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THE KEY HEADLINES IN THIS ISSUE

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This Analytical Compilation is as per COVID-19 national data available up to April 19, 2020

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ADDRESSES THE NATION



President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni addressed the nation yesterday Sunday April 19, 2020 on the key facts and issues as we battle against COVID-19. His address followed the one by the Minister for Health Hon. Dr. Ruth Jane Aceng earlier on Saturday along with a team of selected scientists, which focused mainly on technical issues. H.E the president further underlined the following key main points:

- He appreciated the public for their vigilance and positive response to the tough measures put in by authorities to control the spread of COVID-19.
- He thanked health workers for their show of bravery and patriotism while at the frontline

of saving the population during this pandemic. He reiterated the urgency of prioritizing the increment of salaries for scientists across the board.

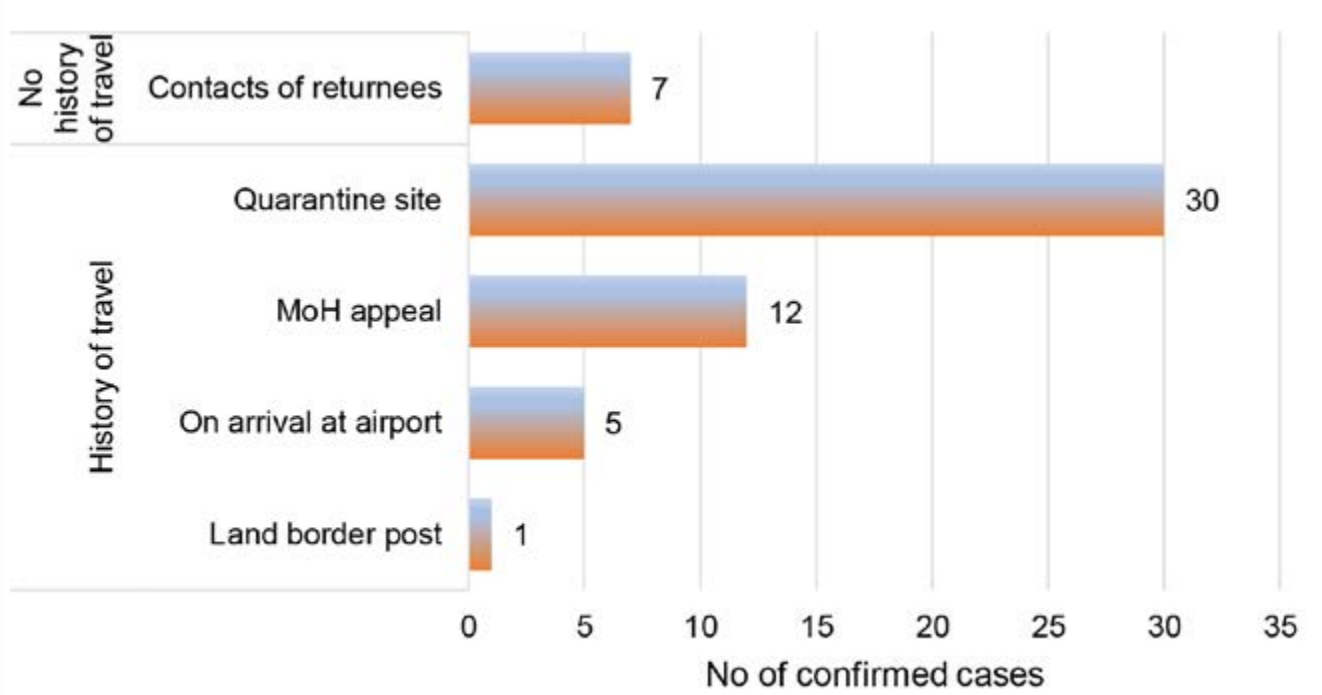
- Extended boda boda and bicycles’ operations from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. He however warned that cars without stickers shall be impounded on sight.
- Going forward, pregnant mothers can access health care services with or with out stickers and / or authorization from RDCs.
- Cargo truck drivers to continue their operations after being screened at the borders. Positive cases will be tracked after. He also hinted on a proposal to have only one driver per truck.
- Persons who succumb to COVID-19 related deaths shall be buried by the state. No bodies (having died of COVID-19) will be repatriated from abroad.
- Nobody should stop farmers from accessing their gardens. Similarly, shops dealing in agricultural chemicals and products should remain open.
- He underlined Uganda’s resilience in concurrently marveling efforts to solve three (03) wind-blowing problems i.e COVID-19, locusts’ invasion and the rising water levels at lake victoria.

As of April 19, 2020, Uganda has 55 COVID-19 confirmed cases of which 28 have since recovered and 27 active. Uganda registered her first case of COVID-19 on March 21, 2020 and to date, no COVID-19 related death has been recorded. In the underneath, we focus on the action points by the Ministry of Health / government lockdown strategy aimed at ‘restraining crowds and people movement’ across the country to ensure that all potential sources of corona virus infections are identified, tested and managed.

HOTSPOTS FOR TRACKING COVID 19 CASES

Figure 1 shows that most of the confirmed cases were from quarantine centres with the majority (55%) originating there. This implies that putting high risk travelers under quarantine was one of the most effective ways of tracking suspected cases in addition to on spot identification of cases for testing at the entry and exit points of the country. The figure also shows that the Ministry of Health appeal to the public to be vigilant on reporting suspected cases contributed 12 of the confirmed COVID 19 cases in Uganda (amounting to 22% of all confirmed cases).

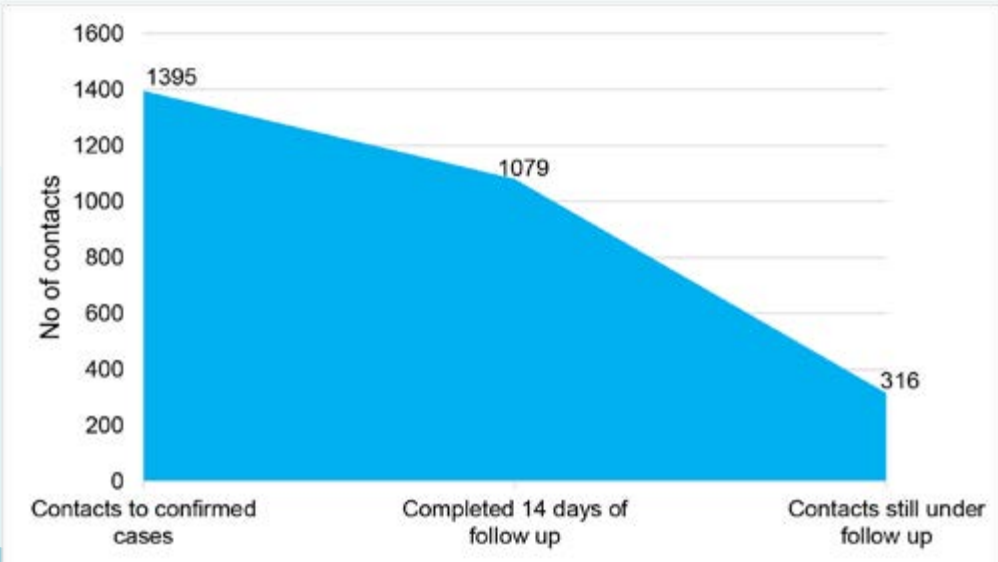
Figure 1: Number of Confirmed Cases by Point of Tracking



FOLLOW UP OF CONTACTS AND ALERTS

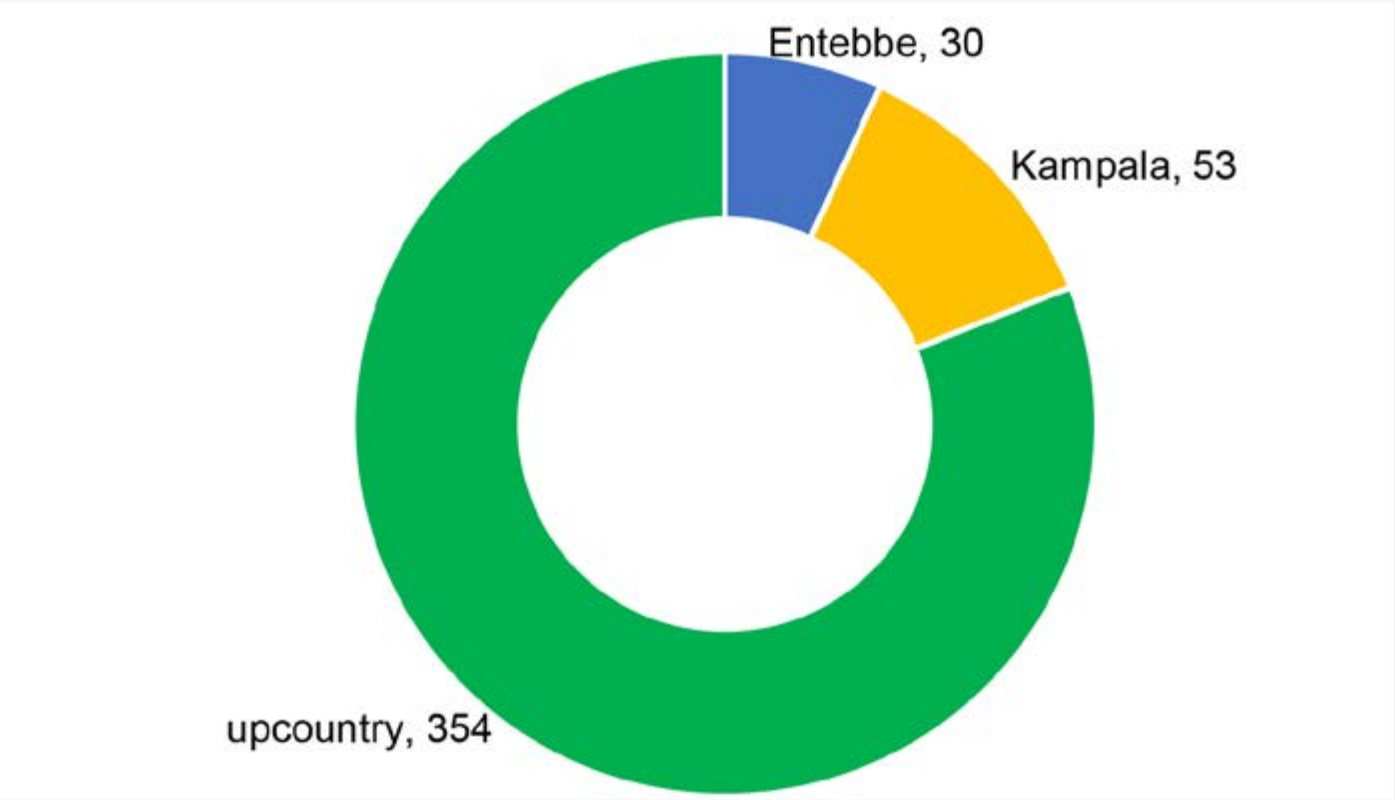
Figure 2 shows that since the onset of the pandemic in Uganda there are 1,395 contacts to confirmed cases that have been identified and tested. Of these, 1,079 have completed the mandatory 14 days of quarantine leaving 316 contacts that are still under follow up. It is important to note that some of the people in quarantine spend more than 14 days since the moment a positive case is identified in an area of quarantine, all the remaining population restart the process of quarantine.

Figure 2: Follow up of Contacts to Confirmed Cases



As of April 18, 2020, there were 437 cases under institutional quarantine country wide and distributed as shown in figure 3.

Figure 3: Distribution of cases under institutional quarantine

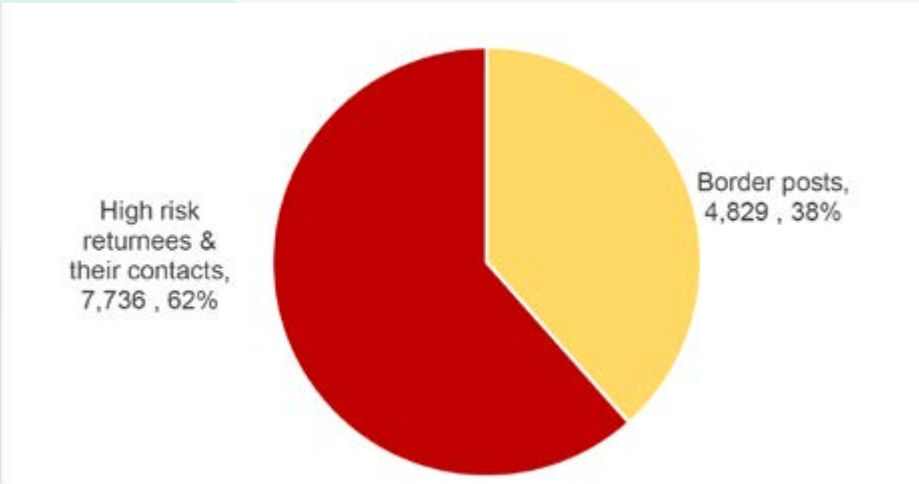


TESTING FOR CORONA VIRUS

A total of 18,860 travelers entering Uganda between 7th and 22nd March 2020 were identified as a potential risk group. To-date, of the identified 18,860 travelers, only 12,565 persons have been tested of COVID-19.

Testing of cargo truck drivers through the land border posts started on April 14, 2020. To- date, truck drivers constitute 38% of samples tested as seen in figure 4. Four drivers were confirmed positive of which three were non-Ugandans and per the agreement of East African states; these were repatriated to their respective countries of origin (Tanzania and Kenya) for treatment. It is important to note that the truck drivers are many and as a matter of consequence, a sizeable number of test kits will be required.

Figure 4: Distribution of tests done



However, figure 5 shows that the daily number of tests for COVID 19 has increased gradually from 11 cases on March 21, 2020 to 1464 cases on April 19, 2010. However, there have been unexplained drops in the number tested on certain days. It is worth noting that the numbers reported are samples not individuals since some individuals may be tested more than once.

Figure 5: Number of tests done daily

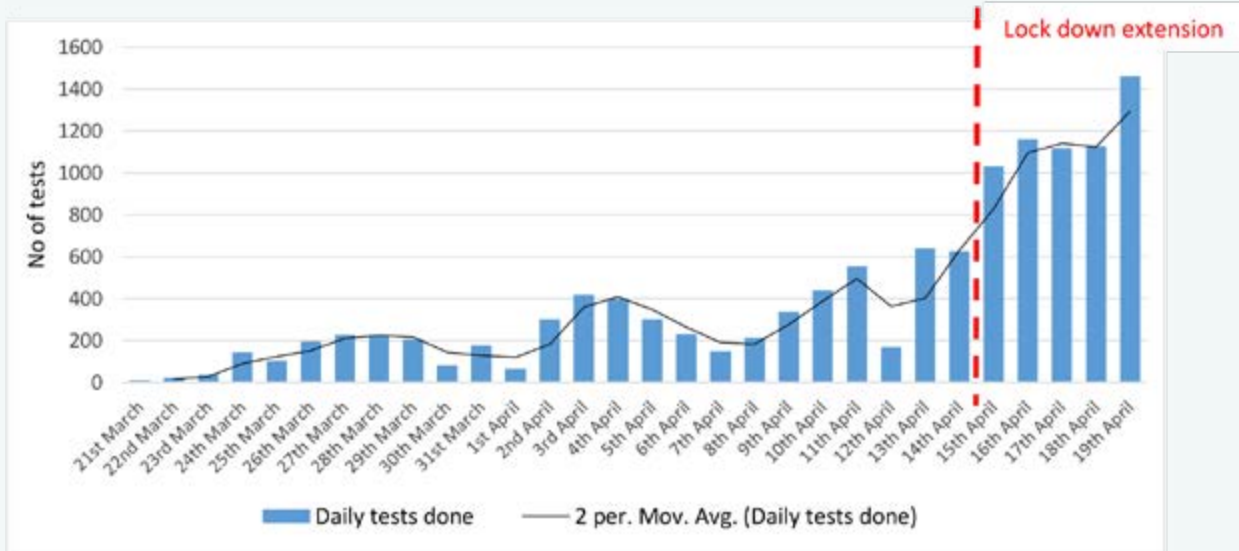


Figure 6 shows that the number of confirmed cases on a daily basis has been fluctuating over the period. The effect of the lockdown on confirmed cases is noticeable in two phases; pre lockdown saw the majority of the cases (44) and increased by 11 more cases during the first phase of the lockdown.

Figure 6: Trend of new confirmed cases per day

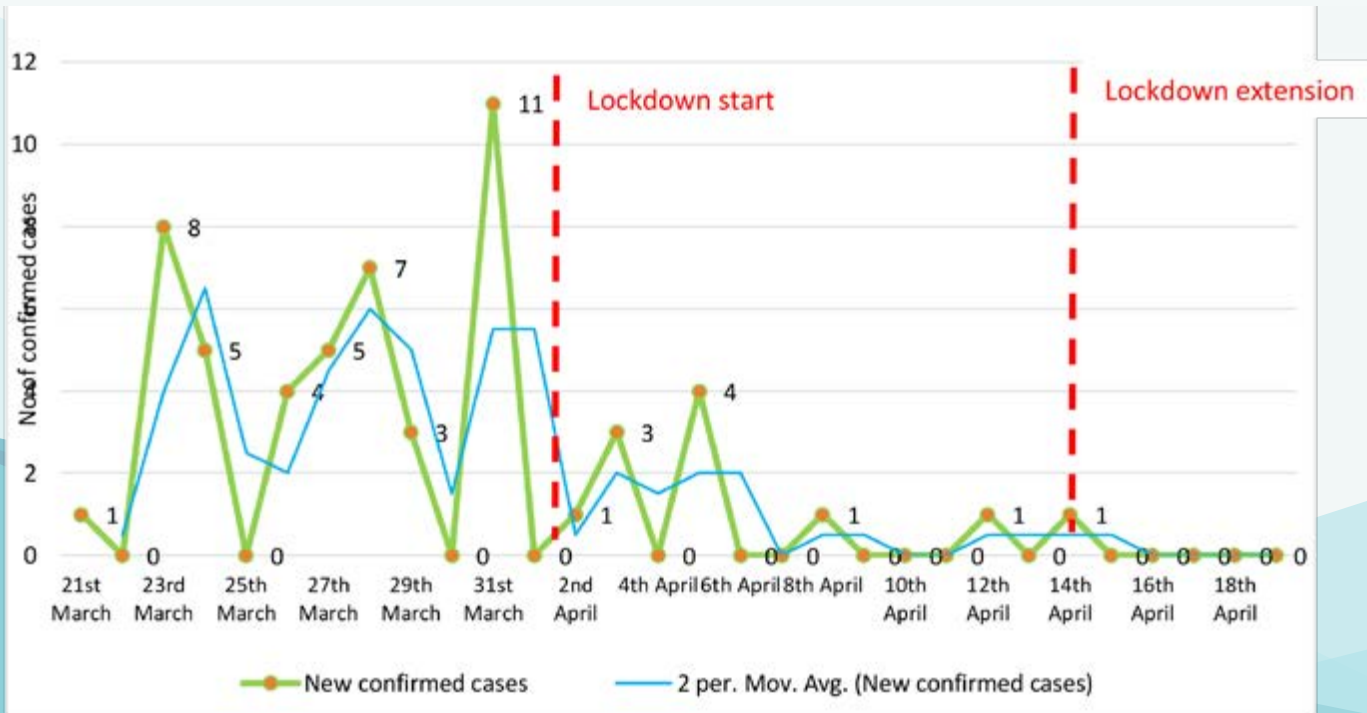
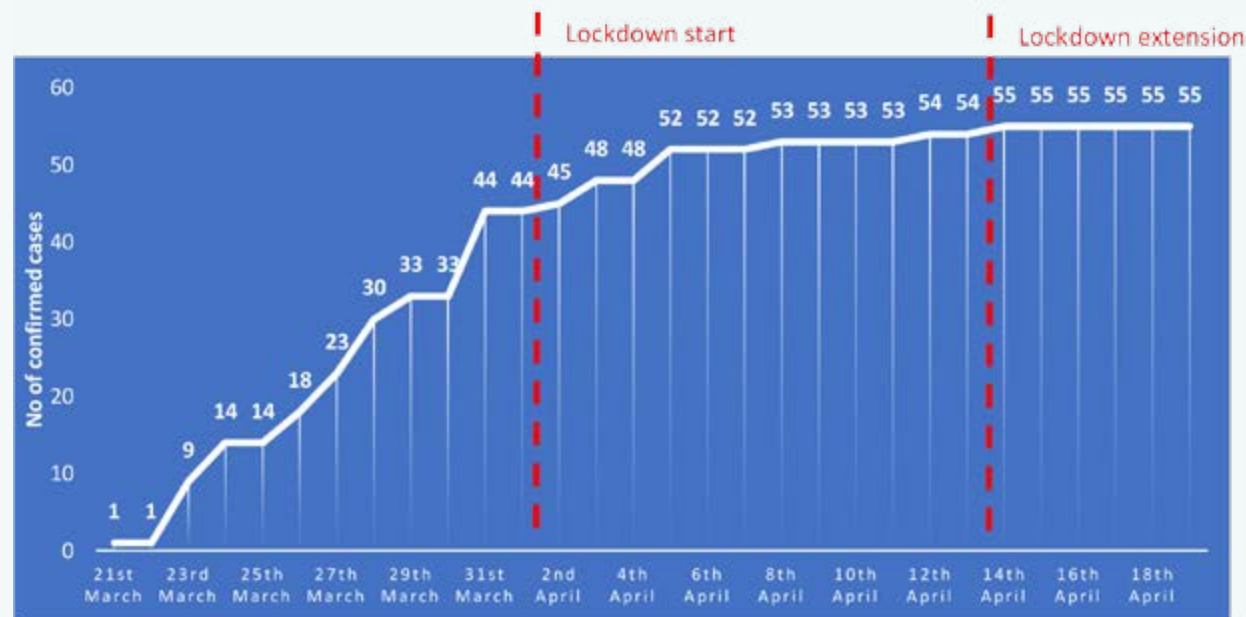


Figure 7 shows that the cumulative curve of confirmed cases was on a steep raise before the lockdown and thereafter it started flattening and after the extension of the lockdown it has remained fairly steady at 55 cases.

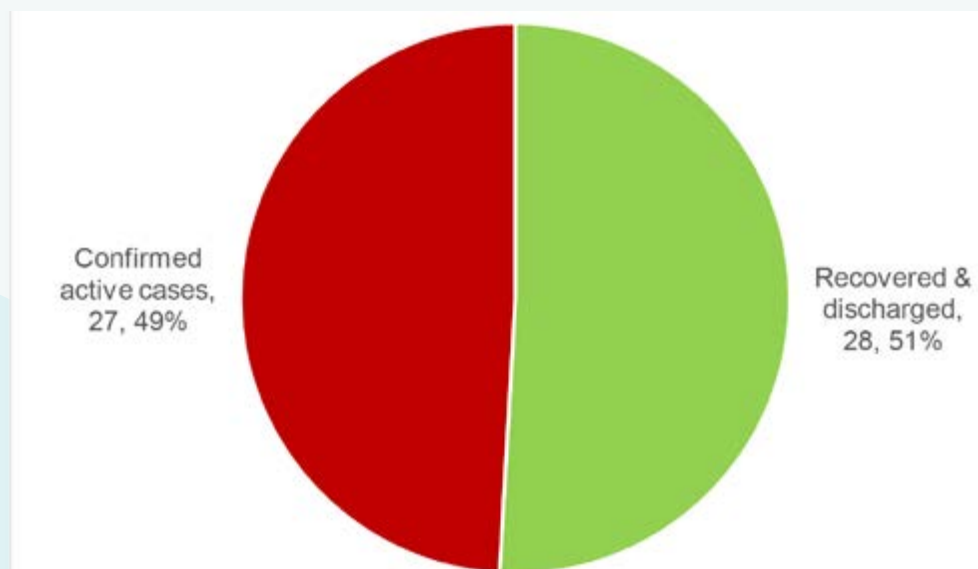
Figure 7: Trend of cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases



RATE OF RECOVERY FROM COVID 19

Figure 8 shows that more than half (51%) of the confirmed cases recovered and have been discharged leaving a total of 27 active cases. This shows that the health care system has been successful in treatment and management of cases.

Figure 8: Trend of confirmed active cases



IN OTHER NEWS...

COVID-19 CASES SKYROCKET ACROSS THE EAST AFRICAN REGION

Tanzania's confirmed cases have jumped to 254 as the country implements a different approach towards containing the pandemic. To-date, authorities have not yet controlled key outlets that aid societal crowding and people movement such as worship centers and education institutions.

Our Eastern neighbours (Kenya) still lead the 'race' with 281 confirmed cases. Rwanda, Burundi and the Republic of South Sudan stand at 147, 05 and 04 confirmed cases respectively.

HUMOUR BOX: COVID-19 PUSHES THE PRICE OF 'HE-GOATS' TO 800K!

A fortune or misfortune?? Earlier yesterday as President Museveni rushed from his other national errands to address the nation, his convoy was 'knocked' by a huge Empaya that was running to beat the curfew along the Seeta – Bweyogerere stretch...

The 'Empaya-trepreneur' was instead visited by lady luck after H.E the President instead ordered his handlers to compensate him. Our snoops have since learnt, he has walked away with 800.000/-... talk of a misfortune turned fortune! RIP Empaya



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT
FROM PEOPLE WITH
SYMPTOMS



FREQUENTLY
WASH YOUR HANDS
WITH SOAP & WATER
OR ALCOHOL SANITIZER



AVOID TOUCHING
YOUR FACE WITH
UNWASHED
HANDS



DO NOT TOUCH
SURFACES & OBJECTS
THAT ARE FREQUENTLY
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