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Press Statement on 13th December 2020

- COVID-19, cancel Village travels, protect yourself & your loved ones
- Use holiday season for personal care and medical checkups.
- National Elections, let us collaborate with Police to ensure peace.

Currently we have about 27,071 cases and 220 deaths; these numbers continue to grow every day.

Given the COVID-19 situation, we are advised to cancel the traditional Christmas and end of year travels to our villages.

Majority of the elderly people in the villages are already vulnerable.

You can celebrate with them by calling and using the available Mobile Money options instead of risking yours and their health.

The best way to share love this season is by everyone staying at home and following the guidelines against

COVID-19.

Let everyone use the holiday season for personal care and protection.

In order to win against COVID-19, medical experts are advising us to understand our complete medical status.

Instead of traveling around visiting friends and relatives, use this time to have a complete medical checkup.

Get to know your blood pressure situation including other conditions such as diabetes.

Use this holiday season to go for an HIV test and this call specifically goes out to the men.

Medical experts have always told us that men compared to women are always reluctant when it comes to doing medical checkups.

Information about your general health situation will help you to prevent and manage COVID-19 better.

After visiting the health center, please follow the advice given by the medical personnel.

Continue following all the measures such as wearing of masks and social distancing.

Remember winning against COVID-19 is now an individual matter.

Government has done its part in terms of increasing on the capacities of our hospitals and educating people on COVID-19.

Responsibility is now onto everyone to put into place what has been learnt.

It is sad to see that majority of people are not doing what they have been told.

Many people continue to use their masks as necklaces instead of the recommended way.

Masks are supposed to cover the chin (emba), mouth and nose all the time when in public.

Others have completely stopped washing hands with soap.

I call upon everyone to say no COVID-19.

Please stay alive upto the point when Uganda will be able to have the vaccine.

According to the experts, even when the vaccines come, we shall still be required to continue with our prevention measures.

Finally, as the country continues to prepare for the upcoming national elections.

I call upon everyone to listen and put into practice the advice from the Electoral Commission, Police and Ministry of Health.

There is no value gained in disregarding police advice when it comes to managing campaign crowds and venues.

COVID-19 is a security matter because it is a dangerous disease that is easily spreading and claiming lives at a high rate.

Let us therefore support the police and other agencies in ensuring that the danger of COVID-19 is minimized.

For God and My Country

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judith Nabakooba', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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