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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 53rd Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 14th 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 Thursday 14th May 2020 released two hundred and fourteen (214) test results. Of these, twenty-eight (28) cases; twenty-seven South Sudanese and one Kenyan, were confirmed positive

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including one death, while one hundred and eighty-six (186) tests returned negative. Of the confirmed cases, contacts were two (2), five (5) alerts, one (1) suspect and twenty (20) from Juba zones. Twenty-four (24) of all cases were males while females accounted for only (4) cases with overall age range between 6 and 60 years. So far, the total number of tests performed is 3,356 tests. **South Sudan now has a cumulative total of two hundred and thirty-one (231) cases with three recoveries and one death.**

The High-Level Taskforce urges members of the public to report suspicious cases to the nearest health facility or call the Ministry of Health's toll-free hotline 6666.

The High-Level Taskforce directs all health facilities, especially, private hospitals and clinics to share information or report suspects of COVID-19 infection to the relevant health personnel at Dr John Garang Infectious Disease Centre or call the Ministry of Health's toll-free hotline 6666.

The High-Level Taskforce advises the public and families of the deceased due to COVID-19 infection, that burial is conducted according to strict protocols and guidelines by especially trained healthcare workers. Remains of the victims of COVID-19 shall not be transported to their ancestral homes for burial. This is necessary to protect the families and loved ones from exposure to the risk of infection.

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The High-Level Taskforce welcomes and commends the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) for donating two ambulances and a pickup vehicle to the Ministry of Health for use at Yambio, Yei and Kajokeji hospitals; and bed/mattresses and infection prevention materials for Juba Teaching Hospital and Al Sabah Children's Hospital.

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


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