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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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Juba, South Sudan

The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 46th Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 7th 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 7th May 2020 released One hundred and sixty two test results. Of

- b. Wearing masks is mandatory in meetings, public places, buses, bodabodas, and Recksha.
- c. Handwashing,
- d. Testing of travelers from Juba, and Torit prior departure to other States.
- e. Travelers to states in South Sudan or coming to South Sudan must have COVID-19 Free Status Certificate or an authenticated certificate of 14 days quarantine.
- f. Contact tracing, and
- g. Case management.

5. Curfew shall be from 10:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

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Coronavirus (COVID 19)

these, sixteen (16) cases were confirmed positive while twenty-two (22) are to be rerun and one hundred and forty-nine (149) tests returned negative. The confirmed cases are South Sudanese citizens who have been granted approval to travel to States from Juba and some from contacts of previous 58 case. The Ministry had discharged on 3rd may 2020 two case after having two negative consecutive test a week apart and following eighty eight (88) cases. **South Sudan now has Ninety (90) confirmed cases and no Death.**

The High-Level Taskforce noted the briefing by H.E First Vice President on the decisions taken by the Presidency in its meeting on COVID-19 on Thursday 7th May, under the chairmanship of President Salva Kiir Mayardit. In the light of this meeting, the Presidency took the following measures and will be effective in 72 hours:

1. Re-open internal travel by air, land and river.
2. Allow regional flights back to South Sudan.
3. Internal measures:
 - a. Re-open markets, shops, bars, tea places and restaurants.
 - b. Schools, churches, mosques, night clubs, remain close.
 - c. Sports, funerals, and other public gatherings remain suspended.
4. The efforts of the government shall be concentrated on educating the population on:
 - a. social distancing in markets, shops, tea places, public and private transport by land, river and air.