

Republic of South Sudan

The First Vice President

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The High Level Task-Force

Thursday, 26th March 2020

Juba, South Sudan

The High Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 4th Meeting on the evening of Wednesday 25th March 2020 under the Chairmanship of H. E. Dr Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon, the First Vice President of the Republic and Deputy Chairman of the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19. The Taskforce considered the following items on the Agenda:

- 1-Overview of the situation of COVID-19 in South Sudan, Region and the Globe.
- 2-Essential Commodities Supplies and Food Security During the Lockdown Period.

Following thoughtful discussions, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to reconvene in its 5th Meeting on Thursday 26th March 2020; to further review the situation of COVID-19 in South Sudan, Region and the Globe, and to additionally, consider Special Requests for

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Finance and Planning to submit to the Taskforce practical recommendations for adoption.

The High Level Taskforce directs the Ministries of Environment and Forestry; Transport; and Interior to develop and submit for further consideration, a top-up budget to meet the requirements of emergency Airport workers, Law Enforcement and Security Agencies.

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

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Deputy Chairman of the High Level Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID 19)