

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PRESS RELEASE

A TANZANIAN REPORTED TO CONTRACT MPOX WHILE IN ZAMBIA

Dodoma, 11th October, 2024.

Dear citizens, on October 10, 2024, the Ministry of Health received information from Zambia, along with a report from Reuters News Agency, regarding a Tanzanian who was diagnosed with Mpox while in Zambia.

Dear citizens, the government has made a follow-up on this information and confirmed that he is a Tanzanian aged 32, who crossed the border from Tanzania to Zambia on **September 2, 2024**, through the Tunduma (Tanzania) and Nakonde (Zambia) borders, showing no symptoms of Mpox at the time. **On October 2, 2024**, while in Zambia, he visited one of the clinics where he received initial treatment and was tested on **October 4, 2024**. The Zambia National Public Health Laboratory confirmed that it was Mpox on **October 8, 2024**. The patient is still receiving treatment in Zambia.

Dear citizens, Mpox symptoms may appear between three (3) to 21 days after infection. Therefore, since the patient showed symptoms one month after leaving the country, **it means that he left the country with no infection.**

Dear citizens, Tanzania commends Zambia for early detection of the case and thanks them for continuing to treat the patient and providing timely information. The government continues to collaborate with Zambia to monitor the patient's condition and ensure that he recovers and returns in good health.

Dear citizens, The Ministry would like to assure you that Tanzania remains safe, and no Mpox cases have been confirmed in the country so far. The Ministry continues to closely monitor the situation and will keep the public informed. Therefore, the Ministry urges all citizens to continue observing preventive measures, avoid shaking hands, and report any concerns through the hotline number **199** so that together we can prevent this disease from entering our country.

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