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The National Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

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The National Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, held its 13th Meeting on Monday 3rd August, 2020 Chaired by **H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol**, the Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan and Chairman of the National Taskforce.

The National Taskforce was briefed on the Coronavirus (COVID -19) situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe by the Incident Manager.

He informed the meeting that the Public Health Laboratory, on 02nd, August 2020, released the total number of tests



performed to date as 14,198 and the new cases confirmed in the last 48 hours is 08. The cumulative number of cases confirmed to date is 2,437. The total cases currently under follow up/active cases is 1,193. The number of cases that are severe in the IDU is zero (0) while the number of cases that are in critical condition in the IDU is zero (0). The number of cases that have recovered is 1,197. The number of new deaths in the last 48 hours is 1 while the number of cumulative deaths is 47.

The Taskforce examined the action points of the previous meeting and after extensive deliberations, the following were resolved:

1. That the list of donations from the State of Qatar should be made available as soon as possible for further distributions to the States and Administrative areas. Undersecretary Ministry of Health to act accordingly.
2. Directed the Incident Manager to trace all the items that were missing from the inventory presented to the



plenary by the Undersecretary Ministry of Health and report in the next meeting.

3. Referred the idea of COVID-19 test results as a requirement for travel by air out of South Sudan to the Medical Advisory Panel to ascertain whether it is in line with the guidelines.
4. Urged the Secretary to expedite the payment of Incentives of health workers of Light house health facility in Northern Bahr El Ghazal.
5. That the delegation to the States shall comprise of at least 3 members of the Taskforce, a doctor, a cameraman, a reporter and a secretary for documentation. In all each team shall comprise of six (6) members.
6. That each of the three (3) teams shall be headed by the Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. Minister of Environment and the Hon. Secretary General of the Government of South Sudan



7. Directed The heads of the teams travelling to the States to meet with the organizations willing to transport COVID-19 items and decide if the items would be taken as well. The Undersecretary Ministry of Health is urged to facilitate the meeting.
8. Assigned the Hon. Minister of Health to bring the list of members constituting the delegations visiting the States and Administrative Areas in the next meeting.
9. Deferred The presentation of the Medical Advisory Panel to the next meeting on Wednesday 5th August, 2020.

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

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Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan and
Chairman of the National Taskforce on COVID-19

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