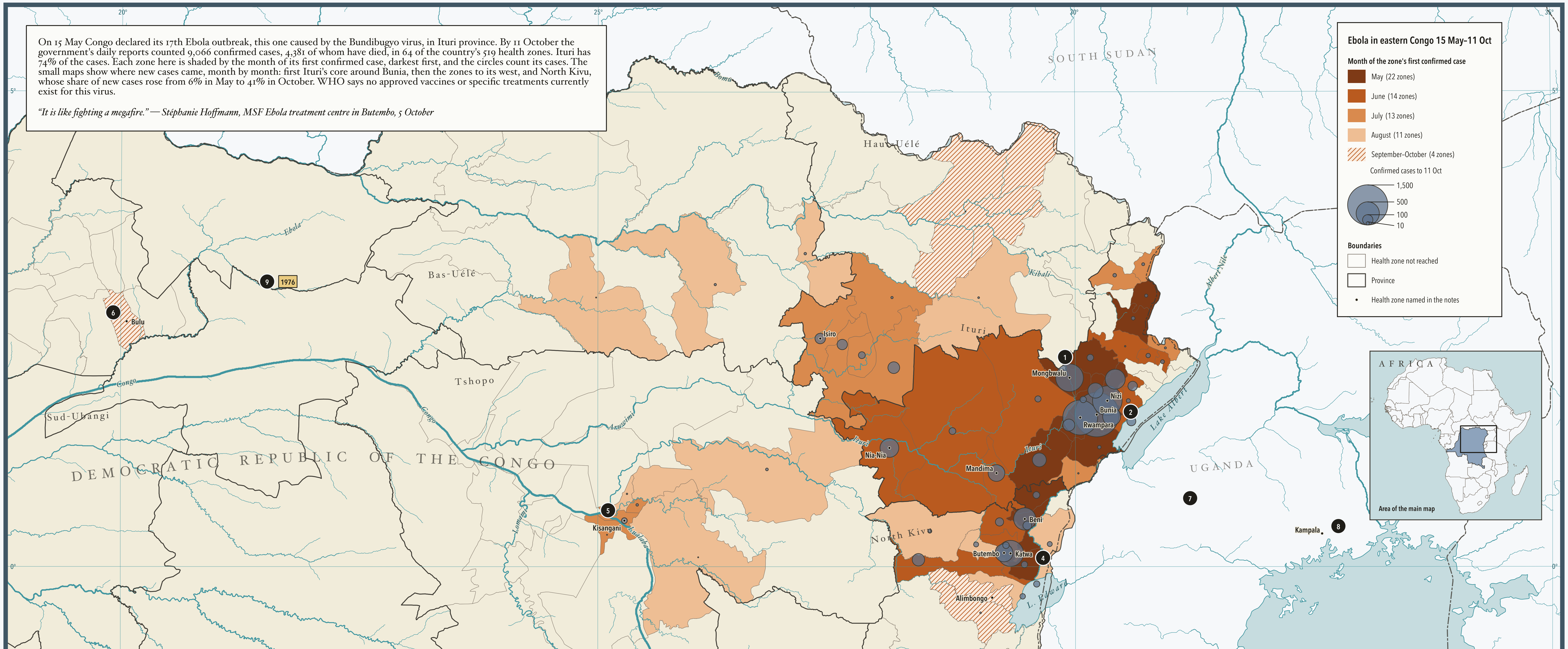
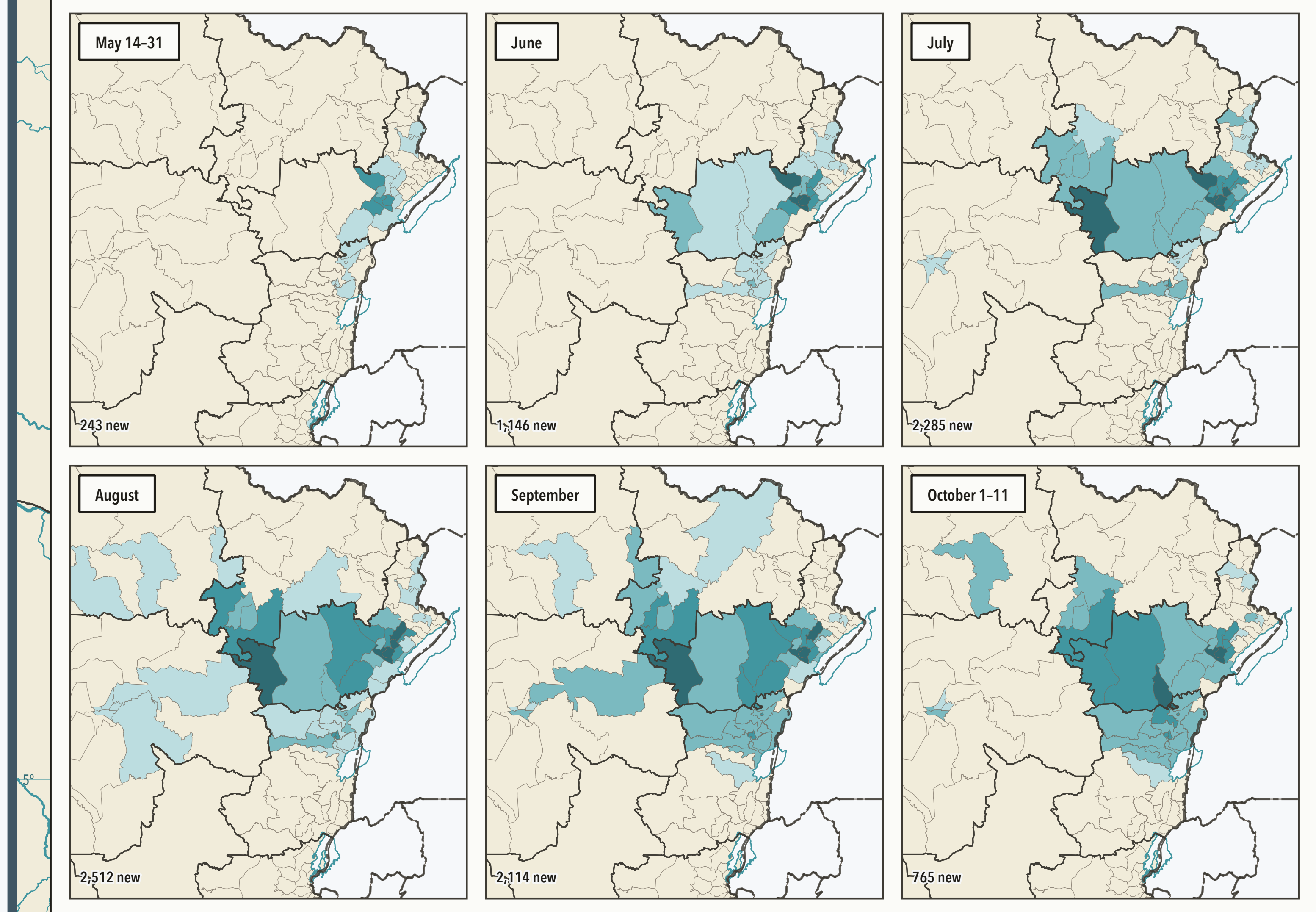
EBOLA IN EASTERN CONGO · 15 MAY – 11 OCTOBER 2026

On 15 May Congo declared its 17th Ebola outbreak, this one caused by the Bundibugyo virus, in Ituri province. By 11 October the government's daily reports counted 9,066 confirmed cases, 4,381 of whom have died, in 64 of the country's 519 health zones. Ituri has 74% of the cases. Each zone here is shaded by the month of its first confirmed case, darkest first, and the circles count its cases. The small maps show where new cases came, month by month: first Ituri's core around Bunia, then the zones to its west, and North Kivu, whose share of new cases rose from 6% in May to 41% in October. WHO says no approved vaccines or specific treatments currently exist for this virus.

"It is like fighting a megafire." — Stéphanie Hoffmann, MSF Ebola treatment centre in Butembo, 5 October



Where new cases came, month by month



New confirmed cases per 100,000 people per week: 🟦 Under 1 · 🟦 1 to 5 · 🟦 5 to 20 · 🟦 20 or more · 🟨 No new cases

Monthly totals in each frame; October to the 11th; May from the 14th. Bulu, far west, lies outside these frames.

What happened 2026

① **Mongbwalu · declared 15 May**
WHO thinks it began in this busy mining zone; the sick carried it to Rwampara and Bunia seeking care.

② **Bunia · 1,832 cases**
The most of any zone. Rwampara (1,132) and Nizi (813) are next.

③ **Goma · 18 May**
One case, 414 km south, in the first week. Still the only one.

④ **Katwa and Butembo · North Kivu**
628 and 297 cases. North Kivu's share of new cases: 6% in May, 41% in October.

⑤ **Kisangani · 10 Jul**
544 km west, on the Congo River.

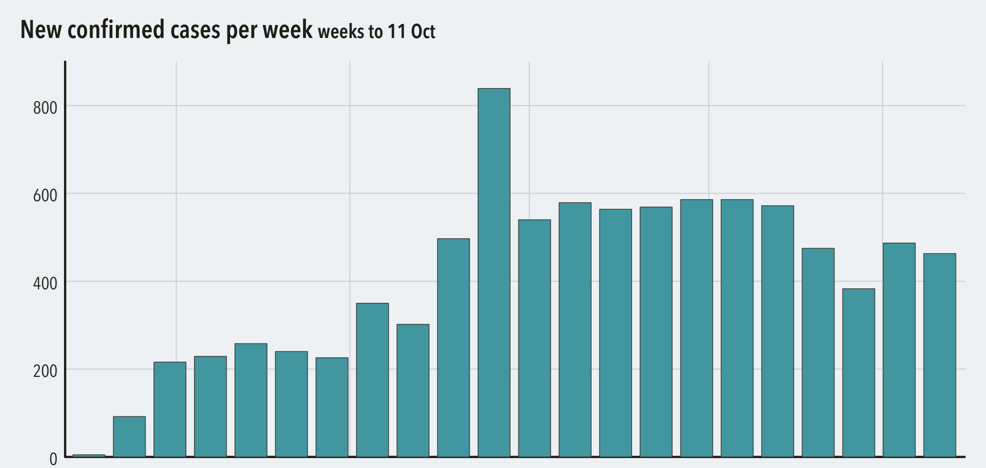
⑥ **Bulu · 10 Sep**
The farthest zone: 1,099 km from Mongbwalu. 2 cases.

⑦ **Uganda · May–June**
20 cases. Declared over on 25 August.

⑧ **Kenya · 3 Oct**
A traveller went by road to Kampala, flew to Nairobi, and died there on 5 October.

⑨ **Ebola River · 1976**
An outbreak at Yambuku, near this river, gave the disease its name.

New confirmed cases per week weeks to 11 Oct



The 22 Jul report added 432 cases, covering 2 days (no report the day before). Weeks end on Sunday.

Sources: confirmed cases by health zone and nationally, Congo's daily Ebola situation reports (COUSP/INSP) as compiled by INRB-UMIE (github.com/INRB-UMIE/BDBV2026-Data, commit bb390b2) and OCHA DRC (HDX, "Cas et décès d'Ebola"), reports 14 May – 11 October; zone totals sum to 9,065 against the national 9,066. Health zones: OCHA COD-AB 2026 (519 zones). Population: Ministry of Health 2019 zone estimates (HDX). Statements: WHO DON603, DON619 and Ebola fact sheet; ECDC (14 Oct); MSF (5 Oct). Rivers: HydroRIVERS v1.0; lakes and borders: Natural Earth. Figures provisional. Lambert azimuthal equal-area, centre 0.5°N 26.5°E. Haust palette.

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