As the last Ebola patient in Beni is released, rampant misinformation on COVID-19 highlights challenges health workers may face in case of local outbreak.

**Key trends**

**COVID-19 threat dominates social media**
- Concern about Ebola and security overtaken by fear of COVID-19 outbreak in Butembo region.
- COVID-19 misinformation fuels mistrust towards public MinSante health workers in Beni region, despite overall positive coverage of successful Ebola response.
- MONUSCO remains focal point of negative content.

**Key points from Ebola response survey**

**Butembo area (4-11 March 2020):**
- Foreign Ebola health responders mostly enjoy widespread support.
- Substantial concern that local Ebola response teams are inadequately prepared for COVID-19.
- Mistrust towards the Ebola response continues to play a role in keeping some civilians from visiting CTEs.

**Beni area (12-18 March 2020):**
- Foreign Ebola health responders mostly enjoy widespread support although to a lesser extent than in Butembo.
- Significantly less civilians are vaccinated in Beni than in Butembo, with some stating affordability as a barrier.
- Mistrust towards the Ebola response continues to play a role in keeping some civilians from visiting CTEs.

**In case you missed it**

**Recommendations for work in the DRC**
These recommendations focus on a strategy to gain the acceptance of community members and armed groups, as well as practical recommendations on ways to prevent and respond to:

- insecurity due to ongoing conflict and the presence of non-state armed groups.
- community resistance due to mistrust of the response and response actors.
- insecurity in the form of arson attacks on healthcare facilities.
- the heightened risk of abduction facing national responders.
- the risk of national responders becoming victims of sexual violence and abuse.