

# METS WATCH

## Strategies for Enhanced Disease Surveillance and Public Health Response in Uganda



*Dr. Muruta (2nd Right) meeting the team at the METS offices*

The Department of Integrated Epidemiology Surveillance & Public Health Emergencies (IES&PHE) at the Ministry of Health is mandated to spearhead the implementation of disease surveillance and respond to outbreaks and public health emergencies. This department is

headed by Commissioner Allan Muruta (Dr) who provides oversight, coordination, and leadership. In this role, he paid a visit to the METS Program on 5th October 2023 to acquaint himself with the various surveillance activities supported by METS. In attendance were representatives from US Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Makerere University School of Public Health.

During his visit the METS team debriefed him on activities that the program supports which included disease surveillance at the levels of population, key populations, mortality, and TB. Also included