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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN UGANDA

Kampala- 28th March- 2020- The Ministry of Health confirms five (5) new cases of COVID-19 in Uganda. This brings the total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country to 23. The 5 new confirmed cases who are all imported cases were under quarantine at the time of test. They presented with signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The cases include:

1. A 32 year old Ugandan male, resident of Masaka District who arrived from Amsterdam via Qatar
2. A 41 year old female, a foreign national and resident of Ntinda, Kampala who arrived from Dubai, UAE
3. A 43 year old Ugandan female, resident of Hoima who arrived from Dubai, UAE
4. A 40 year old Ugandan male, resident of Budo, Wakiso district arrived from Dubai, UAE
5. A 64 year old Uganda male, resident of Najjanankumbi who arrived from Dubai, UAE

To date, a total 1,175 are under follow up; 876 of these are under institutional quarantine while 299 are under self-quarantine. A total of 1,596 high risk travelers have completed their 14 days of follow up and have been issued with certificates of completion of the mandatory quarantine.

All the 18 previously confirmed COVID-19 cases are in stable condition at Mulago National Specialized Hospital and Entebbe Grade B Hospital.

COVID-19 presents with the following signs and symptoms; running nose (flu), cough, fever and difficulty in breathing. To report any suspected cases of COVID-19, call the Ministry of Health toll free lines on 0800-100-066, 0800-203-033 or 0800-303-033. You can call the shorter toll free code on 919. Residents of Kampala are advised to call 0800-990-000 or 0204-660-816.

In the same vein, the Ministry continues to appeal to the general public to remain calm and practice the preventive measures. Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand rub at least three times a day, maintain a social distance of at least 2 meters and if you have flu like symptoms, cover your nose and mouth with a mask.

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