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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 47th Meeting on the afternoon of Friday 8th May 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, the Public Health Laboratory, on Friday 8th May 2020 released One hundred and eighty six (186) test results. Of these, (30) cases were confirmed positive ((of which 10 samples are from Juba among them 7 travelers and 3 are previous contacts), (10 from Abyei mourners mission

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and 1 alert from Abyei), 7 from Yei alerts, 1 from Nimule a truck driver, 1 alert form Rubkona), while and thirty-seven (37) tests rerun, One Hundred and Nineteen returned negative. The confirmed cases are South Sudanese citizens who have been granted approval to travel to States from Juba and some from contacts of previous case. The Ministry had discharged on 3rd May 2020 two cases after having two negative consecutive test a week apart and following eighty-eight (118) cases. **South Sudan now has One hundred and twenty (120) confirmed cases and no Death.**

The High-Level Taskforce noted the contribution and donation of Government of China of 3.8 metric tons of supplies for the fight against COVID-19 and support for training of seven South Sudanese in China.

The High-Level Taskforce directs Ministry of Health to arrange for transportation of these supplies and the seven doctors from Addis Abba to Juba, South Sudan.

The High-Level Taskforce commends and appreciated the efforts exerted by the health workers in the fight against COVID-19 and acknowledged their safety as a priority.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the Ministry of Interior to provide protection forces in Public Health Laboratory and John Garang Infectious Disease.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the civil aviation to implement the resolutions of Presidency Communication No. 4 in opening the flights to states and the region

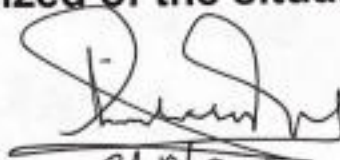
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regarding the social distancing measures, including use of face mask, gloves, sanitizers at entrance and exit.

The High-Level Taskforce directs Ministry of Electricity and Dams to ensure the Juba International Airport is connected to electricity hotline.

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



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Coronavirus (COVID 19)