

# HMIS RapidSMS Weekly Reporting - SMS Sender Instructions

## Subscription

Before you can submit your weekly reports by SMS you must first subscribe your mobile phone to your specific health unit. You cannot submit any weekly reports until you subscribe, otherwise the system will not know for which health unit you are reporting. To subscribe, you must send an SMS with the word subscribe, followed by the health center code, followed by your name.

**EXAMPLE:** A health worker named Kutosi Grace working at a health center with a health unit code of GULU123 would send the following SMS to subscribe:

**subscribe gulu123 kutosi grace**

! You only need to subscribe once. You do not need to subscribe each week.

! After subscribing, the system identifies you by your phone number, so you must submit reports with the same line with which you subscribed.

## Diseases SMS Report

**EXAMPLE:** A health unit with 18 cases of malaria with no deaths or other reportable diseases would send the following SMS report:

**report ma18**

**EXAMPLE:** A health unit with 32 cases of malaria, 2 of which resulted in death, and no other reportable diseases would send the following SMS report:

**report ma32+2**

**EXAMPLE:** A health unit with 76 cases of malaria, 2 animal bites, 6 cases of cholera (1 of which resulted in death), 18 cases of dysentery, and no other reportable diseases would send the following SMS report:

**report ma76 ab2 ch6+1 dy18**

! Be very careful with spaces. There must be spaces between each different reported disease. There should be no spaces between the disease code, number of cases, +, or deaths.

! Do not include the + or zero if there were no deaths. The system will automatically enter zero deaths if there is no + after the number of cases.

! You do not need to send any disease codes for which there were no cases. The system will automatically enter zero for each disease code not sent.

! You must send the entire disease report in one SMS message. The single SMS must contain all data for the week.

## Malaria Testing SMS Report

**EXAMPLE:** A health unit has the following information in part two of the SMS weekly report form.

TEST	Total U	Suspect	RDY test	RDY pos	Microsc	Microsc	Positive	Pr
	112	47	32	17	00	00	06	11

They would send the following SMS report:

**test 112 47 32 17 00 00 06 11**

! There must be exactly 8 numbers, each separated by one space and the numbers must be in the exact order in which they appear on the form.

! You must report zeros when appropriate. They cannot be left out.

## Malaria Treatment SMS Report

**EXAMPLE:** A health unit has the following information in part three of the SMS weekly report form.

TREAT	RDY nega	RDY pos	4+ month	3+ to 7 y	7+ to 12 y	12+
	02	17	05	09	10	14

They would send the following SMS report:

**treat 02 17 05 09 10 14**

! There must be exactly 6 numbers, each separated by one space and the numbers must be in the exact order in which they appear on the form.

! You must report zeros when appropriate. They cannot be left out.

## ACT Stock SMS Report

**EXAMPLE:** A health unit has the following information in part four of the SMS weekly report form.

ACT	Yellow	Balance	Blue dis	Balance	Brown	Balance	Green	Balance	Other A	Bal
	14	62	09	00	00	00	21	12	00	00

They would send the following SMS report:

**act 14 62 09 00 00 00 21 12 00 00**

! There must be exactly 10 numbers, each separated by one space and the numbers must be in the exact order in which they appear on the form.

! You must report zeros when appropriate. They cannot be left out.

### Note:

- You cannot send different reports in one SMS. Each report must be sent as a separate SMS.
- The SMS reports are not case sensitive. Letters can be capital letters or small letters.
- More than one health worker can be subscribed to each health unit.
- All of the SMS reports do not need to be sent by the same person. If multiple health workers are subscribed to the same health unit, they can each send one or more of the SMS reports.
- The SMS reports can be sent in any order. They do not need to be sent in the exact order in which they appear on the form.
- After each SMS report is sent, you should receive an acknowledgment response from the system.
- If the response indicates a problem with the numbers reported, you must correct and resubmit that SMS report.
- After completing the mandatory four SMS reports you will receive a receipt number which you should write on your paper form for your records.