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Ministry of Health

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH ON MEASURES TAKEN BY THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA REGARDING THE EBOLA SITUATION IN KENYA

The Ministry of Health-Kenya has noted with concern the extreme measures taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding the Ebola situation in the country.

We reiterate that the measures taken are not only excessive but not backed by the current epidemiological situation in the country.

For avoidance of doubt, our index case was imported and we quickly listed and traced all the 135 contacts (100%)related to the case. In addition we went ahead to place 118 contacts under quarantine.

All the 8 confirmed cases were related to the index case as either health care workers(4) or close family members(4). We have NOT had any transmission of the disease outside this cluster and I reiterate we have NO evidence of community transmission. We have NOT reported any new case since 19th October 2026.

We have lost one patient in addition to the index case.

The 7 remaining patients under care are progressing well and 5 of them have turned a first NEGATIVE Ebola test after completion of treatment and awaiting the second test scheduled for Monday 2nd Nov 2026. We are optimistic they will go home on Tuesday 3rd Nov together with an additional 46 contacts under quarantine who have not developed any symptoms to date. This is in addition to the 20 contacts released from quarantine earlier

This clearly demonstrates that our response is holding and will soon deliver spectacular results.

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs will continue to engage the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on this matter.

The Ministry of Health takes this opportunity to thank all Kenyans for standing together as one family during this trying moment. Kenya has demonstrated leadership, Kenya has demonstrated transparency, what we require from the international community is support and collaboration, not condemnation, not travel restrictions and certainly not isolation.

Together as a united people we shall overcome.

God bless Kenya

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