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PRESS RELEASE

CONFIRMATION OF AN IMPORTED EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE CASE IN KASESE DISTRICT

Kampala – 29 August 2019- The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public of an imported case of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Kasese District, Uganda. The confirmed case is a 9 year old female of Congolese origin who traveled from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) with her mother yesterday, the 28th August 2019.

The child and her mother entered the country through Mpondwe Main Border post to seek medical care in Bwera, Kasese District. The child was identified by the Point of Entry screening team with the following symptoms; high fever, body weakness, rash and unexplained mouth bleeding. She was subsequently isolated and transferred to Bwera hospital Ebola Treatment Unit where she is currently being managed.

A blood sample was drawn immediately and sent for testing at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) and confirmed positive for Ebola Virus on 29th August 2019. Since the child was identified at the Point of Entry, there are no contacts in Uganda.

The Ministry of Health with support from Partners have dispatched a Rapid Response Team to Kasese to support the district teams to continue with the various activities including; case management, community engagement, contact tracing, psychosocial support and vaccination among others.

The Ministry of Health re-echoes its call to the general public to cooperate with the Health workers, Immigration and Security officials to ensure effective screening at all entry points to prevent the spread of Ebola to other parts of the country.

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Bwera town located in Kasese District is situated 472 km from Kampala Capital City and has full capacity to handle disease outbreaks including EVD outbreaks. The Ministry reassures all Ugandans and visitors that with experience and expertise available in the country, the disease will be contained.

We appeal to the public to remain calm and vigilant and report any suspected cases to the nearest health facility or call our toll-free number **0800-100-066**.



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