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## PRESS RELEASE

### UPDATE ON THE MARBURG OUTBREAK

#### *For immediate release*

**Kampala - 06/11/2017** - As of today, there are no new cases or deaths reported in the current Marburg outbreak in Kween and Kapchorwa Districts in Eastern Uganda.

Our team of experts has been following up 2 cases including a turn-boy and an enrolled Nurse who cared for the second confirmed case, but according to results from the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI), both have tested negative for Marburg Virus Disease (MVD).

An extraordinary cross-border surveillance meeting between Ministry of Health, World Health Organization, District Health Teams and other officials will take place tomorrow, Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, in Kapchorwa District.

The meeting, will among others, serve as a platform for sharing surveillance data, epidemiological and other related information, develop common plans for cross-border surveillance, epidemic preparedness and joint outbreak response to facilitate sharing of information and laboratory and other resources, synchronize outbreak response interventions and Joint designation of ground crossing points for the implementation of the International Health Regulations.

The total number of contacts line listed currently stands at; 115 from Kween District and 16 from Kapchorwa District. None of the contacts has developed symptoms today.

In Kween District, a total of 127 contacts have completed their 21 – days follow up including 55 contacts to the probable case and 72 contacts to the 1st confirmed case.

There have been no suspected cases identified in Kapchorwa District either by community or active case search at health facilities

The surveillance and case management teams have continuously trained health workers in the District about surveillance to guide them on identification of any suspects.

Our multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder teams of experts will remain on ground in Kapchorwa and Kween Districts until the outbreak is fully contained. You can report any suspected cases via the Ministry of Health hotline on **0800-100- 066**.

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