As the Democratic Republic of Congo scrambles to contain the spread of COVID-19, mistrust towards authorities grows in North Kivu.

**Key Trends**

**Civilians concerned about the veracity of spreading COVID-19 reports**

- COVID-19 reports dominate social media, as concerns about the presence of the virus in the DRC mount.
- Rumours that Ebola is back have been making circulating on WhatsApp channels.

**Key Points from Ebola Response Survey**

**Butembo area (27 March – 01 April 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):**

- Support for local response teams increases, despite rumours of receiving pay from pharmaceutical companies to perpetuate the Ebola epidemic.
- 16% affirm not willing to visit CTE in case of symptoms.