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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 25th Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th 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 High-Level Taskforce was briefed on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe by the Honourable Minister for Health.

The Honourable Minister informed the Taskforce that over all, One Hundred and Sixty-four (164) samples have been tested since the outbreak was declared.

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Thirty-two samples from contacts who have completed the follow-up since their first encounter with a confirmed case, will be tested on Wednesday 15th April 2020. **South Sudan has four (4) confirmed cases.**

The High-Level Taskforce also listened to a briefing from the Central Equatoria State Ministry of Health and the Juba City Council on the State's Preparedness and Response Plan and the social impact of reorganisation of markets and public transport system on the people's livelihoods, and the impact of the restrictive measures on institutions of learning and public utilities.

The High-Level Taskforce takes note of the concerns of the Ministry of Education and Instruction compounded by the stigma the general public attaches to the Coronavirus Disease.

The High-Level Taskforce re-iterates that the decision to close pre-schools, schools, universities, health science institutes and all other institutions of learning, was necessary as a precautionary measure, and to protect our children against the COVID-19 Disease.

The High-Level Taskforce reassures the public that Nurseries, Schools, Universities, Health Science Institutes and all other institutions of learning, public or private, shall not be used as temporary quarantine centres for COVID-19 victims.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and of the Higher Education, Science and Technology to enlighten

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South Sudanese students on scholarships abroad to conform to, and abide, by the regulations of their respective institutions and the Laws of their host countries.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the Ministry of Electricity and Dams and Juba Electricity Distribution Company (JEDCO) to provide **hotline service** to the following public institutions.

- 1- The Juba Teaching Hospital,
- 2- Al Cardinal Kidney Hospital,
- 3- The Public Health Laboratory,
- 4- The Dr John Garang Infectious Disease Centre,
- 5- Al Sabah Children's Hospital,
- 6- The Juba Military Hospital,
- 7- The Juba Police Hospital; and
- 8- The South Sudan Broadcasting Corporation.

The High-Level Taskforce directs that the cost of electricity consumption by these institutions shall be charged against the Ministry of Electricity and Dam's share of the profits in JEDCO.

The High-Level Taskforce takes note of the World Bank's support to the South Sudan's COVID-19 Response Plan to the tune of **USD 7.6 Million (Only Seven Million Six Hundred Thousand United States Dollars)**. The World Bank has disbursed the fund as follows:

- 1- UNICEF: \$2.5 Million to Support Risk Communication and Community Engagement.

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2-UNICEF: \$2.5 Million for infection prevention and control.

3-International Organisation for Migration (IOM): \$780,000 to Support Porthalths.

4-World Food Programme (WFP): \$2.4 Million to support Logistics and Operations.

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



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