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PRESS RELEASE
EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD) OUTBREAK IN DRC

The public is notified that Democratic Republic Congo (DRC) has declared a new Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak following reports of 26 suspected cases of Ebola including 20 deaths in July 29, 2018. Four of the six samples collected for laboratory analysis are confirmed to be Ebola.

The present EVD Epidemic is reported from Mangina town in North Kivu province that is close to the Border with Rwanda and Uganda. Ebola is a highly contagious and virulent disease with severe fatality that can be transmitted through contact with infected person's body fluids. Recently in 2013, Ebola infected 28,600 people and killed 11,300 in West African countries.

Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) advises the public to avoid or postpone travelling to DRC. Travellers are also advised to take necessary precautions. The ministry will continue to monitor the situation at all levels and will update the public as the epidemic unfolds.

For more information please visit the nearest health facility or call 3632766.

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