



## Republic of South Sudan

The First Vice President

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#### The High Level Task-Force

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Juba, South Sudan

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The High Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the evening of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 under the Chairmanship of **H. E. Dr Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon**, the First Vice President of the Republic and Deputy Chairman of the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19. **The Taskforce** considered the following items on the Agenda:

1-Overview of the situation of COVID-19 in South Sudan, Region and the Globe.

2-Essential Commodities Supplies and Food Security During the Lockdown Period.

**Following** thoughtful discussions, the **Chairman** adjourned the meeting to reconvene in its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020; to further review the situation of COVID-19 in South Sudan, Region and the Globe, and to additionally, consider Special Requests for

Evacuation of Some Foreign Nationals, and Essential Commodities Supplies and Food Security During the Lockdown Period.

**And after** exhaustive deliberations and carefully reflecting on possible challenges, the High Level taskforce;

**On the Border Control,**

**The Taskforce** resolves to establish screening points at the major crossing border posts. **The Taskforce** directed that people evading orders and entering into the country illegally, shall be arrested, mandatorily quarantined for fourteen days, and arraigned before the court of law.

**The Taskforce** notes with great concern reports of South Sudanese escaping from affected countries, evading the health checkpoints and blend into communities.

**The Taskforce, therefore,** urges members of general public and families to report such new entrants to the concerned authorities.

**The Taskforce,** further directs Law Enforcement and Security Agents to apprehend, arrest, and subject evaders to mandatory testing and quarantine. Families accommodating these evaders will also be mandatorily quarantined for fourteen (4) days.

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**On Special Requests from Some Countries to evacuate their Nationals from South Sudan;**

**The Taskforce** reaffirms that Juba International Airport and all other International Airports/airstrips in South Sudan remain close in the face of all International Flights for 30 days. Exceptions for some flights of humanitarian nature will be allowed on case by case basis .

**On similar note, the High Level Taskforce** further resolves to grant special entry permission for essential staff of the Foreign Missions accredited to South Sudan provided that:

- a-They must produce a **verifiable prove of quarantine for fourteen days** at origin prior to travel to South Sudan.
- b-They will be subjected to a further **mandatory 14-day-quarantine** in South Sudan in a designated accommodation facility.

**On the Essential Commodity Supplies and Food Security during the Lockdown Period;**

The **Taskforce** endorses the arrangements made by the Ministry of Petroleum to meet the country's needs during the Lockdown Period.

**The Taskforce** deferred discussions on essential commodities supplies and food security to the subsequent meeting, and further directs the Minister of

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Finance and Planning to submit to the Taskforce practical recommendations for adoption.

**The High Level Taskforce** directs the Ministries of Environment and Forestry; Transport; and Interior to develop and submit for further consideration, a top-up budget to meet the requirements of emergency Airport workers, Law Enforcement and Security Agencies.

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

  
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