

Change Notification for the UK Blood and Tissue Services

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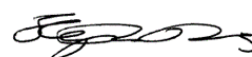
Viral haemorrhagic fever risks in the GDRI

Content changed	Type of change	Guidelines affected
1 South Sudan	Updated entry	Geographical index
3 Congo, Democratic Republic of the (DRC)	Updated entry	Geographical index
2 Uganda	Updated entry	Geographical index



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1. South Sudan

Guidelines affected	Reason for change
Geographical index	New viral haemorrhagic fever risk added. ‘Tropical viruses’ renamed ‘Mosquito-borne viruses’.

Malaria	Risk Category A All year in whole country.
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	No Risk
West Nile Virus	No Risk
Viral haemorrhagic fever	<u>Risk</u> No Risk
<u>Mosquito-borne viruses</u> Tropical viruses	Risk - Chikungunya Virus - Dengue Virus - Yellow Fever Virus Risk applies all year in whole country.

2. Congo, Democratic Republic of the (DRC)

Guidelines affected	Reason for change
Geographical index	Ebola outbreak details added to the existing viral haemorrhagic fever risk. 'Tropical viruses' renamed 'Mosquito-borne viruses'.

Malaria	Risk Category A All year in whole country.
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	No Risk
West Nile Virus	No Risk
Viral haemorrhagic fever	Risk Ebola outbreaks • August 2014 to November 2014: Equateur province. • May 2017 to July 2017: Bas Uélé province. • May 2018 to July 2022: Equateur, South Kivu and Ituri provinces. • August 2018 to September 2022: North Kivu province. • Ongoing from May 2026: Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu provinces.
Mosquito-borne viruses Tropical viruses	Risk • Chikungunya Virus • Dengue Virus • Yellow Fever Virus Risk applies all year in whole country.

3. Uganda

Guidelines affected	Reason for change
Geographical index	Ebola outbreak details added to the existing viral haemorrhagic fever risk. 'Tropical viruses' renamed 'Mosquito-borne viruses'.

Malaria	Risk Category A All year in whole country.
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	No Risk
West Nile Virus	No Risk
Viral haemorrhagic fever	Risk Ebola outbreaks - September 2022 to January 2023: Mubende and Kassanda districts in the Central Region, and Bunyangabu, Kagadi and Kyegegwa districts in the Western Region Ongoing from May 2026: Kampala and Wasiko districts.
Mosquito-borne viruses Tropical viruses	Risk - Chikungunya Virus - Dengue Virus - Yellow Fever Virus - Zika Virus Risk applies all year in whole country.