



**Swahili**  
The lingua franca, spoken by 80 percent of the population in Beni Territory.

**Nande**  
The first language for 78 percent of the population in Beni Territory. Also known as Kinande.

**Mbuba**  
The first language for 20 percent of the population in Beni Territory.

Mangina health area  
Beni Territory (est. pop. 1,313,000)  
North Kivu Province (est. pop. 5,768,000)

The Ebola outbreak was declared in Mangina health area, 30km southwest of Beni city.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world.

At least seven languages are spoken in Beni territory.

One-third of women nationally cannot read, making verbal and visual communication especially important.

It is important that affected communities have access to information in a language and format that they can understand.

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