



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Press Statement

Strengthening Preparedness and Response Measures Following Regional Ebola Outbreak 5th June 2026

The Ministry of Health wishes to update the public on the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak affecting parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda.

Given Kenya's close regional connectivity through trade, transport, and population movement, the country remains at an elevated risk of disease importation. In response, the Government has intensified national preparedness and response measures to safeguard public health.

I wish to reassure all Kenyans that, as of 5 June 2026, Kenya has not reported any confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease.

The country continues to maintain and strengthen preparedness measures in response to the ongoing EVD outbreak in the region. Kenya has activated its National Incident Management System, intensified surveillance at Points of Entry, designated laboratories for Ebola testing, and strengthened coordination mechanisms at both national and county levels. Preparedness and response activities continue to be enhanced in collaboration with county governments, regional institutions, and international partners.

To date, more than 80,000 travellers have been screened for Ebola Virus Disease through various Points of Entry, including 3,969 travellers screened within the last 24 hours alone. In addition, a total of fifty-six (56) samples collected from alerts involving individuals with recent travel history to the DRC and Uganda have been tested, and all results have been negative.

The Ministry is implementing enhanced risk-based screening, traveller assessment, monitoring, and rapid response measures in line with the International Health Regulations (IHR) and World Health Organization (WHO) guidance.

We have designated four national laboratories for Ebola testing: the National Public Health Laboratory, KEMRI Nairobi, KEMRI Kisumu, and a mobile

laboratory deployed at the Busia One-Stop Border Post. The Ministry has also identified 25 high-risk counties, placed 347 rapid response personnel on standby, and sensitized more than 1,759 national and county healthcare workers on Ebola preparedness and response. Simulation exercises are ongoing in high-risk counties to test our capacity to detect and respond to outbreaks promptly and effectively.

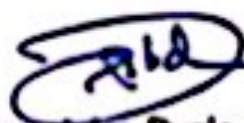
The Ministry continues to undertake sustained public awareness and risk communication campaigns targeting border communities, healthcare workers, transport operators, and other vulnerable populations. Members of the public are advised to remain calm but vigilant and to seek immediate medical attention if they develop symptoms such as fever, chills, headache, joint pain, muscle pain, backache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue, weakness, skin rash, sore throat, or signs of impaired kidney or liver function, particularly following recent travel to the DRC or Uganda.

The public is further advised to maintain high standards of personal hygiene, avoid contact with the bodily fluids of sick persons, avoid handling sick or dead animals, and rely only on official information issued by the Ministry of Health, the Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI), the World Health Organization (WHO), and Africa CDC.

The Ministry remains committed to playing its role as a responsible regional and global partner in advancing health security. As we continue to strengthen preparedness and resilience, our approach will remain guided by science, collaboration, national interest, and the shared objective of protecting populations from emerging public health threats. Kenya will continue to act responsibly in safeguarding both national and global health security.

Members of the public are urged to refrain from spreading unverified information that may cause unnecessary panic. The Ministry continues to closely monitor the situation and will keep the public informed as developments emerge.

Ebola preparedness information and key public health messages can be accessed through *719# and the Ministry of Health's official communication platforms.



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