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PUBLIC NOTICE: Reminder to strengthen measures to prevent the spread of Ebola into Rwanda

A confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease was confirmed in Kasese, Mbarara, Uganda. This follows an ongoing 10 months similar Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in DRC.

Despite the fact that we are surrounded by this public health threat, no Ebola case has been reported in Rwanda.

In order to protect yourself and prevent the spread of EVD, it is important to ensure the following:

- Proper body hygiene by washing hands frequently;
- Avoid travels to an area affected by an Ebola outbreak;
- Avoid contact with blood and body fluids, items that may have come in contact with an infected person's blood or body fluids, body of someone who died from EVD and/or meat from an unknown source.
- Report via a toll-free (114) nationwide phone alert system, to Community Health Workers, nearby health facility and/or police station any suspected case with Ebola like symptoms.

The Ministry of Health is taking the Ebola outbreak in both neighboring countries seriously and is intensifying the surveillance at ports of entry, at health facilities and at the community levels.

The Ministry of Health in coordination with the Rwanda Biomedical Center, WHO and other partners continues the work to strengthen national capacity for early detection and containment in the event a case spreads into Rwanda.

These include the robust community awareness and mobilization, logistics, Ebola Treatment Center, establishment EVD related work force development and capacity building in case management, infection prevention and control, contact tracing teams, burial teams, psycho-social teams, etc and surveillance with national capacity to detect/test any suspected case identified in the country.



The Ministry of Health calls upon all Rwandan and visitors to Rwanda who develop symptoms of Ebola which includes sudden fever, severe weakness followed by diarrhea and/or vomiting, skin rash, red eyes, and abnormal bleeding or has been in contact with a patient with such symptoms or who participated in a burial ceremony of a known case of suspected case to seek medical attention immediately at the nearest health facility.

All concerned stakeholders including the general public, media houses, civil society, private sector including local and regional transport companies and hotels to join the ongoing efforts to prevent the disease from spreading to Rwanda. We cannot just sit back and let this deadly disease spread to our communities. We are similarly calling on everyone, especially the local authorities, to sensitize their communities and community health workers to be on alert and consider all instructions provided.

For more information, please contact the Health Communication Center on 114

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