

Government of India/भारतसरकार
Ministry of Home Affairs/गृहमंत्रालय
[Police Division-II]
PMA Cell

Subject:- MONUSCO- Precaution against Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) for uniformed personnel deploying in UN Field Missions

Reference to UN Note Verbale No DFS/LSD/2018/0635 dated 28.11.2018 and Pol. Div – 1842/2018 dated 30.08.2018(copy attached) **MONUSCO- Precaution against Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)** for uniformed personnel deploying in UN Field Missions.

2. The UN Secretariat through PMI to UN has informed that due to the outbreak of EVD in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) since 1 August, 2018, and UN has provided information intended for the sensitization of the uniformed personnel deployed in and travelling into DR of Congo, South Sudan and other neighboring countries. The UN has considered **it necessary for all the uniformed peacekeeping personnel to diligently undertake preparation before the deployment and to take precaution while deployed in the Ebola affected areas.**

4. Forwarded for information and with the directions to **all uniformed personnel to strictly adhere to instructions and take precaution while deployed in the Ebola affected area, and thereafter please submit the action taken report to this ministry.**

Encl:- As Above



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1.Commandant , UN Civpol Centre, ITBP, Tigri Camp, New Delhi

2. SO(IT), MHA- with the request to upload on the MHA's website(Police-II Division under the head of Policy guidelines for UN deployment)

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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of troop- and police-contributing countries (T/PCCs) to the United Nations and has the honour to provide, further to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) since 1 August 2018, information intended for all uniformed personnel deploying to, travelling into, exiting out of, or currently serving in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia.

The epicentre of the outbreak is in North Kivu Province, in the east of the DRC. In response to this outbreak, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued an alert to the aforementioned bordering countries to carry out EVD preparedness activities. The Secretariat wishes to emphasize that at the time of writing there are no cases of EVD outside of the DRC. However, the latest situation report issued by the WHO on 13 November 2018 indicates that the risk of regional spread of EVD remains very high.

Accordingly, all uniformed personnel deploying to, travelling into, exiting out of, or currently serving in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia should be sensitized to the disease, and diligently undertake preparations before deployment to or travel into any EVD outbreak areas, as well as take necessary precautions while in the area. The Secretariat urges all Permanent Missions of T/PCCs to the United Nations to provide to their relevant military and police personnel the information on this webpage: <https://hr.un.org/page/ebola>. Highlights of information posted therein include:

- a. Information leaflets for all personnel on Ebola available, in English and French, by clicking on the links next to the "UN Medical Directors' Ebola Prevention Recommendations";
- b. Information leaflets on psychological self-care for personnel deployed in affected areas; and
- c. A detailed checklist of Ebola preparedness and response activities for United Nations duty stations, to assist affected duty stations to evaluate their Ebola contingency plans for any gaps, available by clicking on the

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link "Checklist of Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities for UN Health Facilities".


In addition to national preparedness activities supported by the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), as well as by response activities undertaken by MONUSCO in the DRC, the United Nations is providing protection training and specific training and sensitization to both civilian and uniformed deployed personnel who may be required to operate in potential high-risk Ebola areas, and personal protection equipment and other supplies have been prepositioned as a precaution.

MONUSCO has been commended for providing support to the efforts of the Government of the DRC, the WHO and other actors to respond to the Ebola outbreak in an extremely challenging environment. Likewise, UNMISS support is essential in both the national and United Nations-wide prevention and potential response measures, given the extent of UNMISS operations in the Republic of South Sudan. The control of outbreaks of major infectious diseases requires urgent action and greater national, regional and international collaboration. In this regard, all United Nations personnel (civilian and uniformed) in all United Nations missions might be called upon to contribute to a WHO coordinated international response and abide by the United Nations instructions to perform the tasks assigned. UNPOL is contributing to the control and relief of the affected areas in Beni Province, and can be relied upon for updates and situational awareness.

The above information is provided further to previous communication from the Secretariat dated 29 and 30 August 2018 (ref. 2018.UNHQ.FGS.FAX.110434.2 and PolDiv-1842-3/2018) addressed to MONUSCO troop- and police-contributing countries.

In case of questions or concerns, the Permanent Missions of T/PCCs to the United Nations are invited to contact the United Nations at msdpublichealth@un.org. For more information on the outbreak, the Permanent Missions of T/PCCs to the United Nations are invited to monitor the WHO website: <http://www.who.int/ebola/en/>, including the latest Ebola situation reports and any change to the list of countries where WHO is supporting EVD preparedness activities at <http://www.who.int/ebola/situation-reports/drc-2018/en/>

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.


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SUBJECT: MONUSCO - Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) – Information for all Uniformed Personnel Deploying/Travelling Into/Exiting out of or currently Residing in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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- The purpose of this facsimile is to provide MONUSCO Police Contributing Countries with information intended to reach all uniformed personnel deploying to, travelling into, exiting out of, or currently being deployed in Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)-affected areas, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
- As you are aware, an outbreak of EVD has been declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo since 1 August 2018, with epicentre in North Kivu Province, in the east of the country. This outbreak is in a location where our MONUSCO peacekeepers are deployed, making it necessary for all uniformed personnel to diligently undertake preparations before deploying into the area, and to take necessary precautions while in the area.
- The current text is intended for all police officers. For medical personnel relevant information on available training and EDV preparedness is attached as an annex A to this fax; (Annex A: Information and available training for medical personnel)
- All uniformed personnel deploying to, travelling into, exiting out of, or currently being deployed in EVD-affected areas, should be sensitized to the disease and be provided with the below information. Kindly refer to information given on this webpage: <https://hr.un.org/page/ebola>. Highlights of important information posted on the website includes:
 - Information leaflets for all personnel on EVD, available at
https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/EVD%20Staff%20Brochure_UNMD_WHO_2018-05_0_1.pdf (English)

https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/EVD%20Staff%20Brochure_UNMD_WHO_2018-05_Fr_0_1.pdf (French)

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b) Information leaflets on psychological self-care for personnel deployed in affected areas

5. For more information, including the latest situation update on the outbreak, please visit this webpage: <http://www.who.int/ebola/en/>

6. This facsimile is drafted jointly by Department of Management/Medical Services Division and the Department of Field Service/Medical Support Section, in coordination with DPKO.

Best regards

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ANNEX A: INFORMATION AND AVAILABLE TRAINING FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL

1. An outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) has been declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) since 1 August 2018. The epicenter of the outbreak is in North Kivu Province, in the east of the country. This outbreak is in a location where our peacekeepers are deployed, making it necessary for all uniformed medical personnel to diligently update their preparedness and undertake preparations before deploying into the area.

The epidemic is evolving, and the situation on the ground may be changing quickly. For the latest situation update at any time, please refer to the World Health Organization, <http://www.who.int/ebola/en/>.

2. The UN Medical Services Division has posted information on its EVD page <https://hr.un.org/page/ebola>. The website is open. Information posted on this website includes:
 - Ebola Staff Information Brochure (English and French)
 - Psychological Self-Care brochure for Staff in affected countries/areas (English and French)
 - A detailed checklist of Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities for UN Health Facilities, to assist affected duty stations to evaluate their Ebola contingency plans for any gaps (also attached as ANNEX B to this fax).
3. Health care workers travelling into or residing in the Outbreak Area should apply extra infection control measures including
 - Implement standard precautions with all patients, regardless of their diagnosis.
 - Practice proper infection control and sterilization measures. For more information, kindly refer to WHO "[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Care of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Filovirus Hemorrhagic Fever in Health-Care Settings, with Focus on Ebola](#)".
4. The World Health Organization (WHO) has made available public training materials for current outbreaks including EVD. Please see <https://openwho.org/> for more information, and <https://openwho.org/account/new> to create a new account to access these courses. The UN Medical Services Division (MSD) has made the specific module on "Ebola clinical diagnosis, management, infection control and PPE use" conveniently available both in French and English at the links below. If the links do not open directly you may have to copy and paste the address into your web browser. All UN medical staff should review these materials collectively to get a refresher training on these topics.

- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1T02caQ6j4murCaIL4diiwwvCOecOHgS3> (ENGLISH).
- https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DgRoUx-Edh7Y_a-DMxssaF9R0ip_BPpQ (FRENCH).

5. For further information tailored to serve medical personnel that are deploying, travelling or residing in Ebola-Affected area, kindly contact UN Medical Services Division at msdpublichealth@un.org