



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE
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AND RESPONSE MEASURES, AS AT 5th June 2020

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**Good afternoon members of the fourth estate.
Thank you for joining us for this daily briefing
today.**

Fellow Kenyans,

I want to start by sending best wishes to every Kenyan and their families, health workers, and well-wishers for their support and goodwill as we tackle this pandemic. It would have been extremely difficult to achieve the successes so far without your support.

The weapons we have deployed in combating this pandemic have been the various restrictions and other containment measures. We are aware that these measures have radically altered our everyday lifestyles. However, our overriding priority has always been, to cut the cycle of transmission, save lives, preserve livelihoods, and create an environment that would allow the return to normalcy in the shortest time possible.

As we soldier on, we are confident that the outbreak will eventually recede and the enemy defeated. We do not know when, but we can hasten it by adopting modes of behavior that limits movement of the virus and eliminates surfaces that can promote infection. Therefore, as we have repeatedly stated, we must continue to regularly wash our hands, maintain social and physical distancing, wear face masks properly and avoid social gatherings among other measures. These measures certainly sound simplistic to guard against such a deadly disease. Cheap as they may appear, it has been proven that they are the most potent weapon

to deploy against the virus. My appeal to our people is to take them seriously, and practice them at all times.

Fellow Kenyans,

Collective effort in combating this pandemic requires that each and every member of our society, irrespective of their condition or status, be incorporated into the fight, one way or another. For those whose conditions or situation may not allow them to actively participate, such as street families or those mentally challenged, they can be involved by extending love and a caring hand to them. This is important because the spread of the virus cannot be stopped without everyone on board.

I am glad to note that, there are initiatives that have been started in Mombasa to assist those mental disability to be tested for Covid-19. The two have since been removed to an isolation facility. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mama Amina Abdallah, the chairperson of Mombasa Women Empowerment Network for this act of humanity.

I want to reiterate the importance of County's level of preparedness as a key factor in the fight against the pandemic. We are witnessing community spread and county facilities are where those infected are to be managed. I therefore want to appeal to the Counties to move with speed and utilize the Ksh 5 billion that has already been disbursed to them, to upgrade their health facilities in readiness to manage COVID-19 cases.

Turning to our COVID-19 situation, **134** people have tested positive from **3,177** samples that were tested in the last 24 hours. The total number of positive cases now stands at **2,474**, while the total number of samples tested so far is **90, 875**.

The positive cases include, **131** Kenyans, **one** Somali, **one** Tanzanian and **one** Congolese National.

Out of the **134** cases, Mombasa, has sixty seven (**67**), Nairobi, thirty-one (**31**), Busia, fifteen (**15**), Machakos, five (**5**), Taita Taveta, four (**4**), Kilifi and Nakuru, two (**2**) cases each, Garissa, Murang'a, Kisumu, Uasin Gishu and Kajiado one (**1**) case each.

The cases are distributed in sub-counties as follows; the **67** cases in Mombasa are from Kisauni (**25**), Jomvu (**12**), Changamwe, and Mvita (**10**) cases each and Likoni one (**1**) case.

In Nairobi, the **31** cases are from Kibra, nineteen (**19**), Westlands seven (**7**), Makadara three (**3**), Langata and Embakasi East, two (**2**) cases each, Ruaraka, Kasarani, Embakasi south one (**1**) case each.

In Busia, all the fifteen (**15**) cases are from truck drivers at the border point. In Machakos all the five (**5**) cases are from Athi River. In Taita Taveta, all the four (**4**) cases are for truck drivers at Taveta. In Kilifi the two (**2**) cases are one each from Kilifi South and Kilifi North.

In Kiambu, the two (**2**) cases are from Ruiru and Kabete, while in Nakuru, the two (**2**) cases are from Naivasha. Garissa has one (**1**) case at Daadab while Muranga one (**1**) case at Makuyu, Kisumu one (**1**) case from Kisumu Central, Uasin Gishu one (**1**) case from

Turbo who is a truck driver, Kericho one **(1)** case from Ainamoi and Kajiado one **(1)** case from Kajiado East.

In terms of gender, ninety eight **(98)** are males and thirty six **(36)** females. The youngest is **six** years old, while the oldest is **70**.

Today, we are happy to report that we have discharged **51** patients from various health facilities, bringing our total number of recoveries to **643**. For these recoveries, we want to express our appreciation and gratitude to all the healthcare workers for their dedication and commitment to duty.

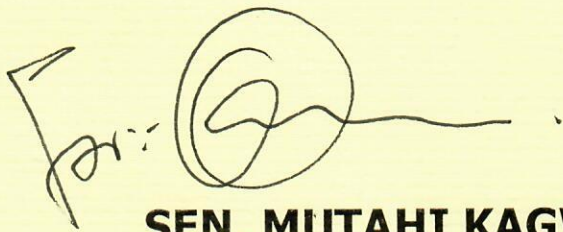
Sadly, we have lost one **(1)** more patient to the disease, bringing the total fatality number to **79**. Our deepest condolences to the family of the departed.

Finally, I want to repeat my three take-home message requests to Kenyans:

1. Please wash your hands often with soap and running water.

2. Please avoid close contact. Stay at least 6-feet from other people even in your home.
3. Please wear your mask while public places

I thank you for your commitment and all your efforts to Komesha Corona.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large circular flourish followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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