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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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Juba, South Sudan

The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 33rd Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd 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 South Sudan has confirmed its fifth case on **Thursday** 23rd April 2020.

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Eighty-Three (83) out of Eighty-Four tests on samples collected from travelers on peace mission to Tonj returned negative; one test result, however, was confirmed positive. Twenty-Six (26) other tests, including, of 22 samples collected from contacts, whose quarantine time has elapsed, all returned negative. So far, all 101 enlisted contacts of the four cases confirmed early this month, have been discharged. All cases remain in isolation in good health. **South Sudan now has five (5) confirmed cases.**

The High-Level Taskforce was informed that a charter plane carrying equipment and supplies, including 60 ventilators, purchased by the government of the Republic of South Sudan will arrive in the country over this weekend.

The High-Level Taskforce welcomes the pledge by the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) of just over USD 3.9 Million to support the government's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 infection in the country.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves that South Sudanese students on government scholarships in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, shall remain in Ethiopia as agreed earlier by the governments of the two sisterly countries.

The High-Level Taskforce reiterates that South Sudanese citizens, including students, must abide by the laws of their host countries.

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On Requests for Special Permission to enter or leave the country,

The High-Level Taskforce resolves as follows;

- 1- **Grant** Special Permission for the Cargo Plane AN-26/TR-OAN delivering Humanitarian Assistance to land in Bentiu and Mayom (Wankei) between 23rd and 30th April 2020.
- 2- **Grant** Special Permission for Humane Aid for Community Organisation (HACO) to fly a charter plane airlifting non-food items (WASH) from Juba to Bentiu, Mayom and Juba between 22nd and 30th April 2020.
- 3- **Grant** Special Permission to private citizen Ali Achiek Akueth to travel to Khartoum on a medical mission.
- 4- **Grant** Special Permission for free movement to Five Muslim Scholars assigned for Holy Ramadan Moon Sighting from 7:30 P.M. to 11:30 PM on the night of Thursday 23rd April 2020. Law enforcement agencies are instructed to provide necessary arrangements to facilitate their movement.
- 5- **Grant** Special Permission to a private South Sudanese citizen, Mr Zachariah Tom Riruyo to travel to Juba from Tambura on a medical mission.
- 6- **Grant** Special Permission for Kush Bank to fly money cargo plane from Juba to Agok; and from Agok to Juba on 24th April 2020. Two staff of the

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Bank, Mr Cleto Yuanes and Laki Denis Joseph, who are delivering and receiving the cargos to and from Agok shall be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.

7-**Grant** Special Permission to private South Sudanese citizen, Mr Atagiri James Ohide to travel to Khartoum on a medical mission.

8-**Grant** Special Permission for China Petroleum Engineering and Construction Corporation (CPECC) to fly a Light Air Services cargo plane delivering food items from Juba to Paloch on 24th April 2020.

9-**Grant** Special Permission for the Sudanese Embassy Administrative Attaché, Mr Fadul Mohamed Ahmed, to travel to Juba to resume his duties. The official must be quarantined for 14 days prior to travel to South Sudan or produce a certified COVID-19 free status and must observe a 14-day-quarantine on arrival to juba prior to engaging on his official duties.

10- **Grant** Special Permission to German Embassy Deputy of Mission to travel to South Sudan provided that she observes a 14-day -quarantine prior to travel to South Sudan or produce a certified COVID-19 free Status on arrival, and submit to a further 14-day-quarantine period in South Sudan prior to engaging in their official duties.

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- 11- **Grant** Special Permission for Mr Christopher Trott, the British Ambassador to travel to South Sudan. Mr Trott must provide a certified evidence of a COVID-19 free status and submit to a 14-day-quarantine period in South Sudan prior to his public engagements.
- 12- **Grant** Special Permission for World Food Programme to evacuate a critically ill (pre-existing medical condition) staff member from Malakal, Upper Nile State to Juba on the UN72H flight along Rumbek-Malakal-Juba-Rumbek. The Pilot and the crew must remain onboard at all times.
- 13- **Grant** Special Permission for the ICRC to transport staff to various states. The persons on the attached list must be tested for COVID-19 prior to boarding the plane.
- 14- **Grant** Special Permission to transport the remains of Mr Noi Deng Noi from Juba to Wau. Passengers accompanying the casket must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 15- **Grant** Special Permission to transport the remains of Late Brig. Gen. Simon Akuei from Juba to Kuajok on Saturday 25th April 2020. All travelers on the Charter must be tested prior to travel.
- 16- **Grant** Special Permission to transport the remains of Late CDE Martin Majut Yak from Juba to Kuajok on Saturday 25th April 2020. All travelers on the Charter must be tested prior to travel.

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- 17- **Grant** Special Permission to transport the remains of the Late Cephias Andaraga from Juba Lanyi. All passengers accompanying the casket must be tested prior to travel.
- 18- **Grant** Special Permission for Doctors with Africa (CUAMM) to fly a cargo plane operated by Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to Mundri, Maridi, Mvolo, Rumbek and Yirol. Pilot and the crew must remain onboard the plane at all times.
- 19- **Grant** Special Permission for Thirteen (13) Military officers of the United Nations to travel to South Sudan aboard an Ethiopian Airline Charter Plane. The officers must observe two-weeks (14 Days) quarantine prior to travel to South Sudan or produce certified evidence of COVID-19 free status, and submit to a further 14-day-quarantine period prior to engaging in their routine duties.
- 20- **Grant** Special Permission for the repatriation of the remains of Late Emanuel Lambek Clement Yugusuk Felix from Khartoum to Juba. The accompanying family members must be quarantined for 14days prior to engaging in the community.
- 21- **Grant** Special Permission for the family members of Hon. Kornelio Mawein Dhor to be evacuated from Khartoum to Juba on Saturday 25th April 2020 aboard a Military plane. All persons must

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be quarantined for 14 days in South Sudan prior to interaction with the community.

- 22- **Grant** Special Permission for the UNDP to transport cargo truck from Uganda to South Sudan as per the following details:
Truck Make: MITSHUBISHI
Registration No. UBD 358C
Derivers Name: Makanga Samuel
Mobile No. +256704161479.
- 23- **Grant** UNHCR to airlift the remains of late Ms Gladys Nymai Tap KOAH from Kampala to Bentiu aboard aircraft EY-938 operated by Waypoint PLC; type DC-9. Persons accompanying casket must be quarantined for 14 days in South Sudan.
- 24- **Grant** MCC Warehouse to temporarily open for supply of construction material to the Ministry of Education and Instruction.
- 25- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mrs. Winnie Solomon to travel to Agok with cash of SSP 3,000,000 24th March 2020. Mrs Winnie Solomon must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 26- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr Jacob Musa to travel to Maban with cash of USD 95,021, USD 54,000on and SSP8,080,000 24th March 2020. Mr Jacob must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.

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- 27- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mrs Aluet Elizabeth Tong to travel to Aweil with cash of USD 19,120 and SSP 4,500,000 on 24th March 2020. Mrs Aluet must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 28- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mrs Sarah Poni Mohamed Sebit to travel to Koch with cash of SSP 890,000 on 30th March 2020. Mrs Sarah must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 29- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr Kyalo Necodemus to travel to Leer with cash of USD 16,489 on 24th March 2020. Mr Kyalo must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 30- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr Atem Malual Deng to travel to Agok with cash of USD 100,000 on 27th March 2020. Mr Atem must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 31- **Grant** Special Permission for Concern's Mr Jacob Bol Biar Atem to travel to Aweil with cash of USD 61,903 on 24th March 2020. Mr Jacob must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 32- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr David Joka to travel to Ajuongthok with cash of USD 53,419 on 24th March 2020. Mr David must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.

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- 33- **Grant** Special Permission for Goal's Mr Ahmed Masoud to travel to Agok with cash of USD 20,739 on 24th March 2020. Mr Ahmed must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 34- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr David Jok to travel to Ajuongthok with cash of SSP 7,000,000 and USD 5000 on 24th March 2020. Mr David must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 35- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr Simon Bol Deng to travel to Yida with cash of SSP 23,400,000 and USD 57,200 on 24th March 2020. Mr Simon must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 36- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mr Simon Bol Deng to travel to Yida with cash of USD 140,508 on 24th March 2020. Mr Simon must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 37- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mrs Christina Thomas to travel to Mayendit with cash of USD 33,417 on 24th March 2020. Mrs Christina must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 38- **Grant** Special Permission for Samaritan Purse's Mrs Christina Thomas to travel to Maban with cash of SSP 4,188,000 on 24th March 2020. Mrs Christina must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.

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- 39- **Grant** Special Permission for the WFP-UNHAS flight to Yei from 23rd April 2020 to 19th May 2020. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis. All passengers onboard must be tested for COVID-19 and must produce a COVID-19 free status prior to boarding the plane.
- 40- **Grant** Special Permission for UNHAS flight to Maban on 27th April 2020 to transport a transmitter operated by Internews.
- 41- **Grant** Special Permission for the cargo flight EY-26255 to fly to Maban on 24-27 April 2020. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis.
- 42- **Grant** Special Permission for ARC to transport WASH equipment to Chukudum from 24th April to 24th May 2020 on truck number SSD 441 P. The vehicle must not carry passengers. The Driver and the Assistant must be tested prior to travel.
- 43- **Grant** Special Permission for the Goal to transport assorted goods by river. The Accompanying staff must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 44- **Grant** Special Permission for the Lobal Aim South Sudan to transport agricultural inputs by road to Magwei and Torit on 24-30 April 2020, on the Vehicle bearing registration number KBG63L/ZE3371.

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- 45- **Grant** Special Permission to RHASS to transport supplies to Torit on vehicle No. NNGO61/8SSD on 24th April 2020. Mr Taban James must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 46- **Grant** Special Permission to RHASS to transport supplies to Bor on vehicle No. NNGO61/7SSD on 24th April 2020. Mr Peter Thiong must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.
- 47- **Grant** Special Permission for IRW-SS to transport food items by road to Tonj East on vehicles No. SSD644P/Trailer, SSD645P; ZF6656Triler6273AA07; AKD46464W/Trailer793D. All drivers and their assistants must be tested prior to travel.
- 48- **Grant** Special Permission to ARC to transport COVID-19 items and food supplies to Ulang through Juba International Airport on 27th April 2020

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


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