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Statement on activities of National Taskforce on Coronvirus Disease.

On behalf of **South Sudan National Task Force on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**, I wish to express my sincere solidarity with the people of South Sudan as we continue to wage the war against COVID-19.

I would like to highlight that I am in good health and continue to work from home. I am closely following the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country and equally concerned on the rising numbers of infection.

It is almost two weeks since the formation of the **National Task Force on COVID19** by H.E President Salva Kiir Mayardit and our teams continue to make all efforts to ensure that together we flatten the curve of this precarious disease in our Country.

As you are aware, the confirmed cases have risen in numbers and that regular official information to the public on South Sudan's preparedness to manage the epidemic has not been regularly updated a matter which is of great concern to all of us.

As Chair of the National Taskforce, I would like to inform the public that we are currently undertaking an in house reorganization and restructuring given recent developments where some members of



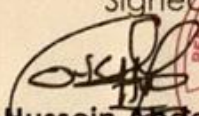
the National Taskforce including myself are required to work remotely. Hence, delays may be experienced; I have additionally tasked a **Transitional Committee** within the National Taskforce to ensure that updated information and harmonization of work between the former High Level Taskforce and National Taskforce occurs.

This process is necessary and will enable us to transparently and effectively perform our duties in accordance to National Ministry of Health, World Health Organization and Africa Center for Disease Control guidelines.

I realized that this gap has most probably been a source of great anxiety and certainly caused inconveniences. However, I would like to assure you all that we are sparing no efforts to finalize this transitional process as soon as possible and will resume regular updates and provision of information.

Once again I would like to reiterate that as a society we must continue to exercise all the necessary preventative measures previously outlined in order to prevent further spreading of Coronavirus Disease in our beloved Country South Sudan. We can hope to return to our more critical agenda of peace implementation and building our nation better.

Signed


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