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Pierre Formenty :

“Sudan Ebola virus outbreak in Uganda”



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Within the new WHO Health Emergency programme Dr. Pierre Formenty is leading the Viral Haemorrhagic Fever team (VHF). The VHF team is responsible for global prevention, preparedness and response to Viral Haemorrhagic Fever outbreaks of international public health concern. Dr Formenty and his team are covering VHF and several viral emerging zoonotic infections: Ebola, Marburg, Rift valley fever, Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, Lassa fever and Arenaviruses, Hantavirus, West Nile Virus, Nipah and Hendra.

Dr Formenty is the Manager of the WHO Emerging and Dangerous Pathogens Laboratory Network (EDPLN), a Network of high security diagnostic laboratories for early detection and rapid containment of outbreaks due to emerging and dangerous pathogens :

<http://www.who.int/csr/bioriskreduction/laboratorynetwork/en/index.html>

Since October 2020, Dr Pierre Formenty is acting Unit Head, High Impact Epidemics that includes Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers (VHFs), Yellow Fever (YF), Meningitis, Cholera programmes and the International Coordinating Group (ICG) on Vaccine Provision secretariat. He provides senior technical expertise and leadership in its specialized area of expertise and ensures the coordination of the programme area of work across the three levels of the Organization.

Since 1996, Dr Pierre Formenty has participated with WHO in field control activities of more than 40 major outbreaks of international importance. During these missions he supported outbreak response activities for the following diseases: Chikungunya, Cholera, Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever, Dengue, Ebola, Lassa fever, Marburg, Monkeypox, Nipah, Plague, Rift Valley Fever, SARS-CoV and Yellow Fever.

He has more than 140 scientific papers published in peer review journals including more than 115 referenced in PubMed. He is author and co-author of numerous reports and studies in virology, public health and animal health.