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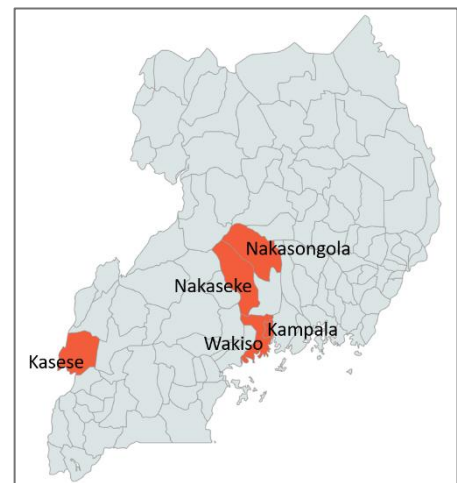
First alert: March 19, 2025 | Clade Ib Mpox Outbreak in Uganda

Sub-Locations Affected

The districts of Kampala, Kasese, Nakaseke, Nakasongola and Wakiso

Event Description

As of March 4, 2025, Uganda reported 3,833 Clade Ib mpox cases and 31 deaths (0.8% CFR), the second-highest in the region after the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), accounting for over 40% of Africa's cases in the past six weeks. Clade Ib mpox cases in travelers returning from Uganda have been confirmed in the United Kingdom, South Africa, and United Arab Emirates.



Map of sub-locations affected

Epidemiological information

- On July 24, 2024, Uganda has confirmed the first cases mpox involving two case-patients from Kasese District, Bwera Hospital by the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) labo through a routine surveillance system.
- On August 2, 2024, the Ministry of Health declared an mpox outbreak with 23 districts (out of 147) classified as very high or high risk.
- As of December 31, 2024 Uganda had 1,353 confirmed mpox cases with six deaths across 66 districts, most cases were from Kampala, Wakiso, and Nakasongola. High-risk groups included roadside vendors, sex workers, transport workers, housewives, and fishermen.
- On January 5, 2025, Uganda recorded 1,552 cumulative confirmed mpox cases, with 12 deaths. Majority of the cases are males (58%) and 65% were in the 19-39 age group. New cases primarily emerged in high-density urban and peri-urban areas.
- Clade Ib mpox cases in travelers returning from Uganda have been confirmed in: UK (more than 6 cases, November 2024 and February 2025), South Africa (1 case, February 2025, with local transmission), and United Arab Emirates (1 case, February 2025).

Response Measures

- The MoH, with WHO and partners, coordinates response through an Incident Management Team and district task forces, holding regular meetings, and bi-weekly webinars. Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) activities to analyze community feedback for messaging.
- Laboratory capacity for diagnostics and genomic sequencing is made available, and suspected cases are routinely tested for mpox virus infection. Training on sample management and a referral system are in place.
- The MoH, in coordination with partners, including UNICEF, finalized a National mpox Preparedness and Response Plan for July 2024 – June 2025, with a required budget of US\$6.7 million.
- Uganda National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (UNITAG) approved MVA-BN and LC16 vaccines for high-risk groups, receiving 10,000 doses from the European Health Emergency Preparedness Authority (EU-HERA), with vaccination beginning in February 2025 targeting female sex workers. The National Drug Authority (NDA) approved MVA-BN for emergency use in individuals 12 years and older.
- The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) continues to collaborate with MoH to ensure the tracing of all contacts of the children affected.
- UNICEF, leading the RCCE pillar, distributed 372,600 materials in 23 local and 13 refugee languages across 25 districts affected.

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