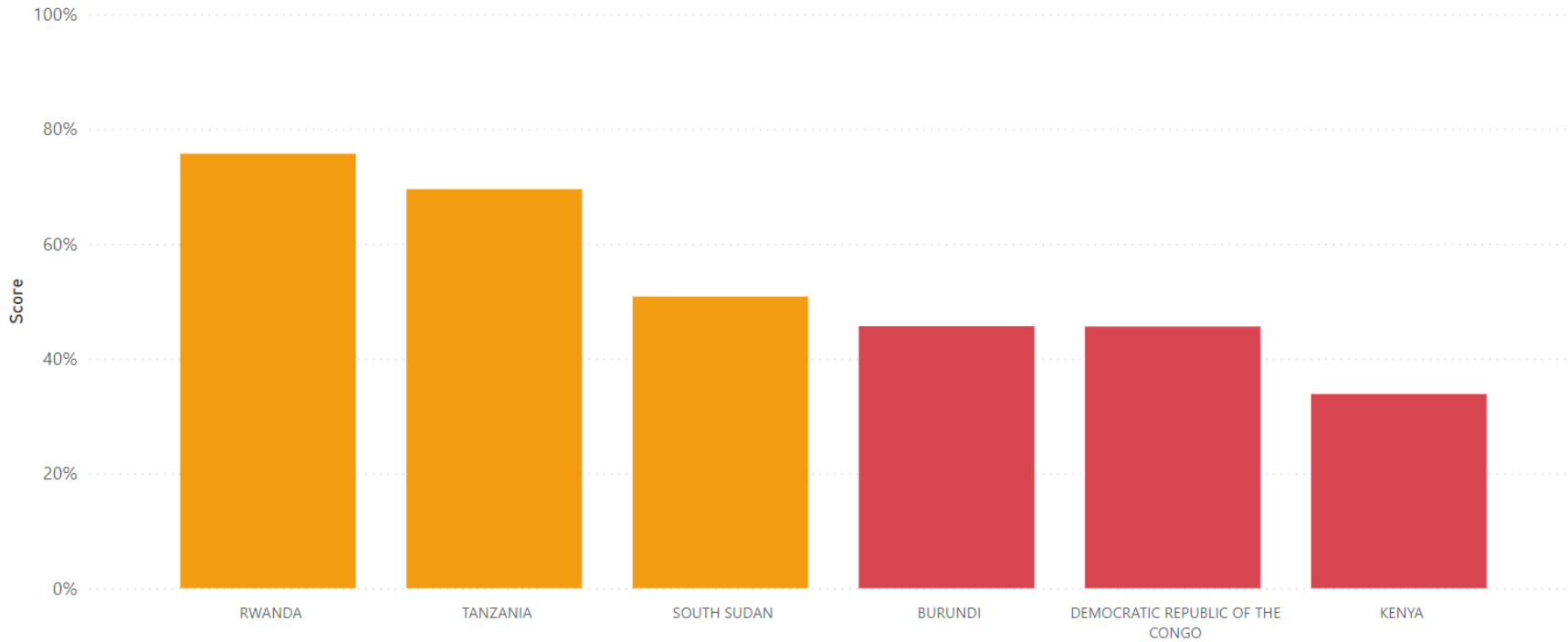
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Response Pillar

Overall

Limited	0 - 49%
Moderate	50 - 79%
Adequate	80 - 100%

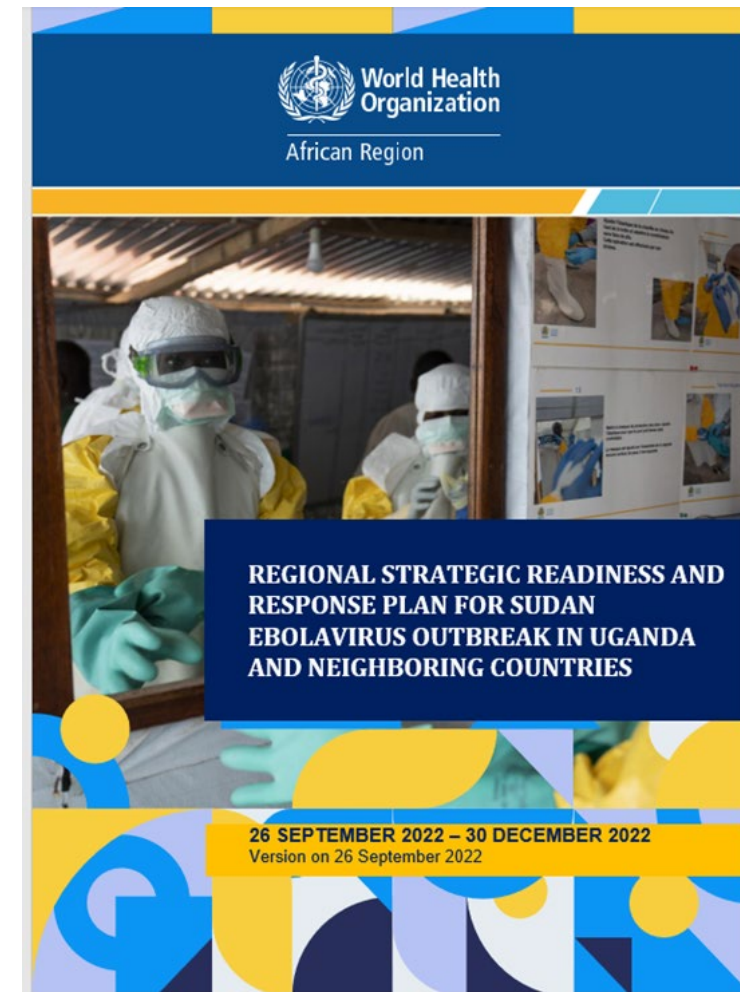


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- The overall regional average **capacity for readiness is at 52%** which is slightly above average and calls for attention and action.
- Coordination, RRT and IPC were rated high while case management, surveillance, contact tracing and POE capacities scored low

Current efforts to enhance readiness

- **Regional Readiness and Response Plan** developed, based on country contingency plans
 - Cost: \$29,465,000 for four months
- WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies (CFE) availed \$3,000,000
- Capacity initiatives in place
 - Training of case management experts in Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan
- Technical assistance to the countries to enhance the capacities
- Prepositioning of supplies (test kits and reagents)
- Deployment of mobile labs in selected high-risk regions



High Level Ministerial Meeting on Ebola, 12 October, Kampala

Key Highlights

- Nine (9) countries participated along with several partners
 - Burundi, DRC, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda
- Reflection on **Framework for cross border collaboration**, Goma 2019
- Common alignment on:
 - the regional importance of the outbreak and associated risks
 - Standing in solidarity with Uganda in response to the outbreak
 - Need to rapidly scale up readiness capacities in the countries
 - Exchange of technical expertise across the countries to build capacity
 - Transparency and timely information sharing
 - Advancement of research on SVD including vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics
- **Joint Communiqué** on collaboration endorsed by the nine countries
- **Regional Ebola Task Force** to be established with the coordination support from WHO, Africa CDC and RECs to facilitate joint plan of action and monitoring

