

The World Health Organization (WHO) together with Uganda Virus Research have given green light to Ugandan local factory to start manufacturing HIV/AIDs and Malaria Rapid Diagnostic kits beginning next month.

According to the Uganda Ministry of Health, Microheam Scientifics and Medical Supplies (MHS) will start production of testing kits in line with WHO and the African Union policy of promoting local manufacturing of medical supplies within Africa.

The Ugandan company which is WHO certified, will be able to produce 80 million test kits for HIV/AIDs every year and another 50 million for Malaria to substitute the expensive imports.

The 2022 global update report shows that in Uganda HIV/AIDs related new infections and death dropped to 54,000 and 17,000 respectively.