

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PRESS RELEASE ON DECLARATION OF END OF MARBURG OUTBREAK IN KAGERA REGION AT BIHARAMULO DISTRICT

BIHARAMULO, 13th March, 2025

Dear Citizens

On January 20, 2025, **H.E Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan**, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania declared the outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) in Kagera Region, where two (2) cases were confirmed, unfortunately both lost their lives while on treatment. MVD is a deadly disease and has potential to spread from one person to another via direct contact of body fluids of an infected person. If not contained timely, it causes serious consequence including loss of life and social-economic impacts.

Dear Citizens

Since the declaration of outbreak, the Government in collaboration with stakeholders and partners jointly took stringent measures to contain and control the outbreak in the affected Council of Biharamulo. As we have been providing regular updates via media and other platforms, the last confirmed MVD case was reported on January 28th, 2025. As of 11th March, 2025, forty two (42) days has passed since the last confirmed case was reported. Scientifically, we meet the criteria for declaring the end of MVD outbreak. Thus, today 13th March, 2025 I hereby officially declare the end of MVD outbreak in the country.

Dear Citizens

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Her Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, for her guidance and facilitation in ending this disease.

I also acknowledge the technical and financial support provided by partners, community and frontline responders including Healthcare workers, Social

welfare Officers, Nutritionists and Community Health Workers for your commitment and readiness while responding to this outbreak.

Dear Citizens

I would like to extend my gratitude to the technical team led by Dr. Seif Shekalaghe, Permanent Secretary Ministry of health without forgetting the Chief Medical Officer Dr. Grace Magembe and her team from the MOH, PO-RALG, MoCDGWSG, Kagera Regional Secretariat and Biharamulo District Council. I extend my special thanks to responders including but not limited to citizens, leaders, influential people, partners, agencies, private sector, religious leaders, journalists, implementing partners for your support.

Dear Citizens

I emphasize all community members to remain vigilant even after the declaration of ending this outbreak through observing all recommended measures and adopt positive behaviors including hand washing using running water and soap or hand sanitizer, timely reporting of all rumors, alert or any unusual event in the community via 199 toll free hotline or nearby health facility.

Also, we should be aware that the country remains at risk of other highly infectious diseases, including Ebola which has been reported in neighboring countries and Mpox which has recently occurred in our country and continues to be reported worldwide. Thus, we call upon all citizens to continue cooperating with health authorities and adhering to preventive measures against the mentioned diseases.

Lastly, I want to assure you, that the Government of Tanzania will continue to take appropriate measures to ensure its citizens and the international community remain safe.

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