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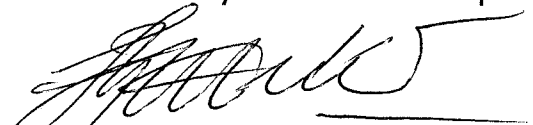
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### **UPDATE ON COVID19 RELIEF FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND STOCK BALANCES IN STORES**

Rt Hon Speaker

1. Hon Members, are aware COVID19 disaster has major medical, social, household and development implications
2. Government recognizes the severe impact of COVID19 on all the people who live from hand-to-mouth in all districts of the country.
3. Given the many challenges, Government, decided to begin with all Hospitals, Special-needs-care homes and Orphanages across the country and Kampala Capital City and its surrounding Municipalities located in Wakiso District and a part of Mukono district.
4. Trucks to make deliveries to the 134 hospitals, special-needs-care homes and orphanages across the country are being dispatched today
5. Distribution in Kampala was launched on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and commenced immediately in Bwaise and a total of 2,947 people (894hh) were reached on that day.
6. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10,639 people (3,224hh) were covered in 15 villages of Bwaise

7. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 11,998 people (3,428hh) were covered, still in Bwaise
8. In total we have so far covered 25,548 people (7,546hh) in three days
9. We are targeting persons such as taxi conductors and drivers, bodaboda riders, saloon operators, market- stall-hardware operators etc whose daily operations are closed. Most of them live in informal settlements such as Bwaise, Katanga, Kiconi, Nasana, etc
10. Deliveries of food ( i.e powder-milk, sugar, juice, maize flour and beans) to all the 23 special needs care homes and orphanages in Kampala and Wakiso will have been completed by midday today
11. Rt Hon Speaker, Hon Members, if we had not begun food distribution by Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> , a number of orphans and persons with special care needs whose numbers are high in Kampala and its surrounding Municipalities would have lost their lives.
12. Rt Hon Speaker, distribution rate is still low covering only upto 10,000 persons, but will be scaled-up to 200,000 persons per day once Parliament approves the supplementary budget and funds are got to fuel many trucks and to procure food in bulk.



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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR RELIEF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS  
AND REFUGEES**