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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 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 13<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 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020, released one hundred and eight (108) test results. Of these, nine (9) cases were confirmed positive, while the ninety-nine (99) tests returned negative.

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confirmed cases, contact was one (1), three (3) alerts, one (1) suspect and four (4) from Juba zones. Three (3) of all cases were males while females accounted for six (6) cases with overall age range between 18 and 62 years. **South Sudan now has a cumulative total of two hundred and three (203) cases with two recoveries and no deaths.**

**The High-Level Taskforce** welcomes the Communique of Heads of State Consultative Meeting of the East African Community through Video Conference on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 on COVID-19 Pandemic, and directs the Ministers responsible for Health, Transport, Trade, and East African Affairs to develop in collaboration with their counterparts in the partner states mechanisms for implementing the resolutions of the Consultative Meeting.

**The High-Level Taskforce** commends the sacrifices of health workforce and other frontline workers in fighting COVID-19 Pandemic and urges the Ministry of Finance and Planning to avail funds needed for incentivising health and frontline workers.

**The High-Level Taskforce** reiterates that South Sudan Airspace is opened in the face of the domestic and international flights. Humanitarian Aid flights delivering or dropping food to vulnerable communities across the country do not require special permits. Passengers traveling within South Sudan, however, must observe a verifiable self-quarantine for 14 days or produce a COVID-19 Negativity Certificate. Passengers coming to South Sudan must provide, either evidence of

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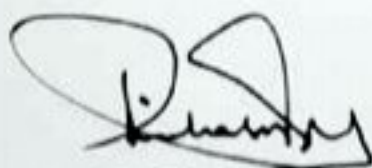


precautionary 14 days-quarantine, or a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status valid within two weeks of their arrival in South Sudan.

**The High-Level Taskforce** strongly denounces the wave of information and disinformation around COVID-19 disease including publishing in social media, names of private citizens allegedly confirmed COVID-19 positive.

**The High-Level Taskforce** wishes to assure the public that the Ministry of Health does not publish names nor does it share any information about private citizens in public or social media. **The Taskforce** urges the public to ignore this malicious propaganda, and further warns the culprits to desist from their hateful puffery. Private citizens falling victims of this spiteful hype reserve the right of taking legal action against the perpetrators.

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



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