

Health ministry to supervise polio immunisation

WAKISO

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The Ministry of Health has sent a team of six people to supervise the mass polio immunisation in Wakiso district.

Dr Immaculate Ampeire, a senior medical officer in the health ministry, who is the team leader, said they have been sent to make sure that every child in the district is immunised against polio during the campaign.

Ampeire pointed out that the team would work with the district health workers to achieve at least 95% at the end of the campaign.

The door-to-door campaign against polio is expected to start Saturday and Monday next week. She called on all the parents in Wakiso district to respond to the cause.

"Since there is a measles outbreak and immunisation is ongoing, we decided to take

the opportunity, so that we do not wait for polio outbreak," Ampeire said.

According to Ampeire, polio immunisation will target children below the age of five

and teams of health workers will be immunising children door-to-door. She assured

parents that the vaccine is safe.

She added that the public should not be confused by the massive polio immunisation and urged the parents to continue with the immunisation schedules of children between six and 59 months.

According to Ampeire, if the campaign is to be successful, there must be proper time management and proper vaccine distribution.

The acting district health officer for Wakiso, district Robert Kagwire, pointed out that they are expecting to immunise about 460,000 children during the campaign.

He, however, appealed to all health workers who are part of the exercise to use the past experience and do a commendable job.

Kagwire encouraged teamwork during the campaign and effective communication, saying it is the only way to hit the set target.



Kagwire speaking to the officers in charge of the health facilities in Wakiso district last week. Photo by Nantakiika