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# Democratic Republic of the Congo

► Ebola outbreak ◄

## The Appeal

The Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and IFRC are racing to stop the spread of an Ebola outbreak in Equateur Province. We urgently need your support to provide emergency health interventions for the next six months.



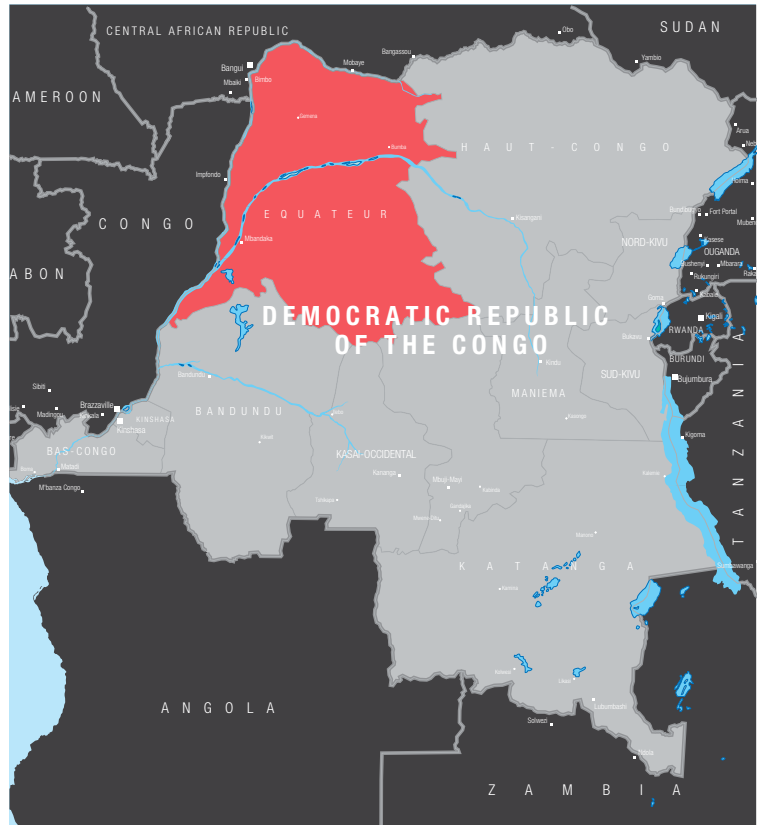
► **1.6 million Swiss francs needed for epidemic control**

► **716,850 people to be supported**

## Snapshot

The outbreak was confirmed on 8 May. By 21 May, 21 samples had tested positive for the Zaire strain of the Ebola virus. There are 46 suspected cases of haemorrhagic fever and 26 deaths. The deadly nature of Ebola means that we must respond effectively and quickly to contain the spread of the disease, prevent new cases, and limit the impact.

The IFRC/DRC Red Cross emergency operation is focusing on epidemic control: community-based surveillance and contact tracing, safe and dignified burials, risk communication and community engagement, disinfection of households, and psychosocial support.



Key figures



**716,850**

people to be supported



**1,630,297**

Swiss francs appeal budget



**100**

DRC Red Cross volunteers mobilized