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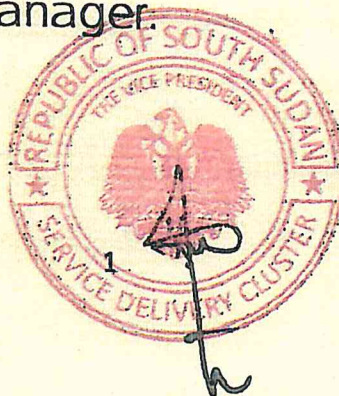
**The National Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Pandemic**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

**Juba, South Sudan**

The National Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, held its 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 Chaired by Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

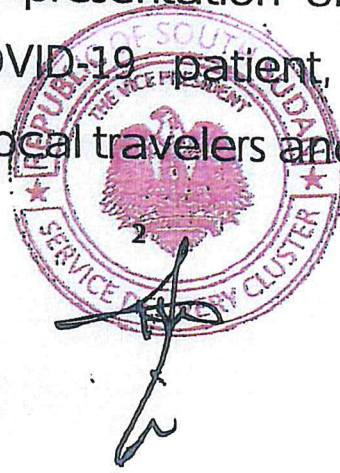
The National Taskforce was briefed on the Coronavirus (COVID -19) situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe by the Incident Manager.



He informed the meeting that the Public Health Laboratory, on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, released the total number of tests performed to date as 17,370 and the new cases confirmed in the last 24 hours is 4. The cumulative number of cases confirmed to date is 2,494. The total cases currently under follow up/active cases is 1,157. 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 1,290. The number of new deaths in the last 24 hours is 0 while the number of cumulative deaths is 47.

**The Taskforce scrutinized the action points of the previous meeting and after exhaustive deliberations the following were resolved:**

1. That the office of the Vice President to provide a print copy of the comprehensive Guidelines on COVID-19 to the members so as they provide their opinion in particular to MAP presentation on guidelines on the treatment of COVID-19 patient, law enforcement, International and local travelers and point of entries.





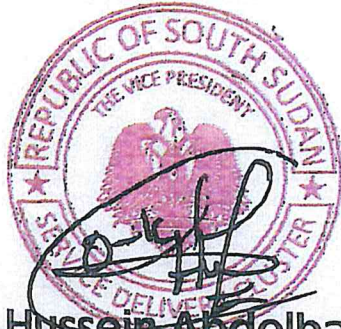
2. That the World Health organization has taken responsibility to transport the delegations to the States and Administrative Areas as arrangements are being made.

3. Endorsed with amendments the National COVID-19 Response Plan Budget describing activities to be carried out over a twelve-months period with a financial plan of USD150 million. The MAP is urged to add a realistic percentage to the plan and the gap thereafter to be covered by the Government. the Secretary General and the Secretary to the Taskforce is further urged to brief the Vice President on the matter without ado.

4. The Taskforce noted that the level of spread of COVID-19 in South Sudan seem to be dropping as per the daily release however, there is a need to scale up the testing to gauge the actual figure of people infected with the disease.



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



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