



**NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON**  
**CORONAVIRUS**  
**UPDATE OF CORONAVIRUS IN THE COUNTRY AND**  
**RESPONSE MEASURES AS AT 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020**

Fellow Kenyans,

Welcome to the daily updates on the current status of Coronavirus disease outbreak in Kenya.

Let me start by telling you that the situation in our country is not getting any better. As I have continuously told you in my daily briefings, this disease is a pandemic. As Government, we are continuously improving our level of response to mitigate our rate of infections. I am deeply

saddened that a section of Kenyans have taken to the social media to make a mockery of our efforts.

Yesterday, I informed you about our two young people who have recovered from this deadly Coronavirus disease. However, some of you have deliberately decided to trivialize our efforts. Instead of people re-energizing their efforts and raising alert levels, it is shocking that some have decided to make fun and brand our efforts a PR exercise! Really? Why would the Government, collaborating with International Organizations play games with a disease that has caused so much global destruction on the lives of people? I appeal to the media not to slight this matter, and for our enforcement agencies to arrest social media abusers.

The current global reality is that close to one million people have so far been infected, and 47,000 have lost their lives. As we speak, Italy has recorded 110,574 cases, with 13,155 deaths, and 16,847 recoveries. Spain has recorded 104,118 cases with 9,387 deaths, and 22,647 recoveries.

Today, I am saddened to announce that we have lost two patients who had tested positive for the disease. One in Nairobi and another in Mombasa. This now brings to three the number of deaths of those who have tested positive for the virus in the country.

In spite of all this, I am also pleased to announce to you that the Deputy Governor of Kilifi County, whom we placed under mandatory quarantine has fully recovered. He has been declared fit after being subjected to three tests, all of which turned negative, the law will now take effect on him.

If you may recall, I informed you that from this week, we have embarked on mass testing for the 2,050 people that we placed under mandatory quarantine in various hotels and designated Government Facilities. This exercise is ongoing.

In the last 24 hours, we have managed to test a total of 662 samples out of which 29 people have tested positive for the Coronavirus disease. Out of this number, twenty eight are Kenyans while one is Congolese. This now brings the total number of those who have tested positive for the disease in the country to 110.

We have placed the 29 people into isolation in our various health facilities and contact tracing has commenced.

The distribution of these new cases according to facilities of admission is as follows;

1. Aga Khan University Hospital 3
2. Crown Plaza Airport 11
3. Four points Sheraton Airport 1
4. KISE 2
5. KITI Nakuru 2
6. KMTC 5
7. KNH 1
8. Mathari Hospital 1

9. Nairobi Hospital 1

10. Pride Inn Azzure 2

In terms of gender, there are **13** additional males and **16** females. Twenty-three (23) of the confirmed cases were detected in the designated quarantine facilities while **six (6)** are from suspected cases admitted in isolation units in various Health facilities. The ages of the confirmed cases range from **16** to **64** years.

Fellow Kenyans, I do not want to scare you, but with the figures I have just read to you, the number is likely to rise.

It is important to note that this virus does not move by itself. It is moved by you and I. we must change our behaviour and attitude if we have to cut the transmission of the virus.

Had we not placed the people who came into the country into mandatory quarantine, the story would be different now!

Arising from the trends, the Government is considering announcing stiffer measures to deal with the disease. But as of now, I urge you to take extreme precautionary measures wherever you are, by observing the highest standard of hygiene, social distancing, as well as any other measures the Government has announced to you.

I want to reiterate that we are discouraging mass movement of people staying in Nairobi from travelling upcountry. The dangers of this are real. It is very easy to transfer the virus to those living up country especially the elderly, like it has happened in Italy.

As I directed earlier this week, that all boda boda riders and their passengers must wear protective masks, I further

direct that all tuk tuk drivers and their passengers to adhere to this directive as well.

Beginning today, our Port Health Teams have embarked on disinfecting the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for the next one week. The exercise will be extended to all other airports.

I take this opportunity to thank those County Governments that have scaled up precautionary measures through random screening at their borders among other measures. I urge all the counties to heighten their level of preparedness.

I thank you.

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