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Cholera deaths blamed on fish

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Some people had been affected by cholera in Kanyamwa Location of South Nyanza District after eating contaminated fish, an Assistant Minister for Health, Mr Ochola Mak'Anyengo, has said.

He said the people of Ndhiwa had vowed to keep cholera at bay by being clean.

Mr Mak'Anyengo, who is the local MP, was addressing a funds drive in aid of Moi Institute of Technology at Ndhiwa. A total of Sh14,767.75 was raised.

The guest of honour, Mr Nicholas Gor, who is a director of the Lake Basin Development Authority, donated Sh5,065. Mr Mak'Anyengo gave Sh1,283, while the Ndhiwa District Officer, Mr Kiama Gachanja, donated Sh1,178.

The Assistant Minister urged the residents in the division to avoid interaction with people from affected areas and abide by the health precautionary measures.

Mr Gachanja said four people had died of cholera so far. More victims have been admitted at the Ndhiwa Health Centre.

The DO directed the area chief and his assistant to enforce the ban on public gatherings in the area.

He said the chief must ensure that people do not eat at funerals of cholera victims and that the dead must be buried immediately.

He said the situation is improving and urged the people to work hand in hand with the United Nations International Chidren's Fund, (Unicef), and the Lake Basin Development Authority which are currently providing water and toilets to help curb cholera in the area.

Mr Gor announced that the authority had constructed a honey-making factory at Ndhiwa

He said the authority had launched a livestock centre at Lichota where the local people would get grade cattle at cheap prices to improve the area.

The collection over the weekend now brings a total of Sh255,767 for the institute from the division, Mr Gachanja said. The district has collected Sh4.4 million for the main Harambee to be presided over by the Chief Secretary, Mr Simeon Nyachae on March 16, at Kitere, according to the South Nyanza District Commissioner, Mr Victor Musoga.