

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN**  
**The Vice President**

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**The National Taskforce on Coronavirus Pandemic,  
Communication from H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol,  
Chairman National Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic,  
To the General Public,  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

Following the announcement of the partial lockdown and as the East African Community region is experiencing second wave of Coronavirus outbreak and new strains discovered in over sixty (60) countries (including our immediate neighbors), the National Taskforce is concerned with COVID-19 safety and compliance across the nation.

It has been clearly witnessed that most institutions both public and private are no longer providing hand washing facilities or sanitizers, the public is no longer wearing facemasks or maintaining social distancing.

In view of that, the National Taskforce on Coronavirus Pandemic constituted **COVID-19 Audit Committee** mainly to;



- Restore public tolerance or compliance with all precautionary measures;
- Increase public awareness about the second wave of COVID-19 resurgence;
- Reduce stigmatization and risk of reinfection; and
- Prepare citizens to accept and integrate COVID-19 precautionary measures into their lives.

The Committee comprises of the following membership:

1. Dr. Richard Lino Lako.....Chair
2. Dr. Anthony Wek Garang.....Secretary
3. Dr. Ader Macar Achiek.....Member
4. Dr. Mabior Ring Bol.....Member
5. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom.....Member
6. Co-opted members from Medical Advisory, Media, South Sudan National Police Service, National Security Service and South Sudan Peoples Defense Forces.

### **Scope of work of the Committee**

The scope of the Committee shall be:

1. To Conduct meetings with stakeholders;
2. To carry out media campaign and health education on resurgence;
3. To develop risk mitigation matrix;
4. To assess safety and compliance at places of work and social gathering;



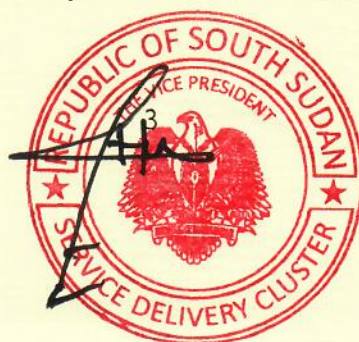
5. Advise managers on institutional adherence to ensure safety;
6. To recommend punitive measures for non-compliance entities;
7. To communicate to the public the NTF decisions on recommended actions;
8. Check Mortality Surveillance records to identify deaths due to COVID-19; and
9. To present assessment reports and recommendations to the National Taskforce every Wednesday.

### **Expected outcome**

- Ensure that the public is in compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures;
- Ensure that the public is made aware of the second wave to prevent spread;
- To guarantee that institutions have integrated COVID-19 preventive measures; and
- Ensure that stigma is reduced and public has accepted the responsibility to protect each other.

### **Penalties:**

- ❖ For National Government institutions: Summon the undersecretary, Executive Director or any equivalent accounting officer for questioning or suspension for investigation of negligence;
- ❖ For State Government institutions: Summon the Director General or any equivalent accounting officer for



questioning or suspension for investigation of negligence;

- ❖ For NGOs: Summon representative for questioning or suspension of operation license for a specific period;
- ❖ For businesses: Targeted closure or suspension of operation license; and
- ❖ For individuals: Deny them entry or access to services and should be handed over to police if violent.

With these, I urged all the institutions to accord due cooperation to the Committee without further ado.

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



**Hussein Abdelbaki Akol**

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

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