A new case of Ebola virus has been reported in the city of Beni in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the country’s National Institute for Biomedical Research said on Monday.

The outbreak is linked to a previous outbreak in North Kivu Province that ravaged nearly 23,000 people from 2018 to 2020, the institute said in a statement.

Ebola can sometimes linger in the eyes, central nervous system, and bodily fluids of survivors and flare up years later.

The World Health Organization said on Saturday that authorities were investigating a suspected Ebola case after a 46-year-old woman died in Beni after showing symptoms consistent with the disease.

Congo’s dense tropical forests are a natural reservoir for the Ebola virus, which causes fever, body aches, and diarrhea.

The country has recorded 14 outbreaks since 1976.