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Executive Order

This is to inform you that the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). This declaration was made on August 14, 2024, following the advice of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR).

The decision to declare mpox a PHEIC is in accordance with the provisions of IHR 2005, driven by the significant rise in mpox cases in 2024, particularly in African countries.

In response, our Health Emergency Operation Center (HEOC) is now on Alert phase, and our team is actively monitoring the situation.

All health facilities, especially those at major points of entry (POEs), are urged to remain vigilant and stay updated for further information from the Ministry.

Thanking you for your vital role in protecting our community.

(Pemba Wangchuk)

Secretary

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