

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-CD-IB0-004

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO - Emergency assistance project to
combat Simian smallpox (MPOX)



Quick Facts

Countries	Congo, Democratic Republic of
Specific Location	Equateur province
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2024-11-14
Borrower	Government of Democratic Republic of Congo
Sectors	Education and Health
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 1.00 million



Project Description

According to the bank-provided information, the aim of this proposal is to help stop the spread of the Mpox epidemic and reduce epidemic-related mortality and morbidity in Equateur province. The aim is to provide a direct and immediate response to the health emergency, in support of the efforts of the Congolese government and its partners. The DRC's healthcare system is currently facing enormous challenges, the main ones being poor coverage of health infrastructures, inadequate and obsolete equipment, a lack of qualified human resources and insufficient funding. Despite the above, health problems intersect with socio-political issues (armed conflicts, population movements).

The Bank will focus on the populations of the target province of Equateur through the most at-risk groups, including (i) children aged 1 to 5 in the affected areas;(ii) front-line healthcare staff in the affected areas;(iii) populations most affected by HIV and other exposed groups (veterinarians, hunters, eco-guards, people trading in game in the affected health zones and traveling traders, women).

The alarming figures associated with the significant progression and lethality of this Mpox epidemic in the DRC led the Ministry of Public Health, Hygiene and Social Welfare, followed by the World Health Organization (WHO), to declare it a global health emergency. On August 14, 2024, the WHO Director-General declared Mpox a public health event of international concern. Between week 1 and week 43 (S1-S43) 2024, epidemiological follow-up showed a cumulative total of 38185 suspected cases, 29574 laboratory-tested cases, of which 8607 were confirmed positive, and 1049 notified deaths, representing a case-fatality rate of 2.7% among suspects. Among suspected cases. Children between the ages of 0 and 15 accounted for 63% of suspected cases and 80% of deaths. Mortality was four times higher in children under one year of age than in those over 15.



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