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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN UGANDA

04th May, 2020- The Ministry of Health confirms eight (8) new COVID-19 positive cases. Six(6) cases are from 2,061 samples of truck drivers at border points of entry while two (2) cases were confirmed from the Rapid Assessment survey conducted in the communities. All 185 samples taken from the community tested negative for COVID-19 at Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) today. The total number of samples tested today are 2,246. The total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 97.

Confirmed Cases

- 1.A 36 year old Kenyan male truck driver who arrived from Kenya via Malaba border point of entry.
- 2.A 42 year old Tanzanian male truck driver who arrived from Dar-es-Saalam, Tanzania via Mutukula border point of entry
- 3.A 47 year old Kenyan male truck driver who arrived from Kenya via Malaba border point of entry
- 4.A 31 year old Kenyan male truck driver who arrived from Kenya via Malaba border point of entry
- 5.A 33 year old Ugandan male truck driver who arrived from Kenya via Malaba border point of entry
- 6.A 56 year old Rwandese male truck driver who arrived from Kenya via Malaba border point of entry
- 7.A 40 year old Ugandan male truck driver from Mutukula confirmed from the Rapid Assessment Survey. He has been identified in Kampala and is being transferred to Entebbe Grade B Hospital.
- 8.A 48 year old female Ugandan from Kyotera District who has been working at Mutukula Border as a security officer and was confirmed from the Rapid Assessment Survey. She is being transferred to Masaka Regional Referral Hospital.

To-date, a total of 37 truck drivers (17 Kenyans, 14 Tanzanians, 1 Burundian, 1 Rwandese and 4 Ugandans) have tested positive for COVID-19 in Uganda.

Currently, there are 16 admitted COVID-19 confirmed cases and all are in stable condition at; Mulago National Specialized Hospital (1), Entebbe Grade B Hospital (3), Arua Regional Referral Hospital (5), Jinja Regional Referral Hospital (1), Masaka Regional Referral Hospital (4), Hoima Referral Hospital (1) and Kabale Regional Referral Hospital (1). The number of discharged patients in Uganda is 55.

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