



# Republic of South Sudan (RSS)

The First Vice President

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### The High Level Task-Force on COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Juba, South Sudan

The High Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 under the Chairmanship of H. E. Dr Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon, the First Vice President and Deputy Chairman of the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic. The Taskforce considered the following items on the Agenda:

- 1- Soliciting Assistance of Donor Community.
- 2- Overview of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe.

The High Level Taskforce listened to an overview from the Honourable Minister for Health on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Situation in South Sudan;

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particularly on the readiness of the Ministry of Health to respond adequately.

The Minister also enumerated the challenges, specially, the limited number of hospital beds, equipment, and human resource for health; and the need for the donor community to assist in enhancing the responsive capacity of the government.

**The High Level Taskforce** exchanged views with; and listened to the impression of the donor community on the measures taken by the government to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 Pandemic.

**The High Level Taskforce** welcomes the engagement and support of donor community to the people of South Sudan. **The Taskforce** and partners emphasised the importance of prevention of COVID-19 transmission, which is only achievable through social distancing.

**The High Level Taskforce** is cognisant of the risk posed by COVID-19 infection on the frontline health workers. **The Taskforce** reassures health workers and the public that their safety is paramount. The government is working to ensure that healthcare professionals are protected.

**On the Clearance of Foreign Nationals Seeking Permission to travel to South Sudan;**

**The High Level Taskforce** emphasises that providing evidence of **quarantine** for at least **14 days** prior to travelling to South Sudan is a pre-requisite.

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People planning to travel to South Sudan from countries affected by **COVID-19** MUST produce a verifiable evidence of quarantine at origin, and

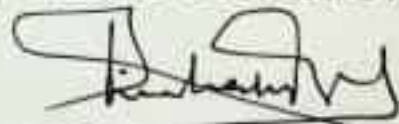
MUST submit to a further **14-day-quarantine** on arrival in South Sudan.

**The High Level Taskforce** resolves to co-opt the Chairman of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and the Inspector General of Police (IGP) into the **High Level Taskforce**.

**The High Level Taskforce** resolves to grant special permission for medical evacuation of a critically ill South Sudanese citizen (**pre-existing illness**) to Kenya for further treatment at Nairobi National Hospital.

**The High Level Taskforce** welcomes the engagement and proposed meeting with the leadership of the UNIMISS on the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**The High Level Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic remains seized of the situation.**



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Coronavirus (COVID 19)

