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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA INTENSIFIES RESPONSE TO CONFIRMED EBOLA CASE IN THE FCT

The Federal Government of Nigeria has intensified public health response measures following the confirmation of an Ebola virus disease (EVD) case in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) on 20 October 2026.

According to information provided by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the patient is a woman who recently arrived in Nigeria on an international flight from Uganda. She was subsequently admitted to a private hospital in the FCT, where she received medical care for several days before her diagnosis was confirmed. The patient is currently in isolation and receiving treatment.

In response, the Federal Government, through the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the NCDC, is working in close collaboration with the FCT Health Services Secretariat and other relevant agencies to contain the infection and prevent further transmission.

Contact tracing operations have commenced, with 44 close contacts identified for monitoring and appropriate public health follow-up. Response teams are working to identify, assess and monitor individuals who may have been exposed to the virus, including healthcare workers, patients, caregivers and persons linked to the patient's travel.

The Government is also coordinating surveillance, laboratory testing and other essential response activities in line with established public health protocols. These measures are intended to facilitate the early identification of potential cases, strengthen infection prevention and control, and minimise the risk of further transmission.

The Federal Government reiterates its commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of Nigerians and all residents. Members of the public are urged to remain calm, avoid speculation and misinformation, and adhere strictly to advisories issued by the Federal Ministry of Health

and Social Welfare, the NCDC and other relevant health authorities. The public is further encouraged to rely exclusively on verified information from official government channels.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to liaise with relevant national institutions and other stakeholders, as necessary, in support of Government's coordinated response to this public health situation. Further updates will be issued through official channels as verified information becomes available.

The Federal Government appreciates the cooperation of the public and all relevant stakeholders as efforts continue to contain the infection and protect public health.

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