EASTER SPECIAL: Look Beyond the Lockdown, Spread and Share the Love

OPM PERMANENT SECRETARY AND THREE OTHER TOP OFFICIALS ARRESTED FOR INFLATING RELIEF FOOD PRICES

Ms. Christine Guwatudde Kintu (PS) was arrested alongside Joel Wanjala (Accounts department), Fred Lutimba (Assistant Commissioner – Procurement) and Martin Owor (Commissioner for Disaster Management) for allegedly inflating the figures for the COVID_19 food relief items.

- It is alleged they were turning down offers from suppliers who were quoting lower prices for maize flour and beans.
- Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema of the State House Anti-Corruption Unit ordered their arrest.

GOVERNMENT FORMS A NATIONAL COVID_19 FUND

- President Museveni has appointed Hon. Mary Karooro Okurut (Bushenyi Woman MP) and Minister for General duties to head a resource mobilization fund to facilitate the national COVID_19 response. She is assisted by Ms. Dorothy Kisaka as the Fund Administrator.
- The president has called on everyone especially the ‘wealthy class’ to contribute generously to the fund.
- A host of entities, companies and individuals including Huawei, Rwenzori, MTN, Airtel, Sudhir Ruparelia Group, UNRA, Tororo cement, Tembo Steels, King Ceasor University, the Indian Association in Uganda, Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom, the Kabaka of Buganda among others have since contributed to the fund.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ISSUES MORE STRINGENT DIRECTIVES IN HIS LATEST NATIONAL ADDRESS

- Out-door jogging is suspended going forward.
- All boda bodas to stop operations by 2:00 PM everyday.
- Pickups/double cabins without cargo should not be allowed to move.
- No landlord should evict a tenant during the lockdown period.
- All members of the security forces should stop beating citizens while enforcing the curfew.

UGANDA’S EFFORTS CONTINUE TO FLATTEN THE COVID_19 CURVE

- On April 08, 2020, Uganda confirmed 01 new case of COVID_19 out of 214 samples tested bringing the total of confirmed cases to 53.
- Cumulatively, 3,524 samples have been tested for COVID_19.
- A total of 613 persons remain under institutionell quarantine.
- A total of 427 individuals have so far been discharged from quarantine.
- 1,143 contacts of confirmed cases have been listed for follow up.
- All the confirmed COVID_19 cases remain in stable condition and are receiving treatment at Mulago National Referal Hospital, Entebbe Grad B Hospital, Adjumani and Hoima hospitals.
- To date, Uganda has not registered any COVID_19 related deaths.

Rt. Hon Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda receives a cheque of 100 million from Prince Wasajja being a donation from His Highness the Kabaka of Buganda to the National COVID_19 Taskforce.
OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE COVID_19 LENS

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NOTE: There however remains no subtle evidence as to whether the local contact (domestic) cases (13) were as a result of secondary contact with on-going active transmissions.

Across the EAC, the number of confirmed cases now stands at 372 persons as of April 08, 2020 with Kenya accounting for 179 (48%) followed by Rwanda at 110 (30%).

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GERMANY EVACUATES ITS CITIZENS FROM UGANDA

Through a special bi-lateral arrangement, the German Government thorough her foreign office has evacuated over 250 of its citizens including other stranded tourists and visitors. All the evacuated persons flew from Entebbe to Cologne aboard a chartered Brussels Airlines plane. The Germany Embassy in Uganda encouraged all its citizens to stay safe and resume their visitations to the Pearl of Africa once the COVID_19 pandemic is defeated.

Ugandan Insurers to Take Care of COVID_19 Cases

The Insurance Regulatory authority has reached an understanding with all Insurers in Uganda to extend their running medical insurance policies to cover COVID_19 cases. Under normal circumstances, pandemics are not provided for under medical insurance due to their catastrophic nature. However, under the new terms negotiated by the insurance regulator, COVID_19 cases / patients will receive testing, treatment and care assistance at the government designated facilities at no additional charge in their running policy premia.

TOGETHER WE CAN ALL KICK-OUT THE VIRUS

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