

Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) - two-page summary, 29 October 2026

Summary of key gaps

- **Deaths still outpacing cases:** 10,141 confirmed / 4,928 deaths (SitRep 165, data 26 Oct); +81 cases, +41 deaths. 19-26 Oct: 504 cases / 282 deaths (+2.2% cases, +19.5% deaths week on week); Rt-equivalent ≈ 1.05 , above 1 for a third window but easing.
- **Community deaths 68.3%** (28 of 41); 94 of 125 deaths (75.2%) outside centres over 24-26 Oct; safe burials only $\sim 55\%$ of death alerts in Ituri and Nord-Kivu.
- **Nord-Kivu care near saturation:** occupancy 90.2%, 163 of 536 patients outside centres; Beni IMC centre holds 40 patients in 20 planned beds. Beni +22 cases, CFR 66.6%.
- **Tshopo:** attacks block follow-up of 502 contacts (follow-up 55.2%); 2 confirmed patients escaped at Bafwasende; 5 of 14 frontline agents vaccinated.
- **Workforce and money:** Grand-Nord strike notice expires 29 Oct; Butembo ITAV staff threaten a strike from 1 Nov; more than \$2bn of \$3bn pledged outstanding.
- **Data:** WHO six data days behind (DON622, 20 Oct); Nord-Kivu provincial count exceeds national by 114 cases / 131 deaths (25 Oct, unexplained).

Cut-off $\sim 06:05$ CET, 29 Oct 2026. [DERIVED] = our arithmetic; [Analysis] = our judgement. Source: daily review 2026-10-29.

Standing figures (Ministry and WHO)

Source	Data as of	Published	Confirmed	Deaths	CFR
MoH/INSP SitRep 165	26 Oct	posted 28 Oct	10,141	4,928	48.6%
MoH/INSP SitRep 164	25 Oct	posted 27 Oct	10,060	4,887	48.6%
WHO DON622	20 Oct	23 Oct	9,704	4,687	48.3%
WHO AFRO SR23	19 Oct	21 Oct	9,637	4,646	48.2%
ECDC	26 Oct	28 Oct	10,141	4,928	48.6%
US CDC	26 Oct	28 Oct	10,141	4,928	48.6%

Change since the 28 Oct report: **+81 cases, +41 deaths** (28 community, 13 in treatment centres) [DERIVED]; totals and recoveries (2,708) reconcile. 8 provinces, 66 zones; no new zone. Abroad: Kenya 9 / 2 (none since 20 Oct); Nigeria 1 (in Geneva; 54 contacts); Uganda 20 confirmed + 1 probable (over); France 1 (June).

7-day trend [DERIVED from SitReps]

Window	Cases	Deaths	Interval CFR	Change vs one week earlier
17-24 Oct	509	280	55.0%	+6.7% / +24.4%
18-25 Oct	508	285	56.1%	+4.5% / +29.0%
19-26 Oct	504	282	56.0%	+2.2% cases / +19.5% deaths

Daily cases 20-26 Oct: 67, 61, 51, 60, 88, 96, 81. Positivity 9.4%, 13.3%, 17.2%, 20.1%, 21.1% (22-26 Oct) while samples fell. Weekly deaths up in five consecutive windows. Reading: high plateau at the top of the band, true incidence likely flat to rising.

Key problems

Pillar	Fact (26 Oct unless stated)
Surveillance	557 of 581 validated alerts investigated (95.9%), 24 not; contacts 84.5% incl. Ituri; Nord-Kivu 81.8%, Tshopo 55.2%
Laboratory	383 samples, 21.1% positive (SitRep prints 21.4%); Nord-Kivu 23.1%
Case management	Nord-Kivu occupancy 90.2%; 163 outside centres; Bafwasende escapes; Bas-Uélé 124 suspects unfed
IPC / HCW	Nord-Kivu rings 40.0%, no household kits; Bas-Uélé 17 of 20 facilities lack water; no HCW total since 19 Oct
Burials	Ituri 46 of 84, Nord-Kivu 59 of 108 death alerts buried safely; resistance in Bambu, Mangala, Mandima
Workforce / security	Grand-Nord notice ends 29 Oct; ITAV Butembo 1 Nov; Tshopo attacks
Vaccines	Ituri 1,748 vaccinated; Bas-Uélé 13.1%; WHO evaluation of two BDBV vaccines due this week; IAVI \$36m BARDA
Cross-border	2 Ituri suspects not transferred for lack of ambulance; Ituri entry ban not respected at Eringeti; US attestation rule 3 Nov-18 Dec

What changed since yesterday

- SitRep 165 published: +81 / +41; community deaths 68%; suspects not investigated fell from 107 to 24; Ituri data restored.
- Genomics: 1,126 genomes; Kenya, Nigeria and Beni one cluster; Uganda question disputed between sources.
- Funding: IAVI \$36m from BARDA; Africa CDC says more than \$2bn of pledges outstanding.

Forecast and scenarios [Analysis]

- **A. Controlled decline: low. B. Plateau at ~450-540 cases/week: most likely, at its upper edge. C. Renewed growth or regional spread: moderate to high (kept).** Move C to most likely if a 7-day window exceeds 540, the Grand-Nord strike starts, Nord-Kivu occupancy passes 100%, or a new province or country reports a case.
- At Rt 1.05 sustained, weekly cases near 1,000 by early June 2027; at Rt 0.6 the earliest end declaration is ~mid June 2027. New country within 30 days: 45-60%. Nigeria secondary case by ~10 Nov: 30-50%; Kenya further case within 30 days: 10-30%.

Top three priorities

1. **Expand care and burials in Beni and the Grand-Nord within 48 hours:** beds for the 163 patients outside centres, ambulances at Biakato May, Bela and Nizi; swab and bury every community death.
2. **Pay the workforce today:** settle Grand-Nord arrears before the notice lapses, clarify who pays ITAV Butembo before 1 Nov, fund Nia-Nia, Rwampara and Kasenyi.
3. **Protect and restore surveillance in Tshopo and Ituri:** escorts to reach the 502 blocked contacts, vaccinate all frontline workers, a dated WHO update reconciling Nord-Kivu figures.

Sources: INSP SitRep 165 https://insp.cd/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SitRep_MVEBDB_165_26_10_2026.pdf · WHO DON622 <https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2026-DON622> · ECDC <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/ebola-disease-multi-country-outbreak-2026> · US CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/ebola/situation-summary/index.html> · CIDRAP <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/ebola/ebola-outbreak-dr-congo-approaches-5000-deaths-us-issues-new-travel-rule> · Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2026/oct/28/africa-ebola-outbreak-could-reach-uk-says-top-health-official> · ACP <https://acp.cd/province/treize-nouveaux-gueris-debola-liberes-de-deux-centres-de-traitement-a-beni/>