



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY AND RESPONSE MEASURES, AS AT AUGUST 17, 2021

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PRESS STATEMENT

There has been an increase in the number of hospitalizations for our people who are suffering from the Covid-19 disease. This has resulted in greater demand for oxygen as many of the patients are in need of this support. I am therefore appealing to our County Governments to improve on their oxygen capacity by improving on infrastructure and supply of the commodity to health facilities. Of particular interest is piping for supply to beds as opposed to provision of stand-alone cylinders. Piping will not only increase efficiency but will also make it possible for more patients to be served at the same time.

