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The National Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Pandemic
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Juba, South Sudan

The National Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, held its 18th Meeting on Wednesday 26th August, 2020 Chaired by **Secretary General of the Government** of the Republic of South Sudan.

The Incident Manager briefed the National Taskforce on the Coronavirus (COVID 19) situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe.

He informed the meeting that the Public Health Laboratory, on 25th August, 2020, released the total number of tests



performed to date is 18,805 and the new cases confirmed in the last 24 hours is 4. The cumulative number of cases confirmed to date is 2,514. The total cases currently under follow up/active cases is 1,173. The number of cases that are severe in the ICU is zero (0) while the number of cases that are in critical condition in the ICU is zero (0). The number of cases that have recovered is 1,294. The number of new deaths in the last 24 hours is 0 while the number of cumulative deaths is 47.

The Taskforce examined the action points of the previous meeting, daily release of COVID-19 updates, preparation and logistics for the delegations to States Administrative Areas and Any Other Business. After thorough deliberations, the Taskforce resolved the following:

1. Reviewed and endorsed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 21st August, 2020.
2. Confirmed the allegation that UNMISS was issuing COVID-19 test kits/certificates to their Staff parallel



to the Public Health Laboratory. This act contravenes the agreement between UNMISS and the Ministry of Health. Henceforth, the Public Health Laboratory is urged to withdraw the authority from UNMISS with immediate effect.

3. Permitted UN and all humanitarian organizations to move freely without any restrictions once already in the country with the view that they have undergone mandatory fourteen days self-isolation to allow them respond to emergencies.
4. Directed the Secretary of the Taskforce to equally respond to UNMISS concerning their request but should be mindful of COVID-19 free test certificate and fourteen days quarantine to that effect.
5. That the Communiqué of the National Taskforce should be promptly and adequately uploaded as well as communicated through other media outlets for public consumption.



6. Endorsed COVID-19 Guidelines with round of applause. The Secretary was directed to immediately take the document for printing.
7. That the delegations to the States and Administrative areas would start their mission tentatively on Wednesday next week as transport arrangements are being made by World Health Organization.
8. Urged the Team leaders to formerly communicate in advance to the Governors and Chief Administrators on the visits of the National Taskforce delegations.
9. That all the government officials involved in forgery should follow due procedures of law as there is no one above the law.
10. Alarmed with the laxity at the border points that allows positive cases to escape without observing COVID-19 protocols.



11. Deferred the request of the Hon. Minister of Interior on the recommendation to reciprocate mandatory fourteen days quarantine of Kenyan travelers entering South Sudan to the next meeting meanwhile the Vice president would be informed of the development accordingly.

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



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Pandemic.

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