

Strange disease kills five in Tororo

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TORORO. Five people in Tororo District have died of a strange disease that has also left several others admitted to various health centres in the past one week.

The district assistant health officer, Mr Patrick Omitta, on Monday said the disease had claimed two people in Kwapa Sub-county, and another two in Mella Sub-county and one in Malaba Town Council.

Mr Omitta said they had taken samples of stool from the affected patients for further examination at the national analytical laboratory.

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MR PATRICK OMITTA, DISTRICT ASSISTANT HEALTH OFFICER

“We have not yet established the nature of the disease, but we suspect it could be caused by consumption of unclean water drawn from the river,” Mr Omitta said.

“We have started carrying out surveillance but so far five lives within a week have been lost and several others are still being admitted to various health facilities,” he added.

Mr Omitta advised the community to ensure they boil water fetched from the river before drinking.

The district councillor for Mella Sub-county, Mr Deogracious Osiu, said the affected people complained of stomach ache.

“After that, they suffered running stomach and vomiting, which leads to loss of weight and dehydration,” he said.

Mr Osiu said water scarcity in the area had forced the residents to draw and drink water from streams.

KEY ISSUES

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