

## **LAUNCH OF CHOLERA VACCINATION IN NAMAYINGO**

Namayingo district has launched the second phase of Oral cholera vaccination. The exercise was launched in Namalele village in Buhemba Sub County by the director general health services, Dr. Henry Mwebesa.

Speaking during the launch, Dr. Mwebesa, said that vaccination is one of the effective public health interventions to prevent diseases.

“We want to reduce transmission and mortality caused by cholera in the district,” Mwebesa said. Namayingo is one of the hotspots districts for cholera.

He urged community members to observe good hygiene and sanitation in order to prevent cholera outbreak in the district.

“Wash hands after using a pit latrine, before handling food and avoid eating uncooked and cold foods,” Mwebesa said, adding that residents should also stop drinking contaminated water.

Mathias Mangeni, the Assistant district health officer said they are targeting to vaccinate a total of 129189 people from six fishing communities of Lolwe, Sigulu, Mutumba, Banda, Buhemba and Bukana.

The oral Cholera vaccine is administered orally to persons above the age of one year. The vaccine is administered in two doses.

During the exercise, Mwebesa also visited Bukimbi, Sinda and Buyinja health facilities where he pledged support in improving the health sector in the district.

“Bukimbi health centre II needs to be upgraded to health centre III. It serves a population of over 34000 people,” Mwebesa said.

In several health facilities visited, medics decried over lack of infrastructure and medical supplies which have affected service delivery.



Dr. Henry Mwebesa, the Director General Health services administering oral Vaccine to a child in Namalele village.

Pictorial; The Dr. Henry Mwebesa, the director health services during OVC launch in Namayingodistrict. He also visited Bukimbi, Sinde and Buyinja health facilities.









