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A Good afternoon to all of you members of the press. Karibuni sana!

Wandugu wapendwa,

Today, I want to extend my appreciation to all of you who have stood with us, and cooperated with the Government in the last three months. I know very well, it has not been easy. People have been infected, majority of families, if not all have been affected, lives have been lost, businesses disrupted, the lives of our school children greatly interfered with, and the economy of our country turned upside down.

These have been difficult times indeed. This disease has overstretched the limits of our resilience as a country. However, it has not managed to break the cord and unity that binds us as a Nation. I am truly convinced that in the fullness of time, we shall overcome this virus, and even come out much stronger than before.

However, we are yet to get out of the woods. The fight against this disease has proven, that it is a marathon rather than a sprint. As you are all aware, and from our daily briefings, we have informed you that the disease is firmly rooted within our communities. Infact, the level of spread in our villages, our estates, and in our homes has become clearer from our targeted testing, that was rolled out a couple of weeks ago. This means that we cannot afford to relent in this fight, if we must safeguard the lives of our people.

Fellow Kenyans, today, as we continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, we celebrate our partnership with Gavi. Gavi, the global vaccine alliance, was founded in

the year 2000, bringing together public and private sectors globally to improve access to new vaccines for children in developing countries.

To date, Gavi has supported Kenya with Kshs.50 billion grant aid – in form of vaccines, and Kshs.6 billion in direct cash support. The successes of immunization, facilitated by this assistance, have led to tremendous improvement in child survival rates in our country, keeping the promise of a prosperous, and healthy future of our Nation. To safeguard this promise, we need to keep our children safe from killer diseases.

H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, in 2019, took up the role of Gavi Champion in support of the Gavi replenishment. This is due to his commitment to immunization and improving the lives of children, and his leadership in the global movement for Universal Health Coverage. This afternoon, from 3 p.m., H.E The President will join key world leaders in the Gavi Global Vaccine Summit 2020, hosted by the The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, the Rt. Hon Boris Johnson. H.E the

President will seek to Inspire greater leadership and resource allocation towards ensuring a successful replenishment of Gavi's programme for 2021-2025, with at least \$7.4bn, to immunise an additional 300 million children in developing countries. Further, he will engage on the importance of accelarating local manufacturing of vaccines and access to a future Covid-19 vaccine. Lessons out of the Covid-19 pandemic have taught us the need for self reliance, especially in the manufacturing of goods and services. This is achievable!

As we celebrate this great milestone, I would like to emphasize the importance of immunisation and its linkage to Universal Health Coverage. I am appealing to mothers to ensure children are immunized, even as we grapple with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Fellow Kenyans,

In our effort to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has disbursed a conditional grant of Kshs. 5 billion to all our 47 counties. This is aimed at bolstering the level of readiness in our health facilities. Each

county must now prioritize its needs in accordance with the funds provided. It is now up to the County Governments to utilize these funds to safeguard the lives of our people, by ensuring that our local health facilities are well equipped, and our healthcare workers are adequately catered for. If our Counties are fully prepared and have the necessary infrastructure in place, then we shall have nothing to worry about. However, we all know what it means when the reverse happens.

With the fight against the virus raging, over 80 per cent of our patients in hospitals are asymptomatic, and therefore, may be managed from home. If this is implemented, it would free our health facilities from congestion. The Ministry of Health is in the process of actualizing home and community based care protocols, for roll out and to be implemented countrywide.

My attention is once again drawn to cross border truck drivers. In the last few weeks, we have witnessed a large number of truck drivers at border points testing positive. Let me make it clear that all truck drivers must

take a COVID-19 test, at least 48 hours before embarking on their journey, and acquire a COVID-19 free certificate. We have however noted that a majority of the truck drivers are commencing their journey to the borders without this valid document, expecting to be tested at the border point. This has resulted to unnecessary congestion and delays that have been witnessed at our border points. This is purely indiscipline, which is unacceptable, and will not be tolerated. I am urging our law enforcers to take appropriate action against any such drivers, flouting these measures.

Pertaining to our COVID-19 situation today, **124** people have tested positive from **2,640** samples that were tested in the last 24 hours. The total number of positive cases now stands at **2,340**, while the total number of samples tested so far is **87, 698**.

The positive cases include, 119 Kenyans, 2 Somalis, 2 Tanzanians and one Eritrean National.

Out of the 124 cases, Mombasa, has forty (**40**), Nairobi, thirty-eight (**38**), Busia, twenty-six (**26**), Kajiado, six (**6**), Kiambu, three (**3**), Garissa, two (**2**) and Taita Taveta, two (**2**) cases, Muranga and Elgeyo Marakwet one (**1**) case each.

Elgeyo Marakwet becomes the latest county to report a COVID-19 case, bringing the total number of counties that have been affected to thirty-six (**36**).

The distribution of the cases in the sub-counties is as follows; the **40** cases in Mombasa are from Mvita, fourteen (**14**), Kisauni eleven (**11**) cases, Changamwe, six (**6**), Jomvu and Nyali one (**1**) case each.

In Nairobi, the 38 cases are from Kibra, twenty-five (**25**), Kamukunji four (**4**), Dagoretti North, five (**5**), Westlands two (**2**), Langata and Embakasi East, one (**1**) case each.

In Busia, the **26** cases are from Malaba border Point, (**18**), Busia border four (**4**) cases, and Alupe

mandatory quarantine center four **(4)**. All the cases from Busia are of truck drivers. In Migori, the five **(5)** cases are from Kuria West four **(4)** and Suna East one case. In Kiambu, the three cases are from Ruiru, Lari and Kikuyu with one **(1)** case each. In Garissa the two **(2)** cases are from Daadab, in Taita Taveta the two **(2)** cases are from Taveta, while in Muranga, the one **(1)** case is from Kiharu, Muranga town. In Elgeyo Marakwet, one **(1)** case is of a truck driver from Keiyo North.

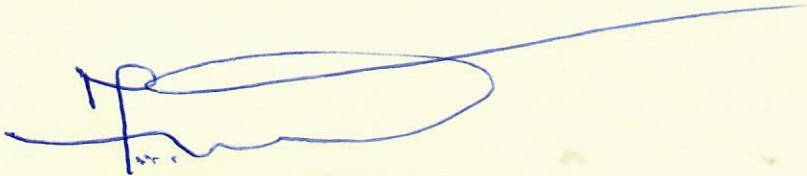
In terms of gender, one hundred **(100)** are males and twenty-four **(24)** are females. The youngest is **one**-year-old, while the oldest is **80**.

Today, we are happy to report that we have discharged **39** patients from various health facilities, bringing our total number of recoveries to **592**. I want to sincerely thank our healthcare workers for their commitment to duty that has enabled us to attain these achievements.

Sadly, we have lost another four **(4)** patients to the disease, bringing the total fatality number to **78**. I send our heartfelt condolences to the family of the departed.

Finally, I want to thank Kenyans who have taken the containment measures seriously and followed them strictly. I appeal to those who haven't joined us in this walk to do so.

I thank you.



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