

Weekly Update #1: Regional Health Concerns in East Africa



Kenya Relief | Ebola Update — Week 1:

Current Kenya Relief Status: No reported Ebola cases in Kenya. Brase Clinic and all Kenya Relief programs remain operational.

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Dear Volunteers & Medical Team Members,

We know many of you are following news of the Ebola outbreak in Central and East Africa and may have questions about what it means for your upcoming service with Kenya Relief. Beginning this week, we will provide regular updates to keep you informed about the situation, our preparedness efforts, and any travel or operational considerations that may affect your team.

We celebrate recent news that the American physician who contracted Ebola while serving patients in DRC has now recovered and been discharged from treatment. His family, who were quarantined for several weeks, have also been released and thankfully did not contract the virus. Stories like this remind us both of the risks healthcare workers willingly carry and of the importance of strong medical response systems and coordinated global care.

Current Status in Kenya

There are **no confirmed Ebola cases in Kenya** as of today. Kenyan authorities have increased screening at points of entry as a precautionary measure, and our teams, staff, and programs remain active and well.

**Travelers can expect:**

- Enhanced health screening measures upon arrival
- Potentially longer processing times at airports and border crossings
- Additional health guidance from Kenya Relief as needed

Melissa traveled from Kenya to the US this week, and did not have any issues or delays with travel on her way to or from campus!

We will communicate any changes promptly if conditions evolve.

What Kenya Relief Is Doing

Kenya Relief & Brase leadership have been in contact with local public health officials and the Migori Sub-County communicable disease response team regarding Ebola preparedness and response procedures.

Local health authorities have advised that facilities at Brase Clinic's level will not perform Ebola testing directly.

If a patient were to present with symptoms concerning for Ebola, clinic staff would isolate the patient and immediately notify the designated Sub-County response team, whose personnel are trained and authorized to conduct assessment and testing.

In coordination with local health officials, Brase Clinic is implementing several additional infection prevention measures that support preparedness for Ebola while also helping reduce the spread of other communicable illnesses, including tuberculosis & influenza.

**Current Measures Include:**

- Temperature screening for patients upon arrival
- Fast-tracked evaluation of patients presenting with fever to rule out common illnesses such as malaria
- Masking requirements for patients with fever or respiratory symptoms
- A designated isolation area located away from the main patient population
- Handwashing stations at clinic entry points to ensure all patients wash their hands before entering the facility
- Readily available hand sanitizer throughout the clinic
- A dedicated PPE station containing masks, gowns, face shields, gloves, and other necessary supplies for rapid response
- Additional N95 masks, isolation gowns, and face shields available for volunteers and visiting medical team members who wish to use extra protective equipment

Coordination & Training

Brase Clinic leadership remain in direct communication with the Sub-County response team and have established clear procedures for rapid consultation if concerns arise. Security personnel and clinic staff will also be briefed on updated protocols before incoming teams arrive.



Support Preparedness Efforts

Donations help provide PPE, clinic supplies, staff training, and community education initiatives that strengthen Brase Clinic's readiness and response capacity.

<https://www.kenyarelieff.org/give/>

Questions?

We want these updates to address what matters most to our volunteers and team members. Please reply with any questions or concerns, and we will do our best to address them in future updates.

Thank you for your willingness to serve. We are grateful for the dedication of our volunteers and medical professionals, and we remain committed to keeping you informed with clear, timely, and accurate information!

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and in partnership,

The Kenya Relief Leadership Team

For More Reading, Resources, & Updates:

[CDC Travel Health Notices](#)

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

[Kenya Ministry of Health](#)

<https://www.health.go.ke>

[World Health Organization](#)

<https://www.who.int>

[Amref, Health Africa](#)

<https://amref.org/ebola/>

