



THE UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY

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Our Ref:..... **URCS/ADM/06/2023**

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To:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

UPDATE ON THE AMBULANCE SERVICES BY UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY.

As you may be aware, for the last 3-4 years, Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) has been providing ambulance services supported with funding from Government through the Ministry of Health. With this support, URCS has been operating 21 ambulances to primarily support response to road traffic crashes and response to disease outbreaks across the country.

In quarter four (April-June) of the financial year 2022/2023, URCS did not receive funding release from government as expected. Besides the delay in disbursing the funds, only 20% of the approved amount for the period was received. This has caused financial challenges in the operations of this service owing to the fact that the program had already incurred expenses during the quarter. As such, the URCS management has been forced to take the hard decision to send all the ambulance staff on unpaid leave for the month of July, 2023 and park all the ambulances. This is to give us time to ascertain funding for the new financial year of 2023/2024 without incurring further debts.

We regret the negative consequences of this situation and commit to reinstating the ambulance services once the funding for the financial year 2023/2024 is released.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Kwesiga
Secretary General

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Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health
Director General, Ministry of Health
Director Clinical Services, Ministry of Health
Commissioner Emergency Medical Services, Ministry of Health

OUR VISION:

A Partner of Choice in Uganda in Saving Lives,
Building Resilient Communities, and Promoting
Human Dignity.

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OUR MISSION:

To fulfil the URCS mandate and obligation in
delivering quality and sustainable humanitarian
assistance.