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## PRESS RELEASE

### UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN UGANDA

**08<sup>th</sup> April, 2020-** The Ministry of Health confirms one (1) case of COVID-19 in Uganda out of the total of 214 samples tested at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). So far, a cumulative of 3,524 samples have been tested for COVID-19. **The total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Uganda now stands at 53.**

The confirmed case is a 36 year old Ugandan female, from Wakiso District who travelled from China on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 and was under institutional quarantine. She did not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

To date, a total of 613 individuals are under institutional quarantine. A cumulative total of 427 individuals have so far been discharged from institutional quarantine. A total of 1,143 contacts to the confirmed cases were listed for follow-up. Of these, 563 contacts have completed the 14 day follow up while 580 contacts to the confirmed cases are under follow up.

**All the earlier admitted 52 confirmed COVID-19 cases are in stable condition at Mulago National Specialized Hospital (20), Entebbe Grade B Hospital (30), Adjumani (1) and Hoima (1) hospitals. The new confirmed case today will be evacuated tomorrow to Entebbe Grade B Hospital. Uganda has NOT registered any COVID-19 related death.**

The Ministry of Health continues to appeal to the general population to remain calm but vigilant, practice the preventive measures and stay at home.

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