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Govt announces polio immunisation campaign

DISTRICTS

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Adjumani, Butaleja,
Kanungu, Luuka, Pader,
Agago, Buyende,
Kapchorwa, Manafwa,
Pallisa, Alebtong,
Dokolo, Kasese,
Maracha, Rakai,
Amolatar, Gulu, Kibaale,
Masindi, Rukungiri,
Amuru, Hoima, Kibuku,
Mayuge, Sironko, Apac,
Iganga, Kiryandongo,
Mbale, Tororo, Arua,
Isingiro, Kisoro, Moyo,
Wakiso, Budaka, Jinja,
Kitgum Namayingo,
Yumbe, Bududa, Kaabong,
Koboko, Namutumba,
Zombo Bugiri, Kabale,
Kole, Nebbi, Kagadi,
Bukwo, Kabarole, Kween,
Ntoroko, Kakumiro,
Bulambuli, Kaliro,
Kyegegwa, Ntungamo,
Omoro, Buliisa, Kampala,
Kyenjojo, Nwoya,
Bundibugyo, Kamuli,
Lamwo, Ouke, Busia,
Kamwenge, Lira, Oyam,
Rubanda

KAMPALA. Government has announced a polio vaccination campaign for children under the age of five in at least 73 districts classified as high risk.

The selected districts are said to be at risk of polio importation due to either high cross-border movement of the populations or cross-border trade.

The Ministry of Health has earmarked Shs7.2b to facilitate the house-to-house exercise. The exercise is expected to take place between September 9 and September 11. The move seeks to prevent the re-introduction of wild polio virus in the country.

Mr Tabley Bakyayita, the assistant commissioner of health promotion and education in the ministry, said they target to immunise at least 95 per cent of children under five with one dose of bivalent oral polio vaccine (boPV) in the high risk districts.

He added that even those children who have just received the polio vaccine can still be immunised during the exercise, affirming that there is no risk of overdose.

The last Polio outbreak in Uganda was registered in the eastern district of Bugiri in 2010.

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