

The Republic of South Sudan



Ministry of Health *Office of the Undersecretary*

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

JOINT STATEMENT ON BUNDIBUGYO VIRUS DISEASE (BVD) AND EBOLA PREPAREDNESS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Following the notification of Ebola outbreaks in parts of the region, the Ministry of Health has activated and strengthened its preparedness measures in accordance with the National Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness and Response Plan and the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). These vital measures are being implemented in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations agencies, health partners, neighbouring countries, and regional public health institutions.

The Ministry wishes to reassure the public that **South Sudan has not recorded any confirmed cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)**. To date, the national laboratory has tested seven suspected samples, and all have tested negative for the virus.

Given our country's location within a highly interconnected region characterized by significant population movement and cross-border trade, the Ministry recognizes the critical importance of maintaining a high level of vigilance. The public should understand that our current activities are strictly precautionary. They reflect the Government's commitment to protecting the health of its population through early preparedness and risk reduction, and should not be interpreted as evidence of active Ebola transmission within South Sudan.

Our active preparedness efforts currently include:

- Enhanced event-based and indicator-based surveillance.
- Robust alert management and verification systems.
- Advanced laboratory readiness and stringent infection prevention and control (IPC) measures.
- Preparedness of rapid response teams and strengthened coordination at the national and sub-national levels.



- Targeted screening at priority points of entry and along key population movement corridors.
- Proactive risk communication and community engagement.

South Sudan remains fully engaged in regional disease surveillance and information-sharing mechanisms. We maintain close coordination with health authorities in neighbouring countries, the Africa CDC, the East African Community, and technical partners to ensure our measures are informed by the latest epidemiological data.

The Ministry emphasizes that public health emergencies require coordinated international action grounded in science and evidence. Experience from previous outbreaks demonstrates that measures exceeding assessed risks can have unintended consequences—such as delaying humanitarian assistance, disrupting essential supply chains, and limiting the deployment of required technical expertise. We advocate for proportionate, risk-based measures that protect public health while minimizing unnecessary interference with international travel and trade, consistent with the IHR (2005).

The Ministry of Health appreciates the continued support of the WHO and all health partners in strengthening South Sudan's preparedness capacities. We remain strictly committed to transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and timely communication as we work to protect our population and contribute to regional health security.

The Ministry of Health through the government reiterate to strongly urge and call countries of the world and their diplomatic missions in the Republic of South Sudan to lift visas and travel restrictions to all the citizens of South Sudan since we have got no case detected in the country.

Thank you all

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