

SOS EBOLA RD CONGO

Doctors treating Ebola in tents. No vaccine. No treatment. 80+ patients.

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SOS Ebola RD Congo: Tents, lives, no vaccine

Short summary (max 150 characters)

In Lwiro, South Kivu, doctors treat Ebola in tents with no vaccine. 80+ patients hospitalized. Help us build proper isolation now.

The emergency — right now

In May 2026, Ebola returned to eastern DR Congo. This time it is the Bundibugyo virus — the most dangerous to face because there is no approved vaccine and no specific treatment. People who contract it have nothing but supportive care, isolation, and hope.

Lwiro Hospital, in Kabare territory (South Kivu), is one of only two Ebola Treatment Centers in the entire region. Over 80 patients are hospitalized there right now. More arrive every day.

The doctors, nurses, and psychologists at Lwiro are working in outdoor tents. There is no proper isolation structure. There is no adequate barrier between the infected zone and the rest of the hospital. Health workers who enter that zone do so knowing they may not have enough PPE to keep themselves safe.

This is not a description of the past. This is today, June 2026.

Who we are and why we are already there

COOPERA is a Spanish NGO with 33 years of experience in international development and humanitarian aid. We have worked in South Kivu for over a decade alongside our local partner, the Centro Psicosocial Mutima, based at Lwiro Hospital.

Mutima is part of the hospital. Its psychologists enter the red zone every day to sit with patients who are facing death — many of them alone, many of them terrified. In the last week alone, our team supported: a small boy with Ebola crying out of fear of dying; a

widowed mother separated from her newborn baby, unable to breastfeed; and multiple patients overwhelmed by panic attacks and guilt. These are not statistics.

What Lwiro looks like today vs. what we need

What exists today	What we need to build
Outdoor tents as isolation ward	Proper isolation structure
Critical shortage of PPE	Full PPE supply for 3 months
No ambulance for patient transfers	Dedicated medical ambulance
Health workers with no food during quarantine	Daily meals for 22 staff for 3 months
Almost no disinfection supplies	Full disinfection supply for 3 months

The team already inside

22 people are working inside the Lwiro Ebola Treatment Center right now: 7 doctors and clinical psychologists, and 15 nurses. These are not international staff flown in from Geneva. These are Congolese professionals from the local community who speak the language of their patients, understand their fear, and choose every morning to walk back into that tent.

Budget — \$250,000 campaign goal

What it covers	Amount
Isolation structure — construction / reinforcement	\$150,000
PPE (suits, gloves, masks, goggles) — 3 months	\$35,000
Medical ambulance for patient transfers	\$28,000
Salary supplements — 22 staff, 3 months	\$15,000
Disinfection supplies — 3 months	\$12,000
Food for quarantined staff — 3 months	\$6,000
Psychosocial team operational costs (Mutima)	\$4,000
TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL	\$250,000

Your donation in concrete terms

- \$25 — covers one day of PPE for a frontline nurse
- \$100 — feeds the entire quarantine team for a full week
- \$500 — one month of psychosocial care for 20 patients
- \$1,000 — one week of full team operations inside the treatment center
- \$25,000 — construction of one proper isolation module

Why now

MSF declared a global health emergency. WHO director Tedros flew to the epicenter. Over 900 suspected cases and 223 deaths reported as of late May 2026. The Bundibugyo strain has no approved vaccine — every patient who recovers does so without specific treatment.

The difference at Lwiro is that a team is already there, with ten years of community trust and the determination to stay. We are not starting from zero. We are asking for the tools to do the job properly.

They walk into the tent every morning. Help us make sure they can walk back out.

Organization

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Lwiro Hospital, Kabare Territory, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo

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El contexto

En mayo de 2026 estalló en la RDC el 17.º brote de ébola, causado por el virus Bundibugyo, para el que no existe vacuna ni tratamiento específico. A 1 de junio de 2026: 282 casos confirmados, 42 muertes, más de 900 sospechosos. El epicentro está en Ituri, con casos confirmados en Kivu Norte y Kivu Sur.

El Hospital de Lwiro (territorio de Kabare, Kivu Sur) es uno de los dos únicos Centros de Tratamiento del Ébola de toda la región. MSF está instalando su ETC allí. Nuestro equipo ya está dentro.

La situación real hoy

Los médicos, enfermeros y psicólogos atienden a más de 80 enfermos de ébola en tiendas de campaña en el exterior del hospital. No hay estructura de aislamiento. Escasez crítica de EPIs. Sin ambulancia. Personal en cuarentena sin alimentación garantizada. Productos de desinfección insuficientes.

El equipo activo son 22 personas: 7 médicos y psicólogos, 15 enfermeros.

Presupuesto solicitado

Concepto	Importe
Construcción/habilitación estructura de aislamiento	\$150.000
EPIs — suministro 3 meses	\$35.000
Ambulancia médica	\$28.000
Complementos salariales — 22 personas, 3 meses	\$15.000
Productos de desinfección — 3 meses	\$12.000
Alimentación personal en cuarentena — 3 meses	\$6.000
Costes operativos equipo psicosocial Mutima	\$4.000
TOTAL OBJETIVO CAMPAÑA	\$250.000

Equipo en campo

Emmanuel Baguma Bahati — Psicólogo clínico, referente Mutima en el CTE
Angela Nabintu Mulume — Agente psicosocial (APS)
+ 5 médicos y 15 enfermeros del Hospital de Lwiro

Referencias

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