

CEHURD'S STRATEGY ON PREVENTION OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC, 20TH MARCH 2020

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The Center for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHURD) recognises the urgency of developing and implementing strategies for the prevention of the deadly pandemic of COVID-19. This strategy is regularly updated, to ensure that emerging issues and guidance from the Ministry of Health and the President are implemented. Our response is guided by the Ministry of Health of Uganda Guidance and the Statement of His Excellency, the President of Uganda. Below is our response that takes into consideration both internal and external engagements, processes and activities.

1. Planned engagements and meetings

- We have adapted approaches that include working remotely from home, and having only essential staff in office when it is absolutely unavoidable;
- We are cancelling all external meetings of more than five (5) people, in compliance with the Presidential directive and national guidelines. This applies to meetings organised by ourselves and those on which we are invited to participate.
- Our internal meetings will continue to be guided by the precautions from the Ministry of Health and the Statement of His Excellency, the President of Uganda. External meetings with partners will only be held in situations where such a meeting arises and it is of essential nature, taking into consideration preventive measures, including prioritising the holding of virtual meetings.
- For legal cases we are handling, we will follow guidance provided in the Statement of the Chief Justice.
- Our lawyers will remain at the service of our clients, providing legal support. Please reach out to them on the toll free line: 0800313131.
- CEHURD has cancelled all international and regional travels for staff.
- We have suspended our internal travel within Uganda, as we monitor the situation.
- CEHURD will as much as possible minimize external interactions, and will make use of online platforms for most of its communication and work engagements.
- We will respect internal policy, guidelines and steps of our partners in relation to prevention of the -10 VIRUS.

2. Internal precautions

- We have placed sanitizers in all arrival and departure points at the office, and will continue to do so.
- We are ensuring consistent water and hand washing soap supplies in toilets at the office.
- Placing paper towels in all toilets.
- Disinfecting the Office constantly.
- Sensitizing staff on COVID-19, including Government Guidelines for prevention.
- Each staff is encouraged to play a health intelligence role and update the entire team on new developments about the Virus.

These guidelines will be revised in line with the Ministry of Health further guidance.

Staff and our partners and collaborators are encouraged to make use of Government Emergency Telephone lines to report any incidents relating to the COVID-19 or seek further in information.

The Lines are **0800 100 066 / 0800 203 033** or **send a free SMS to 8500**