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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 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, released one hundred and ninety-three test results. Of these, twenty (20) cases (sixteen (16) South Sudanese and two (2) foreign nationals), were

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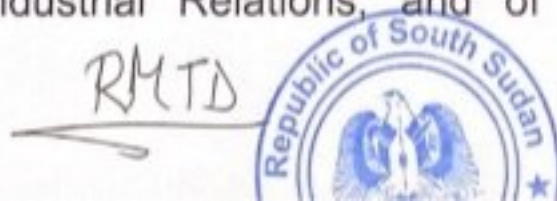
confirmed positive, while one hundred and seventy-three (173) tests returned negative. Of the confirmed cases, contacts were nine (9), one (1) alert, two (2) truck drivers from Nimule Border Crossing, one (1) suspect and Seven (7) from Juba zones. Thirteen (13) of all cases were males while females accounted for seven (7) cases with overall age range between 9 and 61 years. **South Sudan now has a cumulative total of one hundred and ninety-four cases with two recoveries.**

**The High-Level Taskforce** welcomes and commends the IGAD South Sudan Office (ISSO) for the donation of assorted essential basic emergency medical supplies comprising Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Diagnostics, Hygiene and Case Management items to complement the efforts of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus in South Sudan.

**The High-Level Taskforce** welcomes and commends the BROS Petrol Station for donating 5,000 litres of diesel fuel to support running generators of the Dr. John Garang Infectious Disease Centre.

**The High-Level Taskforce** directs that the workforce in both public and private sectors shall observe an 8-hour worktime from 9 am to 5 pm. In observing social distancing at workplace, the **High-Level Taskforce** maintains two-weekly alternating 50% of the workforce on the basis of "two weeks in" and "two weeks out".

**The High-Level Taskforce** directs the Ministries of Labour and Industrial Relations; and of the Public





Service and Human Resource Development to implement this directive.

**The High-Level Taskforce** commends the presentation by Dr Augustino Ting on behalf of the Technical Secretariat of the **High-Level Taskforce**, on “the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Economy”.

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



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