



# MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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## PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN SUPPORT OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES INSTITUTE

The management of the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) has raised a concern to the Ministry of Health about unscrupulous individuals intending to discredit the work of IDI in the field of HIV and AIDS programming. This is occurring in a context where IDI management recently instituted a criminal investigation (CRB – 323/2018) against two former employees.

The Ministry of Health is therefore issuing this statement in acknowledgement of the work and contribution of IDI.

The IDI is a Ugandan not-for-profit organization, established within and wholly owned by Makerere University, whose Mission is to strengthen health systems in Africa, with a strong emphasis on infectious diseases, through research and capacity development.

IDI is a reputable legal entity, established since 2002. The Institute is a lead implementing partner for the Ministry of Health in the field of comprehensive HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases in the following regions – Kampala, Wakiso, the Midwest and the West Nile region. Within the program, IDI provides HIV testing and counseling services, ART and preventative services.

We reaffirm that IDI adheres to MoH policies and guidelines, and specifically, the Institute supports the implementation of the Uganda HIV/AIDS National Strategic Plan (NSP) and the Presidential Fast Track Initiative.

The IDI has significantly contributed to the national HIV response, chiefly in the following ways:

1. The Institute is currently responsible for the care and treatment of almost 300,000 (about 30%) of people living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda.
2. The IDI has performed over 500,000 safe medical male circumcisions
3. The IDI Research Programme has contributed over 650 peer-reviewed publications and these have informed national and global policy and practice in the field of infectious diseases.

UNAIDS and the GOU recognize that in order to end the HIV epidemic all affected communities including key populations needs to have access to HIV prevention, care and treatment services. As an implementing partner of the Ministry of Health, IDI provides services to all affected persons without discrimination or segregation or personal identification.

The institute has trained over 15,000 health care workers across 22 countries.

Overall, IDI is contributing to making the end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda a reality by ensuring everyone has access to evidence-based prevention services and the best available treatment for those that require treatment. Please visit IDI's publically accessible e-platforms to learn more about the Institute:

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