

WFP donates UGX 162M Ebola Medical Store to Mbarara District

United Nations World Food Program (WFP) has donated Ebola medical store to Mbarara district to help handle any out-break in the southwestern region as one way of preparedness against outbreaks.

While handing over US dollar 45,000 equivalent to UGX 162M at Mbarara district headquarters Kamukuzi on November 21, 2019, head of WFP southwestern region Mr. Alessandro Scaletti said the facility will handle medical supplies for Ebola as a measure to prepare for any out-break in the sub region since Ebola broke out in Democratic Republic of Congo.

“We are happy today that we are handing over to Mbarara district one store facility in the context of National Ebola task Force. This is part of the agreement with the government and Ministry of Health to build up and deliver to the district stores in strategic areas.” Mr. Alessandro said.

Mr Alessandro also pointed out that they have already handed over other similar facilities to districts of Kabarole, Kasese and Hoima which will help in fighting the Ebola crisis.

“Few days ago, we handed over one similar facility in Hoima, on Tuesday in Kabarole, yesterday in Kasese and today in Mbarara. This is part of the agreement on how to fight Ebola Crisis better” Mr Alessandro said adding that the store will only handle medical supplies and WFP will train the store keepers in order to be in position to handle non-food items at the facility.

Mbarara regional Referral hospital Director Dr. Celestine Barigye said the hospital sometimes faces challenges in getting medical supplies when there is an emergency of disease out-break which affects the management of diseases. He noted that the store will help handle diseases of emergency nature, such as Congo Crimean Fever, Rift Valley Hemorrhagic fever, Ebola and Anthrax.

Mbarara deputy resident commissioner Mr. Emmy Turyabagyenyi Kateera asked the district officials to properly manage the facility and ensure proper sanitation at the facility.