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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 53rd Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 14th 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 14th May 2020 released two hundred and fourteen (214) test results. Of these, twenty-eight (28) cases; twenty-seven South Sudanese and one Kenyan, were confirmed positive

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including one death, while one hundred and eighty-six (186) tests returned negative. Of the confirmed cases, contacts were two (2), five (5) alerts, one (1) suspect and twenty (20) from Juba zones. Twenty-four (24) of all cases were males while females accounted for only (4) cases with overall age range between 6 and 60 years. So far, the total number of tests performed is 3,356 tests. **South Sudan now has a cumulative total of two hundred and thirty-one (231) cases with three recoveries and one death.**

The High-Level Taskforce urges members of the public to report suspicious cases to the nearest health facility or call the Ministry of Health's toll-free hotline 6666.

The High-Level Taskforce directs all health facilities, especially, private hospitals and clinics to share information or report suspects of COVID-19 infection to the relevant health personnel at Dr John Garang Infectious Disease Centre or call the Ministry of Health's toll-free hotline 6666.

The High-Level Taskforce advises the public and families of the deceased due to COVID-19 infection, that burial is conducted according to strict protocols and guidelines by especially trained healthcare workers. Remains of the victims of COVID-19 shall not be transported to their ancestral homes for burial. This is necessary to protect the families and loved ones from exposure to the risk of infection.

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The High-Level Taskforce welcomes and commends the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) for donating two ambulances and a pickup vehicle to the Ministry of Health for use at Yambio, Yei and Kajokeji hospitals; and bed/mattresses and infection prevention materials for Juba Teaching Hospital and Al Sabah Children's Hospital.

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


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