

## Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) - two-page summary, 24 October 2026

### Summary of key gaps

- **No Ministry SitRep for three days:** SitRep 159 (data 20 Oct) is still the latest; 160-162 not posted (24 Oct, 05:50 CEST). The trend cannot move past 20 Oct.
- **Undated headline figures disagree:** WHO briefing 9,765 / 4,727 (23 Oct) vs Africa CDC 9,735 / >4,690 (22 Oct briefing); neither gives a data date.
- **Nigeria's virus is one mutation from Kenya's index case** (FMOH, Premium Times, 23 Oct). No public sequence and no DRC comparison yet; place of infection unresolved (Switzerland: Uganda; Uganda: "Ebola-free").
- **Detection still late:** >80% of cases outside contact lists; onset-to-notification ~4 days vs <2 target (Africa CDC, 22 Oct). Transfer 44.7%, follow-up 79.7% (20 Oct).
- **Workforce and money:** Nia-Nia surveillance/RCCE/IPC strike since 22 Oct (two sources); Grand-Nord deadline ~29 Oct; only 35% of ~US\$3 bn pledges disbursed (Africa CDC); FTS 0 flows (24 Oct).
- **No restart reported** for Ituri frontline vaccination or Beni resupply (0 doses, 20 Oct), although the Tumaini trial began in Bunia on 23 Oct.

Cut-off ~05:58 CEST, 24 Oct 2026. [DERIVED] = our arithmetic; [Analysis] = our judgement. Source: daily review 2026-10-24.

### Standing figures (Ministry and WHO)

| Source                       | Data as of | Published | Confirmed | Deaths | CFR   |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| MoH/INSP SitRep 159          | 20 Oct     | 21 Oct    | 9,704     | 4,687  | 48.3% |
| WHO DON622                   | 20 Oct     | 23 Oct    | 9,704     | 4,687  | 48.3% |
| WHO briefing (UN News)       | not stated | 23 Oct    | 9,765     | 4,727  | 48.4% |
| Africa CDC briefing (Xinhua) | not stated | 22-23 Oct | 9,735     | >4,690 | 48.2% |
| WHO AFRO SR23                | 19 Oct     | 21 Oct    | 9,637     | 4,646  | 48.2% |

8 provinces, 66 health zones (20 Oct). Abroad: Kenya 9 cases / **2 deaths** (23 Oct); Nigeria 1; Uganda 20 / 2 (ended 27 Aug); France 1 (June). No new country or province since 20 Oct.

### 7-day trend [DERIVED from SitReps]

| Window           | Cases      | Deaths     | Interval CFR | Change                            |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6-13 Oct         | 484        | 236        | 48.8%        | -                                 |
| 12-19 Oct        | 493        | 236        | 47.9%        | +2.9%                             |
| <b>13-20 Oct</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>50.0%</b> | <b>+1.7% cases / +4.2% deaths</b> |

Rt-equivalent  $\approx 1.04$ : high plateau. Africa CDC (last 3 vs previous 3 complete weeks): Ituri cases -5%, deaths -13%; **Nord-Kivu cases +8%, deaths +12%**. Rising zones: Mandima, Beni, Mabalako, Bunia.

## Key problems

| Pillar          | Fact (date)                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Surveillance    | >80% of cases outside contact lists; ~4 days to notification (Africa CDC, 22 Oct); Ituri contacts 12,634 → 6,879 (14-20 Oct) unexplained |
| Case management | Transfer 44.7%; 34.3% confirmed post-mortem; community deaths 63.7% (6-20 Oct, DON622); MSF Elikya closes 31 Oct                         |
| Workforce       | Nia-Nia unlimited strike from 22 Oct, Aug-Sep (Les Volcans) or Aug-Oct (Radio Moto) unpaid; Rwampara 77 days' arrears                    |
| Vaccines        | Tumaini started 23 Oct; Ituri frontline pause, Beni 0 doses (20 Oct), no restart                                                         |
| Funding         | 35% of ~US\$3 bn disbursed; US\$450M of >US\$700M traced (Kaseya); FTS 0                                                                 |
| Cross-border    | Nigeria-Kenya one-mutation link; Uganda bans transit for DRC travellers (23 Oct), against WHO/Africa CDC advice                          |
| Data            | No SitRep for data days 21-23 Oct; AFRO SR24 not found                                                                                   |

## What changed since yesterday

- Kenya's second death (65-year-old family contact, onset 13 Oct in quarantine); 7 in care, one cluster.
- Genomic link Nigeria-Kenya; Swiss FDFA: patient is an embassy staff member's wife, Uganda trip, no DRC; husband isolated, asymptomatic.
- Uganda transit ban and locator forms; "Uganda remains Ebola-free".
- Nia-Nia strike corroborated; Heads of State meeting to be convened by the AU chair; ministers' meeting 28 Oct widened.
- Tumaini launched officially in Bunia; no number vaccinated published.

## Forecast and scenarios [Analysis]

- A. Controlled decline - low. B. Plateau at ~450-520 cases/week - most likely. C. Renewed growth/regional spread - moderate, upper half;** one trigger met (Nia-Nia strike). Move C up if a week exceeds 540, strikes spread before ~29 Oct, or sequences point to undetected transmission in Uganda.
- At Rt 0.8 the earliest end declaration would be ~late Jan 2028; at Rt 0.6 ~early Jun 2027. Kenya's 42-day clock cannot start while 7 patients are in care. Nigeria secondary case by ~10 Nov: 60-80% (lowered from 70-90%).

## Top three priorities

- Pay Nia-Nia, Rwampara and Grand-Nord before 29 Oct**, and confirm it publicly.
- Publish the Nigeria and Kenya genomes against DRC lineages**, reconstruct the 3 Oct Entebbe departures, publish Nigeria's high-risk contacts daily, and replace Uganda's transit ban with screening.
- Fix detection and restart frontline vaccination:** post SitReps 160-162, transfer >70%, notification <2 days, Ituri Ervebo restart and Beni resupply.

**Sources:** INSP SitRep 159 [https://insp.cd/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SITREP\\_MVEBDB\\_159\\_20\\_10\\_2026.pdf](https://insp.cd/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SITREP_MVEBDB_159_20_10_2026.pdf) · WHO DON622 <https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2026-DON622> · UN News <https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/10/1168655> · Africa CDC via Xinhua <https://english.news.cn/20261023/83c2c0e4be15466b9bf6a93a65529dc9/c.html> and Science Nigeria <https://sciencenigeria.com/africa-cdc-cautions-against-premature-optimism-over-drc-ebola-decline/> · Premium Times <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-news/919752-ebola-nigeria-case-highly-similar-to-kenya-infection-minister.html> · Kenya MoH [https://x.com/MOH\\_Kenya/status/2113716817155817908](https://x.com/MOH_Kenya/status/2113716817155817908) · Uganda MoH <https://x.com/MinofHealthUG/status/2113731831367364764> · AFP <https://www.afp.com/en/ebola-patient-nigeria-swiss-had-not-visited-dr-congo-bern> · Les Volcans News <https://lesvolcansnews.net/ebola-en-ituri-greve-seche-a-la-riposte-de-niania-les-agents-denoncent-de-manque-de-prime-et-menacent-de-durcir-le-mouvement/> · ACP <https://acp.cd/science-sante-environnement/bunia-lancement-officiel-de-letude-clinique-vaccinale-de-contact-contre-le-virus-ebola/>