

Ugandan national task force formed to tackle Marburg fever alert

Ugandan health officials on 1 August issued an alert after three suspected cases of Marburg haemorrhagic fever were reported in a remote district near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Medical officers in Uige, Angola, preparing for the safe transport and burial of fatal cases of Marburg haemorrhagic fever in 2005 (Photo: WHO)

Preliminary medical tests on two of the cases suggested they had contracted the deadly disease, officials said. One of them died in Kamwenge District, western Uganda.

"A national task force has been set up, tracing all potential contacts of the cases for further investigations and tests," the Ministry of Health said in a statement.

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