**Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) Awareness**

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***Pete****r: Mary! Mary!*

*Have you heard about the new disease that is spreading very fast and has affected many people around the world?*

***Mary:*** *Are you talking about the Coronavirus disease, also known as COVID-19?*

***Peter****: Yes! Do you know that fever, cough, tiredness, sore throat and difficulty in breathing are some of the signs and symptoms of coronavirus disease?*

***Mary:*** *Yes! I also know that Coronavirus disease can spread from person to person through droplets from the cough and sneeze of someone who has the virus.*

***Peter:*** *Aha so you know about the disease?*

***Mary:*** *Yes, it is all over the news, we must be very careful.*

***Peter:*** *But Mary, for many years, I have seen children and adults with sore throat and cough due to common cold. How do I differentiate these common cold cases from coronavirus disease?*

***Mary:*** *Very Good question Peter.* *Common cold and coronavirus disease have similar symptoms of cough and sore throat but coronavirus patients will in addition have fever and are more likely to report having travelled to a country affected by coronavirus two weeks before the illness started or having been in contact with someone with Coronavirus disease. So, anyone who develops fever with cough, sore throat, or difficulty in breathing should promptly call 6666.*

***Peter:*** *How can we protect ourselves and our families from Corona virus disease?*

***Mary:*** *We should always wash our hands with soap and clean water, avoid shaking hands with anyone, cover our mouths with tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing, and avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth. We should also stay at least one meter away from others and avoid group meetings or gatherings!*

*Peter: What should I do if I get sick?*

*Mary: You will need to isolate yourself by staying at home, to avoid making others sick. If you move around, you are likely to make others sick too.*

***Tagline****: Coronavirus* can spread if a person exposed to droplets from the nose or mouth of a person affected by the disease when coughing or sneezing. These droplets can also land on objects and surfaces around the sick person which can easily infect other people who touch these objects or surfaces. *Stay safe, wash your hands with soap and clean water at all times. For more information, call Ministry of Health toll-free number 6666*

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