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STATEMENT BY DEAF PEOPLE ON THE PLANNED COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE BY THE GOVERNMENT

We the leaders of the deaf community across Uganda have today 28th March 2021 come together to address the issue regarding the planned roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination by the Ministry of Uganda.

It is important to note that according to the 2014 National Housing and Population census there are 1,086,000 deaf people in Uganda and many deaf people face challenges accessing information.

As the government intensifies its effort to curb the COVID-19 pandemic by rolling out the vaccination drive among health workers and at risk individuals, we would like to note that there is a need to consider this process to accommodate deaf people among the “at-risk individuals” due to their high level of vulnerability due to limited access to information about COVID-19.

We therefore call upon the government through the Ministry of Health to consider facilitating deaf people across communities in Uganda to access the vaccine as a priority. And to ensure that information about how to access the vaccine, where to get the jab from as well as the safety and pre-vaccination information is all provided and access by the deaf community.

As leaders of the deaf community across Uganda, we are more than ready to support and collaborate with actors and front-liners in the fight to ensure that deaf people stay safe from the pandemic.

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