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Subject: Advisory on the Prevention and Control of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

This refers to reports of outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) at Uganda on 20 September 2022. Uganda has had at least six previous episodes of Ebola in 2000 (224 death), 2007 (37 death), 2011 (1 dead), two events in 2012 (21 death) and 2019 (4 death). Results of preliminary investigations identified a number of community deaths from an unknown illness in Madudu and Kiruma sub-counties of Mubende district reported in the first two weeks of September. A total of 36 cases, including 18 confirmed and 18 more listed as probable, had been reported. There were 23 deaths within that number, five among confirmed cases and 18 among probable ones. (CFR among confirmed cases 28%).

- 2. According to the International Classification of Disease for filoviruses (ICD-11) released in May 2019. EVD in humans is caused by four of six viruses of the genus Ebolavirus. The four are Bundibugyo virus (BDBV), Sudan virus (SUDV), Taï Forest virus (TAFV) and Ebola virus (EBOV, formerly Zaire Ebola virus). Current outbreaks of Ebola disease is caused by SUDV. At Regional and Global levels, the overall risk has been assessed as low. WHO advises against any restrictions on travel and/or trade to Uganda based on available information for the current outbreak.
- 3. Keeping in view all above stated facts, it is advised that travel and trade related organizations including Directorate of Central Health Establishment (CHE) to remain vigilant and keep on monitoring the passengers coming from Uganda. Any suspected person entering Pakistan, should be quarantined and notified to CDC NIH. The samples should be transported using national guidelines.

4. For any further technical assistance, the Center for Disease Control, NIH may be contacted on Tel: 051-9255566 and Fax No. 051-9255575.

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