



PRESS RELEASE

PUBLIC ALERT: OUTBREAK OF EBOLA IN UGANDA AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

1. The Ministry of Health wishes to inform the public that recent cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) have been reported in some African countries. According to updates from the World Health Organization (WHO) and Africa CDC, confirmed and suspected cases have recently been reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. Ghana has not recorded any suspected or confirmed case.

2. The Ministry of Health is working in collaboration with international health partners, have activated precautionary measures nationwide to strengthen the country's preparedness and response systems.

3. Current measures being implemented include:

- Enhanced surveillance and screening at airports, seaports, and land borders.
- Increased monitoring of travellers arriving from affected countries.
- Training and equipping health workers to identify, isolate and manage suspected cases safely.
- Activation of public health emergency coordination and rapid response systems.
- Intensified public education, risk communication, and community awareness activities.

4. Ebola Virus Disease is a severe viral illness spread through direct contact with the bodily fluids of infected persons or contaminated materials and surfaces. Symptoms may include fever, weakness, headache, vomiting, diarrhoea, and, in severe cases, bleeding.

5. The Ministry of Health urges the public to remain calm and observe the following preventive measures:

- Wash hands regularly with soap under running water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Avoid direct contact with bodily fluids of sick persons.
- Avoid handling dead bodies without appropriate protection.
- Avoid handling or eating sick or dead wild animals and ensure that all meat is properly handled and thoroughly cooked before consumption.
- Report suspected symptoms immediately to the nearest health facility.

6. The public is advised to avoid spreading misinformation and to rely only on official updates from the Ministry of Health and the Ghana Health Service.

7. The Ministry of Health and Ghana Health Service remain committed to protecting the health and safety of all persons in Ghana and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

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